**A4NH Gender-Nutrition Methods Workshop II**

*Nutrition and women’s participation in decision-making and control over income*

**December 2-4, 2014**

**Bioversity International - Rome, Italy**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the workshop is to 1) strengthen gender analysis of CRPs with nutrition IDOs[[1]](#footnote-1) by improving the quality of the intersection of agriculture-gender-nutrition research, 2) develop capacity and stimulate research across CRPs, and 3) build a community of practice on gender and nutrition. The theme of the workshop is how women’s participation in decision-making and control over income relates to nutritional outcomes.

**Profile of target participants**

This workshop will focus on more advanced gender methods and analysis. Though participants need not have necessarily attended the first Gender-Nutrition Methods workshop in 2013, participants must have a good working knowledge of gender methods and the different pathways through which gender influences the nutritional outcomes of agricultural development.

In their CRPs, target participants are those that are already designing, implementing, or evaluating gender research that is expected to contribute to improved nutritional outcomes. Participants are also expected to be effective “multipliers” that can advocate for and disseminate knowledge on gender and nutrition within their CRP.

Workshop organizers will also invite participants from key partners who are working on implementing nutrition-sensitive agricultural projects or building capacity for integrating nutrition into agricultural research, programming and policy.

**Objectives**

The workshop is designed to help researchers:

* Conceptualize and generate high-quality evidence on gender dynamics and decision-making as they relate to nutrition behavior and outcomes
* Improve their understanding of the linkages between agriculture, gender, and nutrition and their knowledge of gender tools and methods to stimulate more research in this area in their CRPs
* Build a community of practice on gender and nutrition in the CRPs and be able to identify opportunities for future collaboration within and across CRPs

**Key dates**

The 2 ½ day workshop will be held on December 2-4. The meeting will begin at 11:30am on December 2nd and close the evening of December 4th.

**Location**

The workshop will be held at Bioversity International in Rome, Italy.

**Costs**

*Each CRP will need to cover the time and travel costs of its participants. A4NH is covering the cost of the trainers, resource persons and facilities.*

**Agenda**

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| **Day 1** | **Tuesday, December 2** |
| 11:30am-12:00pm | **Registration** |
| 12:00pm-12:45pm | **Welcome and networking lunch**  *Stephan Dohrn and organizers* |
| 12:45pm-1:00pm | **Workshop objectives and agenda**  *Hazel Malapit* |
| 1:00pm-1:30pm | **Gender in agriculture-nutrition pathways and IDOs**  *Jody Harris, Nancy Johnson* |
| 1:30pm-2:30pm | **Qualitative-Quantitative Methods (Q-squared)**  *Agnes Quisumbing, Peter Davis* |
| 2:30pm-3:30pm | **Training Workshop #1: Decision-making Indicators**  *Amber Peterman, Deanna Olney, Ana Paula de la O Campos* |
| 3:30pm-4:00pm | **Break** |
| 4:00pm-5:30pm | **Training Workshop #1 (cont.): Decision-making Indicators**  *Amber Peterman, Deanna Olney, Ana Paula de la O Campos* |
| 5:30pm-6:00pm | **Wrap-up, Day 1** |
| 6:30pm-8:00pm | **Welcome Reception**  *Lobby Bar of H10 Hotel* |

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| **Day 2** | **Wednesday, December 3** |
| 9:00am-10:30am | **Training Workshop #2: Methods for addressing challenges in the field**  *Chiara Kovarik, Katie Sproule, Peter Davis* |
| 10:30am-11:00am | **Break** |
| 11:00am-12:00pm | **Training Workshop #2 (cont.): Methods for addressing challenges in the field**  *Chiara Kovarik, Katie Sproule, Peter Davis* |
| 12:00pm-1:00pm | **Lunch** |
| 1:00pm-3:30pm | **Training Workshop #3: Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI)**  *Hazel Malapit, Laurie Starr, Ana Paula de la O Campos* |
| 3:30pm-4:00pm | **Break** |
| 4:00pm-5:00pm | **Research Clinic Part I: Working Groups**  Group consultations on four topics (Nutrition Tools, Decision-making, Time and Energy Burden, and Integrating Gender into Research Programs) facilitated by senior researchers |
| 5:00pm-5:30pm | **Wrap-up, Day 2** |
| 5:30pm-6:00pm | **Research Clinic Part II: Individual Consultations**  One-on-one advising sessions on project-specific questions |

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| **Day 3** | **Thursday, December 4** |
| 9:00am-10:30am | **Training Workshop #4: Learning about nutrition using the Global Study on Gender Norms and Capacity for Agricultural Innovation**  *Johanna Bergman Lodin, Dina Najjar, Jessica Raneri, Esther Njugunga, Peter Davis* |
| 10:30am-11:00am | **Break** |
| 11:00am-12:00pm | **Training Workshop #4 (cont.): Learning about nutrition using the Global Study on Gender Norms and Capacity for Agricultural Innovation**  *Johanna Bergman Lodin, Dina Najjar, Jessica Raneri, Esther Njugunga, Peter Davis* |
| 12:00pm-1:30pm | **Lunch** |
| 1:30pm-3:00pm | **Reaching Nutrition Through Gender in Agriculture Projects**  *Jody Harris, Nancy Johnson* |
| 3:00pm-3:30pm | **Break** |
| 3:30pm-4:30pm | **Gender-Nutrition Community of Practice:** Discuss how to share information and keep learning from one another |
| 4:30pm-5:00pm | **Wrap-up and next steps** |

