

IMPROVING THE NUTRITION AND HEALTH OF POOR PEOPLE

Agriculture has made remarkable advances in the past decades, but progress in improving the nutrition and health of poor farmers and consumers in developing countries is lagging behind. The CGIAR research program on Agriculture for nutrition and health (A4NH) is designed to fill the existing gap between agricultural development and its unfulfilled health and nutritional benefits. The starting point is that agricultural practices, interventions, and policies can be better adapted and redesigned to maximize health and nutrition benefits and reduce health risks.

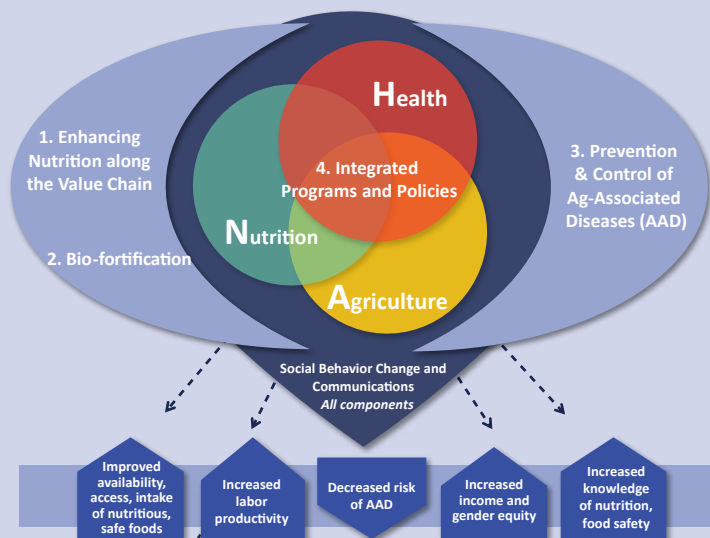
RESEARCH COMPONENTS

A4NH will accelerate progress in improving the nutrition and health of poor people by exploiting and enhancing the synergies between agriculture, nutrition, and health through four key research components:

1. Focusing on opportunities to improve nutrition along value chains to increase the poor's access to nutritious foods
2. Aiming to improve the availability, access, and intake of nutrient-rich, biofortified staple foods for the poor
3. Addressing food safety issues along the value chain, including the control of zoonotic diseases and the better management of agricultural systems to reduce the risk of human diseases
4. Addressing the need for integration among the agriculture, nutrition, and health sectors, at both the program and policy levels

Conceptual framework

Issue: Poor people suffer from undernutrition and ill health, especially mothers and children under the age of two.



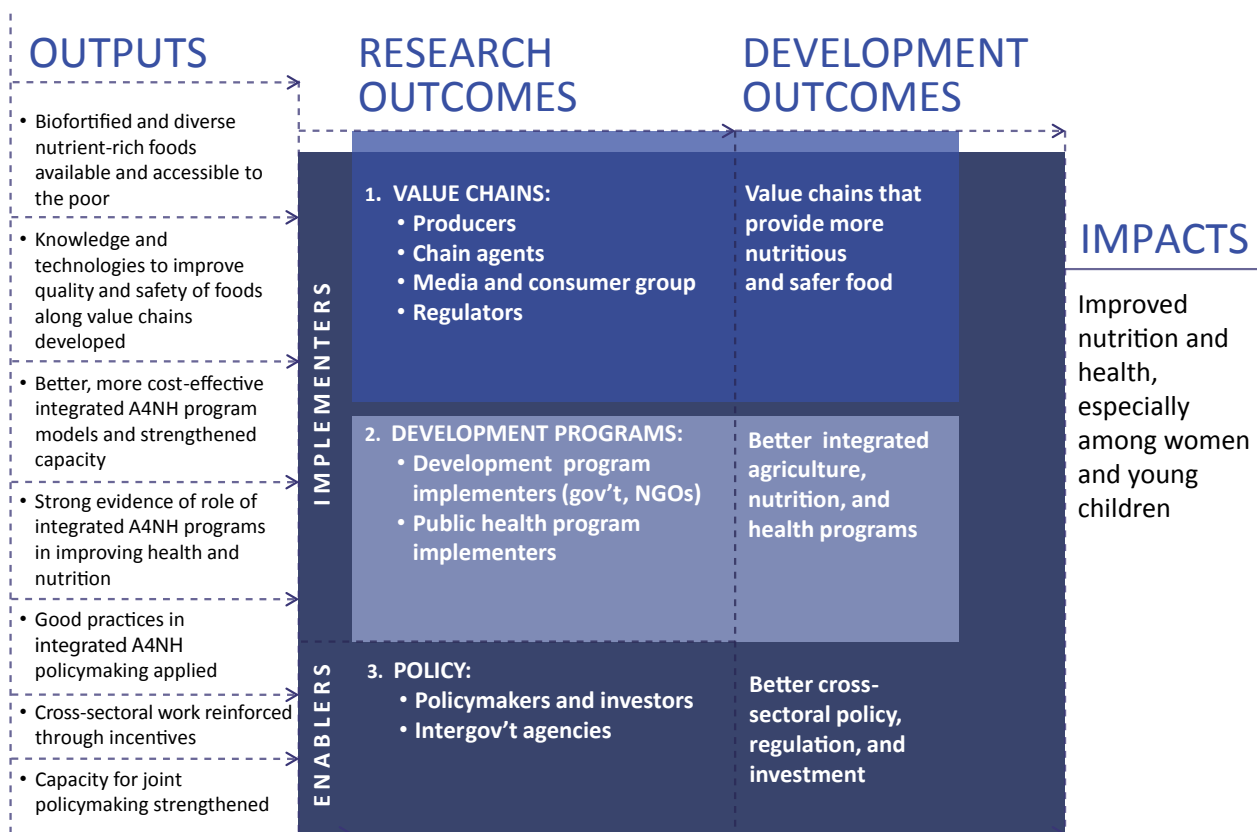
RESULT: Improved nutrition and health, especially among women and young children



IMPACT PATHWAYS

A4NH is expected to enhance the contribution of agriculture research outputs to nutrition and health improvements by working with key actors in three impact pathways: 1) value chains that make more nutritious and safer foods accessible to the poor;

2) stronger and more effective development programs that successfully integrate agriculture, nutrition, and health; and 3) policy that promotes a supportive and enabling cross-sectoral policymaking process and investment environment.



PARTNERS

A4NH is a partnership among 11 CGIAR Centers: Bioversity, CIAT, CIMMYT, CIP, ICARDA, ICRAF, ICRISAT, IFPRI, IITA, ILRI, and WorldFish led by IFPRI. The unique complexity of this program also requires working

across sectors. Partners fall into four broad categories: enablers (policymakers and decisionmakers), development implementers, value-chain actors, and research partners.

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