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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Produced by IFPRI

When world leaders adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015, they agreed that this should be done by 2030. But how much would this cost? In this video, IFPRI researchers discuss the cost of ending hunger through increased spending on social safety nets directly targeting consumers, farm support to expand production and increase poor farmers' income, and rural development that reduces inefficiencies along the value chain and enhances rural productivity. The research marks the first time that a multi-country macroeconomic model has been embedded with extensive numbers of household surveys. [Watch the video here.](#)

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DID YOU KNOW...

The [Marketplace for Nutritious Foods](#) is an innovation accelerator managed by the [Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition \(GAIN\)](#). The program supports small and medium enterprises

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the results of an assessment of the Marketplace program in Kenya, Rwanda, and Mozambique. [Access the event resources here.](#)

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Updated Version! Commodity Management Toolkit 2.0



COMMODITY MANAGEMENT TOOLKIT

Based on user feedback, minor changes have been made to the Commodity Management (CM) Toolkit - originally launched in March 2017. These changes include the most up-to-date versions of tools, and a reorganization of the Internal Control & Quality Oversight section to improve understanding.

The CM Toolkit is a one-step operational guide for anyone working on programs using food commodity. It provides staff quick access to the specific information they need on minimum requirements, whenever and

wherever they need it. The toolkit is a set of interconnected flowcharts that provide a road map of the entire CM process - from project start-up through close-out - in simple steps. In addition to illustrating each activity required to promote compliance with USAID regulations - and the functional area(s) accountable - the toolkit provides instant access to 147 tools designed to help users implement these activities. The toolkit can be used both as a self-study training resource for new staff and as a quick reference for more experienced staff.

[View the CM Toolkit 2.0 here!](#)

Stay tuned! A French version of the CM Toolkit will be available by the end of January.

Register Now! FAQR Shares Evidence on the Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness of Supplementary Foods in the Prevention of Malnutrition in Children

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM EST

Join the Food Aid Quality Review (FAQR) project, funded by USAID's Office of Food for Peace and implemented by Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy with partners ACDI/VOCA, Save the Children and IRSS (Institut de Recherche en Sciences de la Sante) for a dissemination of research results. The results will focus on the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of four supplementary foods in the prevention of stunting and wasting in children 6 to 23 months in a supplementary feeding program in Sanmantenga Province, Burkina Faso. Study findings will provide operationally relevant recommendations for those seeking to program

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SPRING Launches Online Training Course on Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture

Available Now!

Nutrition-sensitive agriculture is an important part of ending malnutrition through multi-sectoral action. The *Accelerating Behavior Change in Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture* online training is a one to two-day course for people who design and implement agriculture projects, including those focused on food security, livelihoods, value chains, and/or broader agricultural market development. Completing the course will provide you with knowledge and skills to help agriculture projects become more nutrition-sensitive by leveraging agriculture's potential to contribute to specified nutrition outcomes or results. You will practice applying proven approaches from the science of behavior change to first identify context-appropriate nutrition-sensitive agricultural practices and then facilitate increased use of those practices.

[Learn more and access the course here.](#)

USAID BFS Launches Training Course on Food Security and Agriculture **Course materials available for all development practitioners. In-person training available for US government staff only.**

[Food Security and Agriculture Core](#) is a new, in-person course developed by USAID's Bureau for Food Security (BFS) that seeks to improve nutrition and resilience program development and implementation. It highlights BFS priorities and key approaches to meet requirements of the Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS). The course materials are available online to program designers, implementers and others. These resources are applicable to new and existing interventions and will contribute to expanded and more sustainable results.

[Learn more here!](#)

Featured Resource

A Look Back on the TOPS-funded Livestock-Household Nutrition Learning Series

In May of 2016, Land O'Lakes International Development received a 12 month sub-grant from Save the Children, funded through TOPS, to implement the Livestock-Household Nutrition Learning Series program. Land O'Lakes International Development reflected on what the organization has learned from the program.

This four-part learning series facilitated the identification, discussion and dissemination of best practices and emerging approaches to nutrition-sensitive ASF and market-based livestock programs. This series and ensuing conversations have brought our industry a step closer to understanding the diverse roles livestock and ASF can play in improving household nutrition and overall wellbeing. They have also highlighted available resources to turn to and essential questions to consider when designing, implementing and monitoring livestock programs intended to improve household nutrition.

