

Understanding Agriculture to Nutrition Linkages: A Rapidly Moving Agenda

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Increasing the impact of investments in agriculture on nutrition has now become a major focus for the international development community. Calls continue for rigorous evidence to better support program design and policy implementation globally. Demonstrating what works, in what context, and why is a top priority.

The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Nutrition invites you to a research-to-practice seminar aimed at sharing updates on research in this domain supported by USAID in Africa and Asia, and offering a space for discussing the implications of recent and emerging findings. Formerly known as the Nutrition Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP), the Nutrition Innovation Lab has brought together a global network of scholars and thoughtful practitioners committed to collaborating on Feed the Future priority research questions and institutional capacity building activities.

The Nutrition Innovation Lab's ongoing research agenda is framed around 3 overarching questions:

- Can the pathways by which agriculture achieves measurable impacts on nutrition be empirically demonstrated?
- How do neglected biological mechanisms impact nutrition in ways that can be modified through a nutrition-sensitive agriculture lens? and
- Can we measure, and influence, the quality of 'nutrition governance' at national and sub-national levels to improve impacts?

These themes frame a set of nested studies that are generating exciting empirical evidence that responds to developing country and Feed the Future concerns.

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Agenda

8:00 am: Light breakfast and Coffee/Tea

9:00 am: Welcome remarks (Eileen Kennedy and Maura Mack)

Big picture issues

9:10 am: Mapping Innovation Lab Research: how does it fit together (Patrick Webb)

9:25 am: Linking climates to agriculture systems to nutrition (Gerald Shively)

Discussion: 10 minutes

Focus Country Research (to date)

9:50 am: Influence of local market prices on intake of nutritious foods (findings from the PoSHAN Community Studies, Nepal) (Keith West and Rolf Klemm)

10:05 am: The Relationship of Production Diversity and Dietary Diversity – first PoSHAN findings for Nepal (Shibani Ghosh)

10:20 am: Livestock production, anemia and malaria linkages: findings from Uganda panel studies (Nassul Kabunga)

Discussion (15 minutes)

10:50- 11:05 am: Break for Coffee/Tea

11:05 am: Relevance of Nutrition Innovation Lab research to in-country policy making and programming (Panel Discussion: Eileen Kennedy, Kedar Baral and Bernard Bashaasha)



Looking forward

11:40 am: Key 'new' domains of research for nutrition (Jeffrey K Griffiths)

11:55 am: Closing Remarks and Final Discussion (Eileen Kennedy)

