This one-week blended course on Enhancing Capacities on Nutrition-Sensitive Programming is designed and will be implemented by the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), in partnership with Scaling Up Nutrition Civil Society Network (SUN CSN). SUN is a global movement that envisions a world free from malnutrition in all its forms. Led by governments, civil society, the United Nations, donors, businesses, and researchers, this collective action aims to ensure that every child, adolescent, mother, and families to realize their right to food and nutrition, reach their full potential, and shape sustainable and prosperous societies.

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This course is grounded on IIRR’s decades-long experience in Asia and Africa, addressing malnutrition and hunger. This course is intended for members of SUN Civil Society Alliances and other partners.

This course is intended for professionals in government, civil society organizations including non-governmental organizations (CSOs/NGOs), and the private sector working on agriculture, food security, and nutrition programmes among member-partners of SUN Civil Society Alliances (CSAs) and other networks.

Course Objectives

By the end of this 7-day course (2 days virtual and 5 days face-to-face sessions), participants would have:

1. A thorough understanding of the State of the Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) recognizing the key issues or challenges and its impact to families and communities given the changing environment;

2. Described the concepts of nutrition-sensitive approach (NSA) and nutrition-sensitive programming (NSP), its importance, conceptual framework for action, principles and key strategies;

3. Identified strategic and effective ways in developing and managing nutrition-sensitive programmes and interventions;

4. Described the participatory approaches in engaging communities to participate in community-based nutrition-sensitive programmes and projects; and

5. Formulated an action plan reflecting application of lessons learned and insights gained from the course in line with their national or community’s food security and nutrition context.
Methodology

Module 1. Understanding the State Food Security and Nutrition in the World

The participants will have an overview of the State of the World on Food Security and Nutrition. Focus will be in examining key issues or challenges causing food insecurity, under nutrition and the environment along with various interventions, programmes or projects initiated at global, national or at local levels in meeting food security and the nutritional needs of families and communities.

Session 1: Participants’ Sharing on Organizations’ Interventions, Programmes and Projects
Session 2: State of the Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI)

Module 2. Concepts and Framework of Nutrition-sensitive Approach (NSA) and Nutrition-sensitive Programming (NSP)

Nutrition and Food Security experts and practitioners will be invited to lead an interactive discussion to have a common understanding of basic concepts on NSA/NSP and have an overview of the importance, conceptual framework for action, principles and key strategies in nutrition-sensitive programming.

Session 1: Concepts and Framework for Action on Nutrition-Sensitive Programming
Session 2: An IIRR Experience: Strengthening Capacities on Nutrition-Sensitive Programming

Module 3. Developing and Managing Nutrition-Sensitive Programming

Through roving workshops, the participants will identify ways in developing and managing nutrition-sensitive programmes and projects. They will have an opportunity to learn from other participants on the participatory approaches they were engaged with in designing and enhancing food security and nutrition innovations and programmes or projects in consideration of climate change challenges. They will visit relevant nutrition sensitive program/project/ initiatives implemented by government institutions civil society organizations, and learn from their experiences.

Session 1: Developing and Managing Nutrition-Sensitive Programmes/Projects through visits to Nutrition-Sensitive Programmes/Projects/Initiatives

Module 4. Action Planning

The participants will prepare an action plan identifying programmes or activities taking into account their national or community’s food security and nutrition context to strengthen people’s resilience in coping with threats to food security. Should it be necessary, climate change adaptation and mitigation measures can be integrated in the action plan.

Course Details

Fees
The course fee is USD 2,000 and it covers the course materials, meals, single occupancy accommodation, field visits, and airport transfers. Fees do not include international airfare, laundry and incidental expenses.

Location
IIRR Headquarters, Km. 39 Aguinaldo Highway, Biga 2, Silang, Cavite, Philippines. The visits will be in NSA/NSP projects in communities in a province that will be identified soon.

Date
August 16-17 (Virtual sessions)
August 22-27 (Face-to-face sessions)

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Testimonials

“The training was very timely, significant, valuable and impactful. It delivered on the most relevant contents in regards to the nutrition-sensitive that stirred critical thinking and analysis of programmes prompting generation of action plans. I felt very well-informed from the experience and lessons learned.”

Georgine Obwana, Senior Program Officer
Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition Uganda (CISANU)
Ntinda, Uganda

“The course surpassed my learning expectations and I would like to thank IIRR for ensuring that the training was a success.”

Kudakwashe Zombe, National Coordinator
Zimbabwe Civil Society Organizations Scaling Up Nutrition Alliance (ZCSOSUNA)
Harare, Zimbabwe