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A LOOK BACK ON THE TOPS-FUNDED LIVESTOCK-HOUSEHOLD NUTRITION LEARNING SERIES
By Jennie Lane, Lead O'Leary International Development, DVM, MPH

In May of 2016, Lead O'Leary International Development received a 12-month sub-grant from Save the Children, funded through TOPS, to implement the Livestock-Household Nutrition Learning Series program. The four-part learning series covers the identification, discussion and dissemination of best practices and emerging approaches to nutrition-sensitive ASP and market-based livestock programs.

When a small amount of animal source foods (ASF) are added to a mostly cereal-based diet, a person's nutritional adequacy can be vastly improved, especially for young children. As a network of industry leaders and development practitioners interested in how animal source foods can improve nutrition outcomes, the four-part learning series facilitated the identification, discussion and dissemination of best practices and emerging approaches to nutrition-sensitive ASP and market-based livestock programs.

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Along with key event cohorts including ZPRAG, AgriLink, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), the series reached an estimated 680 individuals from 52 countries. We covered the following topics across two webinars and two in-person events:

- Measuring the nutritional impact of livestock programs
- The importance of ASF in diets
- Food safety issues with ASF
- Technical considerations when implementing livestock projects
- Review of the evidence of livestock programs on nutrition outcomes
- Best practices when designing nutrition-sensitive livestock programming

THE FOUR EVENTS INCLUDED:

- 1) Livestock and Livelihoods: Measuring and Promoting Nutrition Risk Value Chain Considerations (October, June 16, 2016)
- 2) Livestock Markets, Animal Source Foods and Human Nutrition: Consider Program Tensions, Maximizing Impact and Avoiding Harm (National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Washington D.C., October 17, 2016)
- 3) Risks and Opportunities: Addressing Food Safety Concerns in Animal Source Foods for Improved Household Nutrition (October, January 26, 2017)
- 4) Animal Source Foods for Nutritional Impact: Evidence and Good Practices for Improved Program Design (S/N Campus, Nairobi, Kenya, May 4, 2017)

"Our understanding of nutrition has evolved greatly recently. From a focus on calorie counting to how much protein is available to the importance of micronutrients and the hidden hunger their scarcity causes, and their where livestock fit the sweet spot. Livestock provide superdense foods full not only of protein but also of essential micronutrients, some of which don't exist in plant foods. We have to do much more to get this message out—why animal-source foods are absolutely essential to global nutritional security."
—Sherry Smith, ILRI Director General, 2016

Job Postings

- [Senior Advisor for Community Health and Civil Society Engagement](#) based in Washington, DC with CORE Group
- [Communications and Knowledge Manager](#) based in Washington, DC with CORE Group
- [Advisor, Water Sanitation Hygiene \(WASH\)](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Senior Data and Learning Advisor](#) based in Portland, Oregon with Mercy Corps
- [Nutrition Technical Advisor](#) based in New York with IRC
- [Strategic Coordination and Learning Advisor](#) based in Niamey, Niger with CARE
- [Senior M&E Advisor](#) based in Niamey, Niger with CARE
- [Program Assistant, Humanitarian Assistance & Resilience/ Food, Nutrition, Livelihood & Security](#) based in Washington, DC with Project Concern International
- [Development Associate/Officer](#) based in Washington, DC with Promundo
- [Nutrition Specialist](#) based in Washington, DC with ACDI/VOCA
- [Nutrition Advisor](#) based in Washington, DC with Chemonics International
- [Communications Specialist](#) based in Washington, DC with Fintrac
- [Gender Specialist](#) based in Nairobi, Kenya with ICIPE
- [Gender Officer, Program Integration](#) based in New York with IRC
- [Chief of Party, Rural Resilience Program](#) based in Abuja, Nigeria with Mercy Corps
- [Deputy Chief of Party, Rural Resilience Program](#) based in Abuja, Nigeria with Mercy Corps

Funding & Other Opportunities

Two Funded PhD Opportunities on Environmental Impacts of Canadian Food Choices | Rolling Deadline
University of Waterloo (starting ASAP) and Dalhousie University (starting Fall 2018). Are you interested in sustainable and healthy diets, addressing food security, and the challenge of eating within planetary boundaries? Professor Goretty Dias, of the Faculty of Environment, University of Waterloo, and Professor Peter Tyedmers of the School for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University, are looking for keen PhD students

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)**Revalorizing Extension: Evidence and Practice | Deadline: January 15, 2018**

