



Nepal Updates June 2016



INGENAES stands for Integrating Gender and Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Services. We aim to assist partners in Feed the Future countries to build more gender-responsive and nutrition-sensitive extension approaches and tools to improve agricultural livelihoods for women and men and enhance household nutrition.

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Upcoming Organizational Capacity-Building Workshops

INGENAES implementing partners (Suahaara, Kisan, Heifer, BPP-Pariwar, and MICD) have expressed a strong need for technical assistance through capacity-building training for their NGO partners who promote various important projects within the broad areas of promoting gender and nutrition. From July 11-22, Dr. Muthusami Kumaran from the University of Florida will lead a series of organizational-capacity-building training workshops, which will be offered to 70 NGO partners.

Focus areas of these workshops will include good governance, program planning & evaluation, strategic planning, resource mobilization, strengthening of commodity cooperatives, and strategic partnership with the Nepal's Agricultural Extension system. Technical training will be gender-specific and nutrition-sensitive, and will have long-lasting impacts on service delivery. Partnership with MICD (Master's in International Development and Cooperation program) will further help in developing the technical capacities of future practitioners. Registration and other details for these workshops are being organized by INGENAES Nepal coordinator Kabita Devkota, who can be reached at: kabitadevkota45@gmail.com.

Cover photo: A rural Nepali women prepares lunch. © Bhawna Thapa 2016



Integrating Gender and Nutrition into Practice

Two interactive workshops were conducted recently in Kathmandu using the “Integrating Gender and Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Services: A Facilitator’s Guide” <http://ingenaes.illinois.edu/extension-gender-and-nutrition-in-kathmandu/> Selected training materials are now available in Nepali on the INGENAES website: <http://ingenaes.illinois.edu/training-materials/>

Facilitated by Drs. Jan Henderson (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Kathleen Colverson (University of Florida), the workshops included participants from three of the USAID-funded projects in Nepal (KISAN, SUAHARA, and PAHAL), as well as other NGOs, government extension, and graduate students. Each workshop focused on using approaches that not only informed participants through content (gender and nutrition) but challenged existing gender norms and power relations through role playing, demonstrations and small group drawings. Participants were inspired to start their own Facebook page to continue sharing their experiences and challenges with integrating gender and nutrition into their work: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=ingenaes%202016%20nepal>



Update from Cultural Practice, LLC

Cristina Manfre, Deborah Rubin, and Caitlin Nordehn (Cultural Practice, LLC) facilitated two workshops in Bangladesh in May 2016. The workshops focused on gender issues in agricultural value chains and technology design, use, and dissemination. Five Nepalis participated in the workshops coming from Hellen Keller International, iDE Nepal, and Heifer International. Cultural Practice will continue to work with these and other organizations in Nepal to assess the impacts of agricultural technologies on men and women.

Caitlin Nordehn and Cristina Manfre will hold the workshop "Addressing Gender Issues in Technology Design, Use, and Dissemination" in Nepal in coordination with MICD. They will coordinate assessments of technologies disseminated by organizations in Nepal to understand the impacts on men and women.

Photos: INGENAES staff and Nepali workshop participants in Kathmandu
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Introducing INGENAES/Nepal's in-Country Coordinator



INGENAES/Nepal is excited to have the support of Kabita Devkota as the in-country coordinator for INGENAES activities. Kabita has been providing logistical support with in-country transportation,

accommodation, translation services, field activities, and other arrangements. She will also assist with the coordination of in-country meetings and events, among other duties. Kabita is a graduate of the Master's Program in International Cooperation and Development (MICD) in Kathmandu; students and faculty from this program have been (and will continue to be) partners and participants in many of INGENAES/Nepal's activities.

Kabita will be attending the [Feed the Future Agriculture to Nutrition symposium](#) in Kathmandu on July 18-20. Sessions at this symposium will address multi-sectoral approaches to enhance and link nutritious food production, modern and traditional food technology and systems, market diversity, marketing, environmental protection, economic well-being, household nutrition and food security, women's empowerment, and dietary intake to improving nutritional status in Nepal. We look forward to enhancing INGENAES's approach in Nepal through the insights gained by Kabita at this symposium.

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TOT Workshops

Bhawna Thapa (University of Florida) is currently in Nepal to implement a series of TOT workshops related to integrating gender-responsive and nutrition-sensitive approaches when working with farmer groups engaged in markets. Activities are taking place in the Mid-West and Far-West regions. Stay tuned for updates on these activities in our next newsletter!

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We look forward to hearing from you!



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