

# Global Capacity Needs Assessment Methodology : Integrating Nutrition Objectives into agricultural extension and advisory services programmes and policies



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**Nutrition-sensitive RAS:**  
Experiences and insights from SFRAS members  
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# Why this methodology ?

- Increasing interest in using the potential of agriculture to address nutrition
- Extension & Advisory Services (EAS) directly work with farmers and can support nutrition
  - promote healthy diets, diversification, enhance off farm income)
- But EAS are not doing this effectively. What capacities they lack?
- Beyond Insufficient knowledge, skills or competencies of extension personnel?
- Capacity gaps at
  - the organizational and
  - enabling environment level too
- Understand the role of other agencies:

Health, Nutrition  
Mother and Child Development,  
Education, Rural Development,  
Tribal Welfare etc



# Global Capacity Needs Assessment for Integrating Nutrition into EAS

## 3 Levels of capacity assessment

- **Enabling Environment**
  - Nutrition Context
  - Policy Context
  - Stakeholder Mapping
- **Organisational Capacities**
  - Mandate
  - Human and Financial Resources
  - Capacity Development Initiatives
  - Programmes promoting NSA/Nutrition
  - Partnerships
  - Use of ICE materials
  - Challenges
- **Individual Capacities**
  - Technical Capacities
  - Functional Capacities

**Literature Review, Stakeholder Mapping Key Informant interviews, Focus Group Discussion,**







# Thanks

<http://www.fao.org/3/cb2069en/cb2069en.pdf>



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