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Looking Forward to an Exciting 2019!

We would like to thank all of our readers for your interest in linking climate resilience, gender and nutrition. Linking investments and programming across these three sectors is essential for a more food- and nutrition-secure future as envisioned in the Global Food Security Act and Strategy, particularly as the number of food-insecure people continues to grow as a result of conflict and climate change.

2018 has been a busy year for GCAN with policy notes on aflatoxins, CO_2-nutrition linkages, gender gaps in mechanization, and a checklist for programmatic support of climate, gender and nutrition linkages. We also published a review paper on climate-nutrition linkages and participated in numerous outreach and partner engagement events to further develop evidenced-based, practical advice for resilient, gender-equitable and nutrition-sensitive food systems. For the full set of outputs, please review our website or browse previous newsletters.

As we look forward to 2019, we have an exciting work program planned, which includes, among others, the following highlights:

- ✓ Gendered youth Focus Group Discussions to understand challenges and opportunities in rural livelihoods in agricultural and non-agricultural activities in Nigeria Feed the Future Zones

- ✓ Final research study on climate change-aflatoxin risks with a focus on maize and peanut in several African Global Food Security Strategy Countries available

- ✓ Research paper on the impact of weather variability on intra-household allocation of agricultural labor and agricultural inputs

- ✓ Datathon in Ghana with questions focused on the FTF Learning Agendas on Nutrition & Gender

- ✓ Policy notes visualizing intersections of Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) with key biophysical variables

Stay tuned!

Recent GCAN Activities

Resilience MEL Conference

On November 13, 2018, GCAN participated in the [Resilience Measurement, Evidence, and Learning (RMEL) Annual Conference](#) "Measuring Up to the Resilience Challenge" in a session on "Resilience for All: Assessing Gender and Social Dynamics for Inclusive Resilience." The session started with an interactive activity that illustrated how different resilience capacities influence people's individual trajectories when facing shocks and stressors. [Elizabeth Bryan](#) from the GCAN team then gave an overview of the GCAN-resilience framework and how it can be applied to gather evidence on gender and resilience. [Mercy Corps'](#) Sarah Henley-Shepard then described their approach to integrating gender into different kinds of interventions including humanitarian and development interventions. Nirinjaka Ramasinjatovo from [ACDI/VOCA](#) described the results of their outcome harvesting research, which showed that project design is essential for increasing the resilience of both men and women. Finally, Jennifer Linkletter from [FHI-360](#) presented an assessment of resilience capacities among implementing partners in Mali and the challenges of integrating gender into the project cycle.

New GCAN policy note on "Building Resilience for All: The Gender and Social Dynamics of Resilience"

Based on consultations with USAID staff and partners, the GCAN team developed a policy note that recommends key areas of inquiry for assessing gender and social differences in resilience that can be used to inform, evaluate, and strengthen resilience programming. Drawing on the [GCAN conceptual framework](#) the note identifies and describes key gender issues related to resilience.

The policy note includes a checklist with potential questions for assessing, monitoring, evaluating, and learning about gender and resilience dynamics in a given setting. It can be used to reflect on a program's theory of change, risk mitigation strategies, and monitoring and evaluation frameworks, and to identify topics that require further investigation at different points in the project cycle. In 2019, we will further test the checklist with partners and USAID missions before finalizing it with the goal of programmatic use.

The checklist covers:

- Exposure to Disturbances,
- The Climate Signal,
- System-Level Transformative Capacities,
- Resilience Capacities,
- Decisionmaking Context,
- Responses, and
- Well-being Outcomes.

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New gendered climate change data sets available in Bangladesh

In a recent GCAN post we announced the publication of four CCAFS datasets that were collected in parts of Kenya, Senegal and Uganda under the project '[Increasing Women's Resilience to Confront Climate Change](#).' We have added to these three additional

datasets for Bangladesh that can be accessed at IFPRI dataverse using the following links:

1. IFPRI-CCAFS Gender and Climate Change Survey Data: Bangladesh (includes 2 Bangladesh datasets: 1 for Satkhira and for Bagerhat)
2. CCAFS-IMPACT Lite Survey Bangladesh, Satkhira District