

International course

# Making Agriculture Work for Food and Nutrition Security



## Ensuring nutritional impact of agricultural projects

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Despite the world-wide increase of food availability 1 out of 3 people are malnourished due to undernourishment, micronutrient deficiencies and/or overweight. Evidence shows that malnutrition has life-long detrimental impacts on learning capacity, productivity and income-generating potential of populations. The Sustainable Development Goals aim to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture by year 2030.

Agriculture plays a key role in the provision of food and nutrition security. But agricultural programs and policies do not automatically lead to better nourished populations. In some cases these programs and policies can even be detrimental to the nutritional situation of vulnerable groups. Agricultural programs and policies need guarantee a reliable and sustainable income and need to contribute to household food security and nutritional status.

### Making agricultural programs nutrition sensitive

Recent research shows that improving nutrition from the health domain only nor from the agricultural domain only brings sufficient progress, but progress will be highest at the intersection of agriculture, health and nutrition. Agricultural programs and policies need to become nutrition sensitive to increase the availability and accessibility and consumption of diverse and nutritious foods.

**Contribute to improving nutrition** by making agricultural programs and policies more nutrition sensitive. In addition, we explore the different agricultural pathways leading to food and nutrition security. The objectives of this course are to:

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Deadline NFP fellowships:	<b>21 March 2017</b>



- understand the definitions of food systems, value chains, food security, nutrition security and their interconnectedness;
- be able to apply conceptual frameworks to ensure nutrition sensitive agricultural development programmes and policies;
- formulate or adjust the design and implementation of agricultural development programs and policies to enhance the impact on nutrition;
- be able to apply tools for developing and monitoring programs and policies, including the selecting relevant indicators for nutritional impact.

**We invite the professionals** with a BSc (as a minimum) or its equivalent in the field agriculture, food and nutrition security, health, or a related field who are proficient in English. You are working at least 3 years working for a governmental or local non-governmental organisation at national or sub-national level in one of the following positions:

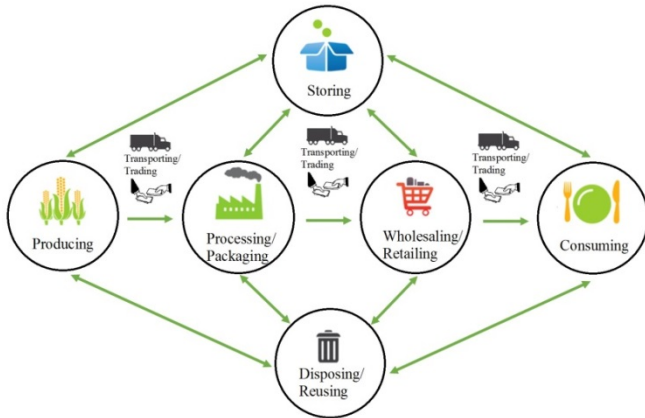
- a policy or planning officer with responsibility for promoting community and household livelihoods focussing on food and nutrition security;
- a managing or co-ordinating position in planning, management, implementation and/or monitoring and evaluation of a food and nutrition security program or an agricultural development program;
- a position in action-oriented research, advisory or teaching, directly relevant to food and nutrition security;

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## Develop insights & work on your cases

The course is highly interactive, building on the participant's own experiences and cases. The thematic approach in the program offers the flexibility to elaborate on specific themes participants would like to address. As a participant you will take home: tangible results for your cases and new in-depth insights to address nutrition issues within agriculture development programs.

## Food systems, a thematic approach



(source: John Ingram, University of Oxford 2016)

The course addresses issues through a thematic approach, using the food system approach with state of the art concepts, tools and background information. Issues dealt with are, amongst others:

1. Insight into the broader (international) food and nutrition policy framework and the stakeholders involved;
2. Identifying the local nutrition issues, which are to be solved with agricultural programs and policies;
3. Pathways, key concepts and approaches to link value chain development to food and nutrition security;
4. Addressing economic variables (e.g. work capacity, productivity) through identification and strengthening of linkages between value chains and nutritional impact;
5. Design effective intervention strategies to reach Bottom of the Pyramid consumers (Including a focus on project cycle management);
6. An introduction to monitoring and evaluation, including selection of key indicators essential for organisational learning agendas.

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## Further practical information

- **Application**, the procedure is:
  - 1) **Apply at the website of Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation:** [www.wur.eu/cdi](http://www.wur.eu/cdi). You will receive a confirmation and more information within a week. Early application is recommended as some procedures to finalise subscription (f.e. funding, visa) can take some time.
  - 2) **CDI** is unable to assist you in obtaining financial support, however if you want to apply for a **NFP Fellowship**, CDI will provide you with the full instructions and the web address for registration in **ATLAS**. ATLAS is the online application form for an NFP Fellowship. You can check the eligibility at [www.nuffic.nl/nfp](http://www.nuffic.nl/nfp). limited number of scholarships is available. As this application process takes time and requires several documents, we recommend that you **start as soon as possible**.
- **NFP Fellowships include** travel and full board and lodging.
- **Fee** includes all course related costs (materials, excursions, administration).
- Participants will be awarded with a **Certificate of attendance**. The programme of the course might be changed to incorporate new insights.

Joining on of our courses will expand your horizon, both in a social and scientific way. You can share experience and knowledge with others working in similar fields, get up-to-date in current scientific insights methodologies and practices, and become part of our 20.000 strong alumni network.