**Abstracts for the Training Sessions:**

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| **Day 1** | **Tuesday, December 2** |
| 2:30pm-5:30pm | **Training Workshop #1: Decision-making Indicators**  *Amber Peterman, Deanna Olney, Ana Paula de la O Campos* |

This session is aimed at exploring how decision-making indicators can be used to inform our understanding the role of gender in agricultural interventions for nutrition and health. First, we review the measurement of decision-making indicators and their use in nutrition and agriculture research. Second, we present two case studies where quantitative and qualitative decision-making indicators have been utilized in program evaluations in Burkina Faso and Rwanda. Third, we discuss strengths and weakness of classic decision making indicators and how measurement matters in drawing inferences about program impact. Lastly, we apply lessons learned to ongoing work to give participants a chance to explore options in indicator choice and analysis.

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| 9:00am-12:00pm | **Training Workshop #2: Methods for addressing challenges in the field**  *Chiara Kovarik, Katie Sproule, Peter Davis* |

This workshop session on identifying and addressing challenges in the field is divided into two main parts. In the first portion, participants will learn about challenges that arise in conducting field work and techniques to deal with them including: (1) how to formulate and administer questions on sensitive, complex, and abstract topics; (2) issues pertaining to ethical, safety and informed consent, and; (3) how to test the comprehension of the survey instrument among respondents. The Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture survey, which is administered in 19 countries, is discussed in more depth and tools, including cognitive testing and vignettes are described in detail to address issues of comprehension and capturing abstract concepts for administration across diverse contexts. The life history exercise technique is also discussed in greater detail which is a valuable method for allowing sensitive topics to be explored in a more relaxed and natural conversation; good for exploratory research by revealing unexpected events or problems, and; for keeping the respondent engaged in long interviews via a familiar story-telling conversational format. The second portion of the workshop will involve a small group exercise in which each group will receive a challenging research scenario (or can use their own) and must apply the techniques and methodology used in the first part of the workshop to address and overcome these challenges. The workshop will conclude with a group share and debrief.

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| 1:00pm-3:30pm | **Training Workshop #3: Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI)**  *Hazel Malapit, Laurie Starr, Ana Paula de la O Campos* |

The objectives of this training workshop is to understand the basic concepts underlying the WEAI, what it does and does not measure, and how it can be used to understand agriculture-nutrition linkages. The session will also explore how others have used and modified the WEAI in practice. Hazel will give an overview of the WEAI, how is it constructed and used as a tool for diagnosing areas for attention, developing programs to address the gaps in women’s empowerment, and tracking progress. Laurie (TANGO International) and Ana Paula (FAO) will share their experience on how they have used and modified the WEAI in their specific project contexts. The session will conclude with some key lessons on how to adapt the WEAI in your own project.

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| **Day 3** | **Thursday, December 4** |
| 9:00am-12:00pm | **Training Workshop #4: Learning about nutrition using the Global Study on Gender Norms and Capacity for Agricultural Innovation**  *Johanna Bergman Lodin, Peter Davis, Jacqui Ashby, Esther Njugunga* |

During this session, we will explore how to integrate nutrition and health related questions into the Global Study on Gender Norms and Capacities for Agricultural Innovation. We will first introduce the Global Study, what it is about, the current status, lessons learnt so far, and how you can engage. Next, a few PIs will share their experiences from the field. This will be followed by an interactive break out session where you will have the opportunity to work in small groups on a case to see how nutrition and health issues can be integrated into the Global Study toolkit. Finally, the groups will gather in plenum again to share some highlights from the group work with each other.

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The conceptual pathways are a tool for thinking through how a specific agriculture project or research program aims to change diets and other relevant nutrition indicators. While three of the pathways are women-specific, all pathways are gendered in some way. If your project is attempting nutrition outcomes, you must specify which particular outcomes (and for whom), and these must be plausible given the scope of your program (including timescale and biological plausibility); you must specify a theory of change for how the project is going to make those particular changes in your context. Next you can look at where gender issues come into those pathways- this includes both positive and unintended negative changes to existing nutrition practices through the new agriculture program, as well as gendered changes at other points within the pathways. Finally, you can then decide what you need to measure to capture the key nutrition and gender issues at different points in the pathways, and key assumptions you are making, and specify which methods you will use to gather that information.

1. Livestock and Fish; Maize; Roots, Tubers, and Bananas; Grain Legumes; Dryland Cereals; Aquatic Agricultural Systems; Humidtropics; Dryland Systems; GRiSP; A4NH [↑](#footnote-ref-1)