



GENDER, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND NUTRITION INTEGRATION INITIATIVE (GCAN) NEWSLETTER | May 2018

Save the Date | Upcoming Seminars in June!

June 21: BRIGE Webinar on Lessons from Piloting Gender and Resilience Interventions and Measurement Tools

On **Thursday, June 21**, Mercy Corps' BRIGE program and GCAN researchers will give a webinar to share BRIGE's lessons from piloting gender and resilience interventions and measurement tools in Indonesia, Nepal, and Niger for the [Resilience Measurement, Evaluation, and Learning \(RMEL\) Community of Practice](#). These tools serve to assess gender dynamics in household decision-making, community participation, and market linkages for resilience.

June 27: IFPRI-hosted Policy Seminar on Gendered Household Decision-Making Dynamics and Resilience

On **Wednesday, June 27**, IFPRI will be hosting a policy seminar that focuses on gendered household decision-making dynamics and resilience. The seminar will discuss the Mercy Corps BRIGE (Building Resilience through Integration of Gender and Empowerment) approach to implementing **Household Dialogues**, an intervention that engages couples in reflection about household roles and relations, and how this can strengthen resilience of individuals, households, and communities. The seminar will also discuss gender-responsive M&E tools for resilience programs developed by Mercy Corps BRIGE with GCAN researchers, applying principles of the GCAN framework. Stay tuned for an event announcement with further details.

Upcoming Conference | June 12

Addressing Gender and Nutrition in Climate-Smart Technology Design and Dissemination

On **Tuesday, June 12**, 2:45-4:15pm, **GCAN** will co-host a session with [Cultural Practice \(CP\)](#) on "Addressing Gender and Nutrition in Climate-Smart Technology Design and Dissemination" at the [Cracking the Nut](#) conference in Antigua, Guatemala. The session will introduce the GCAN and CP gender-technology frameworks for addressing gender and nutrition issues in climate-smart technology design and dissemination. Participants will then be guided through an interactive exercise in small groups in which they will explore the gender and nutrition dimensions of selected agricultural technologies.

[More information](#)

Workshop | May 23

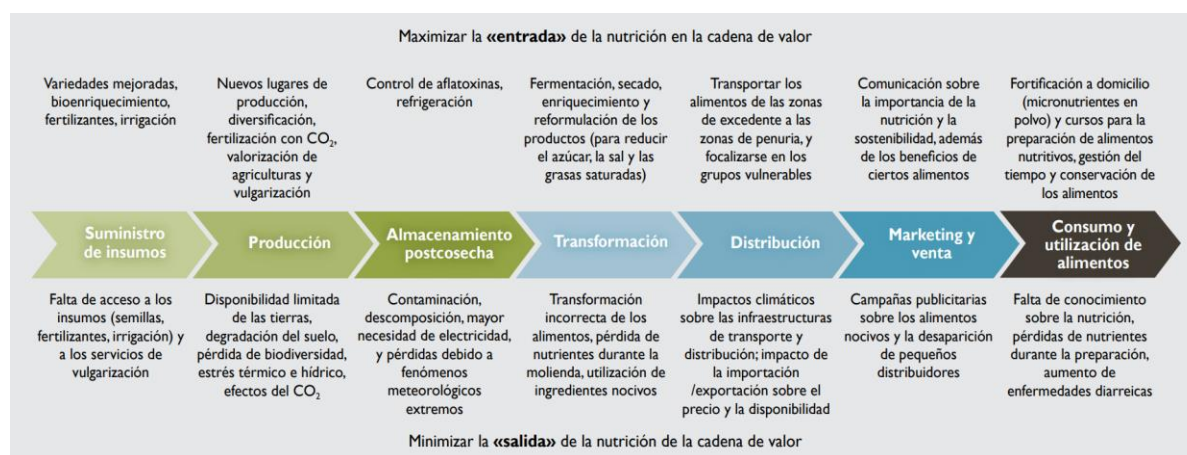
Aligning Science and Engagement towards a Resilient Agriculture in Latin America

On **May 23**, members of the GCAN team attended a workshop in Cali, Colombia, on “Aligning Science and Engagement towards a Resilient Agriculture in Latin America,” organized by the CGIAR Program on [Climate Change, Agriculture, and Food Security \(CCAFS\)](#). Participants in the workshop included researchers from different CGIAR centers and government representatives from several countries in Latin America.

Through work in small groups, the GCAN Framework was presented as a tool for integrating gender and nutrition into agriculture and resilience strategies and programs, while government representatives from Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua discussed capacity needs, challenges, and opportunities for integrating these issues in their country contexts.

2nd Policy Note in Spanish | May 1

How to Ensure Nutrition for Everyone under Climate Change and Variability



A second policy note titled “How to ensure Nutrition for everyone under Climate Change and Variability” is now available in Spanish. The note utilizes a food systems approach to analyze the multifaceted interrelationships among climate change, food, and nutrition along the entire food value chain.

Una [segunda nota estratégica](#) con el título “garantizar el acceso universal a la nutrición en un contexto de variabilidad y cambios climáticos” es ahora disponible en español. La nota utiliza un enfoque de los sistemas alimentarios para analizar las interdependencias multifacéticas entre cambio climático, alimentación y nutrición a lo largo de toda la cadena de valor alimentaria.

Consultation Meeting | May 18

The Knowledge Lab on Climate Resilient Food Systems

On **May 18**, IFPRI’s new initiative [The Knowledge Lab on Climate Resilient Food Systems](#) which builds on the successful experience of the GCAN project convened its second

consultation meeting at IFPRI Headquarters in Washington DC. Representatives from NGOs, international development agencies and research organizations were invited to share their experiences but also their perceptions of existing knowledge gaps that must be addressed to inform efficient responses and investments. The consensus was that a food system's approach can address resilience building more comprehensively.

Responses to climate change shocks and stressors are complex and multifaceted and require actions that go well beyond farm level and field production interventions. New collaborations and consortia are necessary to enhance resilience throughout our food systems. This is essential to address the impacts of climate change on food supplies, food safety, and nutrition as well as the broader development impacts of food system disruptions.

Achieving the goals of the Feed-the-Future Program and the [Global Food Security Strategy](#) requires careful consideration of the impact of climate on agricultural production and livelihoods, while at the same time considering other cross-cutting issues that influence agricultural growth, poverty alleviation and resilience, especially gender and nutrition. To address these challenges the Gender, Climate Change and Nutrition Integration Initiative (GCAN) works with USAID headquarters, field missions, and partners to enhance understanding of the linkages between climate, gender, and nutrition for increased resilience, women's empowerment and improved nutrition.

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