



LANSA

Leveraging Agriculture for
Nutrition in South Asia

Welcome to LANSAs final e-newsletter presenting updates from South Asia - thank you for being with us!

It has been a journey of six years, and LANSAs enjoys dedicated patronage of more than 5000+ stakeholders across the region. We thank each and every one of you for reading our work, and learning along with us. Our [website](#) is be open and you can access our [evidence-based](#) work.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- * The LANSAs [Food Policy Special Issue](#) is now open access!
- * LANSAs [synthesis briefs](#) from [Afghanistan](#), [Bangladesh](#), [India](#) and [Pakistan](#)
- * Find out how LANSAs [influenced policy and practice](#) in South Asia
- * Read all about LANSAs [research uptake](#) strategies
- * Tribute to our friend and mentor - CEO of LANSAs: [Dr Prakash Shetty](#)

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Happy Reading!

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Tribute to LANSAs CEO - Dr Prakash Shetty

Dr [Prakash Sarvotham Shetty](#) - CEO of Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia (LANSAs) research programme consortium passed away in London on September 3, 2018. Despite increasing illness and frailty, Prakash continued working until early August 2018. Read all about him [here](#).

Synthesis of LANSA evidence



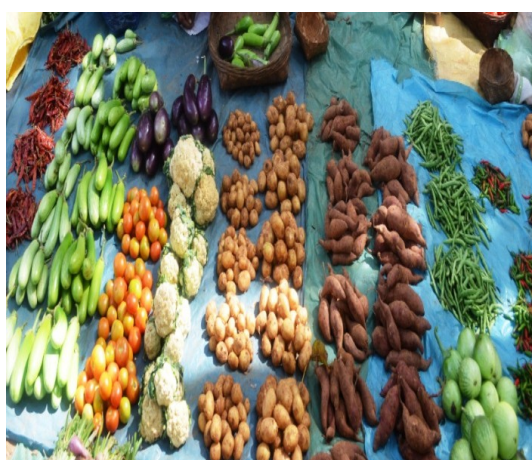
Read LANSA's open access Food Policy Special Issue

[Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia](#) (LANSA) consortium (2012–2018), set out to improve understanding about how agriculture and related food policies, programs in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan can be better conceptualised and implemented to enhance impacts on nutrition outcomes, especially for young children and adolescent girls. [Food Policy Special Issue](#) highlights 6 years of [LANSA research](#) alongwith [partners](#) in South Asia on agriculture, nutrition and health



LANSA evidence synthesis by country now online

Synthesis briefs for [Afghanistan](#), [Bangladesh](#), [India](#) and [Pakistan](#) summarise country-level evidence-based findings while presenting policy challenges, also stakeholder engagement undertaken during the life of LANSAs. Recommendations for future research and policy uptake are also provided to better the agriculture-nutrition linkages in South Asia.



Key Issues Guides from LANSAs work in South Asia

The Key Issues Guides highlight the best of LANSAs research on emerging broad themes: 1) [Healthy diets and Markets](#) - Harnessing the farm-to-market value chain to deliver nutritious foods to those who need it most; and 2) [Gender and nutrition in South Asia](#) - What effect does women's agricultural work have on their nutrition, and that of their children?

LANSA initiates regional collaborations to shift discourse

Public pledges of support from key policymakers [shifts policy discourse](#) towards the recognition, protection and promotion of rights



and well-being of women agricultural workers, also their children. Read LANSA's [Story of Influence](#) to know how regional [stakeholder engagement](#) plus international partnerships led a key outcome - a Joint Statement of Recommendations and Call to Action to prioritise policy and legal changes to recognise rights of women agricultural workers.

LANSA open access papers

LANSA journal and working papers are open access

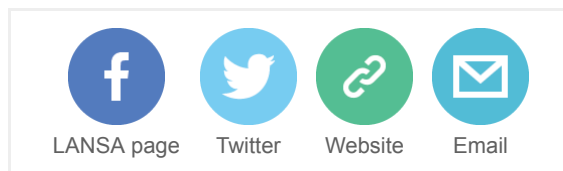
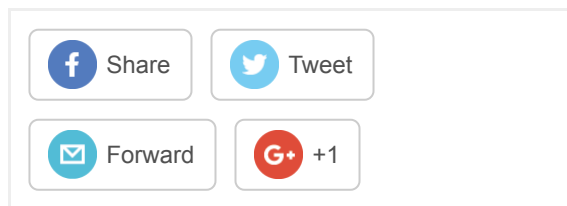
1. [Factors associated with catch-up growth in early infancy in rural Pakistan: A longitudinal analysis of the women's work and nutrition study](#)
2. [Review of agriculture–nutrition linkages in South Asia](#)
3. [An Analysis of Protein Consumption in India Through Plant and Animal Sources](#)
4. [Are agriculture and nutrition policies and practice coherent? Stakeholder evidence from Afghanistan](#)
5. [Nutrition promotion and collective vegetable gardening by adolescent girls: feasibility assessment from a pilot in Afghanistan](#)
6. [Seasonal variation in the proximal determinants of undernutrition during the first 1000 days of life in rural South Asia: A comprehensive review](#)
7. [Would the People of Chhattisgarh Prefer Cash Transfers instead of Foodgrain?](#)
8. [Women's Empowerment Mitigates the Negative Effects of Low Production Diversity on Maternal and Child Nutrition in Nepal](#)
9. [Enhancement of Food and Nutritional Security of Rural Poor through Tuber Crops](#)
10. [Household dairy production and child growth: Evidence from Bangladesh](#)
11. [Food production and consumption in Shah Foladi, Bamyan Province, Afghanistan: the challenge of dietary seasonality](#)
12. [School Nutrition Programme, Bangladesh: WFP-BRAC Initiative](#)

LANSA's stakeholder engagement

Engagement with multi-sectoral stakeholders

1. Workshop on [agriculture and the imperatives of food and nutrition security](#) jointly organised by IITB-APAARI-NABARD. India, December 2018
2. [International Conference on Women's work in rural economies'](#). India, November-December 2018

3. [Golden Jubilee Conference](#) of Nutrition Society of India. India, November 2018
 4. [Recognising the rights of women agricultural workers in South Asia](#): Roundtable on policy, politics and impact. Thailand, October 2018
 5. Global Evidence and Implementation Summit '[Towards evidence-based change: Conceptualising research uptake in nutrition-sensitive agriculture science-policy interface](#)'. Australia, October 2018
 6. [SDG Policy Dialogue](#) on unlocking the potential of regional cooperation in South Asia for achieving SDGs - the way forward. India, October 2018
 7. SDG-Conference '[Towards Zero Hunger: Partnerships for Impact](#)'. The Netherlands, August 2018
 8. Consultation on [Rights and well being of Women Agri workers](#). Pakistan, August 2018
 9. LANSAs [research in Afghanistan shared](#) with multi-sectoral stakeholders. Afghanistan, July 2018
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