The University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana is calling for presentations, posters, and materials for their upcoming April 2-3, 2018 Spring Symposium. [Learn more here!](#)

The Global Nutrition Report Independent Expert Group | Deadline: January 25, 2018

The Stakeholder Group of the Global Nutrition Report (GNR) is calling for nominations to the Independent Expert Group (IEG). The IEG is responsible for drafting the report, led by the co-chairs. It ensures the quality of the data, develops the narrative around the data, and is held accountable for the quality and independence of the GNR and the process that produces it. The length of appointment on the IEG is three years, with possibility of extension. The IEG is looking for a breadth of experience that cover urban and rural opportunities and challenges; experience across all income countries including high-, middle- and low-income countries; those who have a deep understanding of the multiple malnutrition vulnerabilities; and programmatic, policy or research/methods/evaluation experience. [Learn more here!](#)

Food Systems for Healthy and Sustainable Diets Course | Deadline: April 23, 2018

Food systems considers all the actors, elements and activities that relate to primary producing, processing, distributing, preparing and consuming food and waste disposal; and the socio-economic and environmental outcomes of these activities. The course explores food systems from a dietary perspective and discuss which components are related to the diet gaps for different populations groups at national, regional and global level. It discusses possible actions to be taken to transform the food system for addressing the gaps and how these actions can be leveraged in a sustainable way. The training targets staff of governmental and non-governmental organisations. The course is job-oriented and the training approach is interactive, experience as well as evidence-based: it provides the participants with the possibility to learn from expert facilitators as well as from each other. Transfer of knowledge goes hand in hand with case studies, working groups, etc. A mix of participants with different backgrounds, yet common interests, will provide a good basis for the exchange of experiences. [Learn more here!](#)

Upcoming Events

[How are the Pathways to Resilience in Pastoralist Areas of Eastern Africa Evolving?:](#) Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy Feinstein International Center; January 10; Online

[Improving Adaptive Capacity to Climate Change Through Conflict Resolution: Lessons from Ethiopia:](#) Chemonics International; January 18; Washington, DC and Online

[Balancing the Systems: Making Food & Market Systems Work for Nutrition:](#) ACDI/VOCA and Agribusiness Systems International; January 25; Online

[Cash Transfer Programming \(CTP\) - The Fundamentals:](#) Cash Learning Partnership and International Rescue Committee; January 25; New York

[Water for Food International Forum: Farmer-Led Irrigated Agriculture:](#) World Bank; January 29; Washington, DC

[Symposium on Irrigation in African Smallholder Farming Systems:](#) USAID Feed the Future International Laboratory for Small-Scale Irrigation (ILSSI); January 31; Washington, DC

[Evidence on the Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness of Supplementary Foods in the Prevention of Malnutrition in Children: Presentation of the Research Findings for the Food Aid Quality Review \(FAQR\) III Study in Burkina](#)

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New Reports, Guides & Tools

[Linking agriculture and nutrition education to improve infant and young child feeding: Lessons for future programs](#) from Maternal & Child Nutrition

[10 Best resources for community engagement in implementation research](#) from Health Policy and Planning

[Use of Guatemalan Household Consumption and Expenditure Survey \(HCES\) Data to Develop Optifood Food-Based Recommendations](#) from FANTA

[A Video Storytelling Method to Enhance Agricultural Extension: Workshop Handbook](#) from Global Center for Food Systems Innovation

[Migration, Agriculture and Climate Change: Reducing Vulnerabilities and Enhancing Resilience](#) from UN FAO

[Commodities and Development Report 2017: Commodity Markets, Economic Growth and Development](#) from UN FAO

[Mission-Based Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Platforms Assessment Report](#) from Expanding Monitoring & Evaluation Capacities Task Order

Recent Articles

[Bridging Ghana's Digital Divide](#) from Agrilinks

[How the sun's rays can keep food chilled: fighting waste in Africa](#) from The Guardian

[Can Irrigation Both Empower and Exclude Women?](#) from Agrilinks

[Ghanaian Chef Works to End Hunger by Reducing Food Waste](#) from USAID

[Digital Tools Near the Last Mile](#) from Agrilinks

[The Feminized Farm: Labor Migration and Women's Roles in Tajikistan's Rural Communities](#) from The Diplomat

[Cultivating growth in Nigerian agriculture with small-scale irrigation](#) from IFPRI

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