

HOW TO MAKE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS WORK FOR NUTRITION, AND WHICH APPROACHES TO USE TO MEASURE PROGRESS.



PROGRAMME

May 17, 2018, 12:30 – 17:00

New Babylon, The Hague

12:30 – 13:00	Registration
13:00 – 13:20	Welcome speech by NWGN chair Overall objective and program outline Key findings of NWGN internal workshop
13:20 – 13:30	Presentation by Frits van der Wal and Jeroen Rijniers (Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, FNS) Policy relevance of nutrition metrics, recent state of affairs on Dutch Food and Nutrition Policy, and FNS result framework.
13:30 – 14:00	Key note speech by Marie Ruel (IFPRI) “Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture, what have we learned so far?” Q&A
14:00 – 14:10	Introduction to cases by NWGN chair
14:10 – 14:25	Break
14:25 – 16:00	Cases : practical illustrations on how to measure contributions of NSA interventions and lessons learned from the field. Participants can visit <u>two</u> cases. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IFPRI (Hazel Malapit): Experiences from using project level Women Empowerment in Agriculture index (pro-WEAI). http://weai.ifpri.info - SNV (Deirdre McMahon): Nutrition Sensitive agriculture (NSA) metrics in 3 contexts (1. Resilience program - Cameroon; 2. Horticulture VC - Rwanda; 3. Multi-sectoral approach - Laos). - ICCO (Marijke de Graaf): Measuring household access to food and diet diversity in practice – based on food security and economic empowerment programs in 17 countries
14:25 – 15:05 1st round:	
15:10 – 15:50 2nd round:	
16:00 – 16:15	Plenary discussion: key take-aways from the 3 cases
16:20 – 16:55	Panel response from policy makers, observers, researchers and businesses Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IOB: Ferko Bodnár - RVO: Astrid Broekaart - IFPRI: Marie Ruel - Ministry of Foreign Affairs : Paul van de Logt Q&A
16:55 – 17:00	Wrap up and Closing Remarks by NWGN Chair
17:00 – 17:30	Drinks

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Objectives

Share knowledge, lessons learned and best practices with practitioners as well as with policy makers on:

1. How to ensure Nutrition Sensitive Agricultural (NSA) interventions work for nutrition by taking into account lessons learned on the pathways of change?
2. How to measure the contributions of NSA interventions on nutrition; along the pathways, with improved metrics?
3. How to ensure the lessons learned are relevant for policy, programs and innovation projects?

Background

There is growing commitment at global level to improve food and nutrition security. Alongside nutrition specific interventions special efforts are made to make agri-food systems more nutrition sensitive. Although consensus exists on pathways through which agriculture may influence nutrition-related outcomes, empirical evidence on agriculture's contribution to nutrition and how it can be enhanced is still weak. Therefore there is growing demand for evidence on what policies and programs work best, how and at what cost. Good quality measurement tools are key to collect data on output, outreach, outcome and impact levels, and to generate reliable evidence on what works well.

In this workshop, organized by the Netherlands Working Group on International Nutrition (NWGN) in collaboration with the Food & Business Knowledge Platform, knowledge will be shared on the latest empirical evidence for impact of NSA interventions on nutrition, as well as related pathways and contextual factors. Subsequently the focus will be on how to best measure the contributions of NSA interventions on nutrition outcomes with a combination of improved metrics.

Dr. Marie Ruel, Director of the Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) will present the evidence from a recently published review on NSA interventions for nutrition, followed by presentations and group discussions of case studies on experiences and lessons learned with measuring the contribution of NSA to nutrition outcomes by Dutch actors working in food and nutrition security. This will include presentations by Dr Hazel Malapit from IFPRI on latest innovations of adaptations for the Women in Empowerment Agriculture Index (WEAI) being used to measure links between women empowerment and nutrition within NSA.

Participants

This workshop targets experts from the government, NGOs, and Agro-Food sector working on agriculture programs and interventions to improve food security and nutrition. Participants could include but are not limited to: representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Agriculture, as well as from the Topsectors and RVO; private sector companies with an interest in nutritional outcomes; NGOs; including members of networks such as Netherlands Working Group on Nutrition and AgriProFocus.

At the end of the workshop participants are expected to have a better understanding how to best measure the contribution of agriculture programs aiming to improve nutrition, in order to better inform the design and implementation of NSA programs.