



Course focus

The demand for data on impact of policies, programmes and interventions on food and nutrition security is rapidly growing. Both governments and civil society have a need for information on food and nutrition conditions and trends and the impact of policies and interventions. Such monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment are undertaken by governments, NGOs, international agencies and donors.

The course emphasizes the need for careful selection of indicators in designing information support systems at various administrative levels and the scientific rigour required for analysis and interpretation of data collected for robust policy making. Course participants work in groups on designing an information system based on case studies.

Aims and objectives

New insights about:

- The role of food and nutrition security for attaining the MDGs
- The principles of participatory and learning orientated planning, monitoring and evaluation in food and nutrition security
- Creating a learning culture in teams and organizations
- Linking with policy makers and advocacy for food and nutrition security promoting policies.

Strengthened competence to:

- Design an M&E system including impact assessment for food and nutrition security programmes/projects
- Provide support in assessing and enhancing impact of the project / programme / organisation / network.

Clear ideas for:

- Improving M&E systems and impact assessments for food and nutrition security
- Using data obtained from M&E and impact assessment to improve policies and programmes on FNS
- Further strengthening participants' own competency to facilitate participatory planning and M&E processes.

Training methods

The course is job-oriented and the training approach is interactive, experience as well as evidence-based: it provides the participants with the possibility to learn from expert facilitators as well as from each other. Transfer of knowledge goes hand in hand with case studies, working groups, etc. A mix of participants with different backgrounds, yet common interests, will provide a good basis for the exchange of experiences.

Who can participate?

The training programme targets staff of governmental and non-governmental organisations in the following positions:

- Policy and planning staff at the national and sub-national level with responsibility for promoting community and household food and nutrition security within different sectors (agriculture, education, health, community development, local government, planning, etc.)
- Staff working at management and co-ordination level in the planning, management, implementation and monitoring of community food security and nutrition programmes or rural development programmes with nutrition components
- Staff working in action-oriented research, advisory and teaching positions directly relevant to food and nutrition security
- MSc students of Wageningen University



Requirements for admission

Applicants should meet the following requirements:

- BSc. (as a minimum) or its equivalent in the field of food and nutrition, food science, home economics, agriculture, medicine or a related field of study
- At least three years of professional experience related to the theme of the course
- Competence in the English language.

Course programme

This course focuses on the design of information support systems at various levels (from national to household level) for monitoring and evaluating the impacts of food and nutrition security policies and programmes. The training addresses the following topics:

- What entails an M&E system for food and nutrition security and in particular what is needed to do an impact assessment
- Impact assessment in programme design and learning for impact
- Participatory approaches in assessing impact
- Use of different data for M&E
- Interpretation and communication of results of M&E.

Certificate

Participants are granted a Certificate of Attendance.

Fees and accommodation

The tuition fee for this course is € 3600. This includes administration costs and lecture materials, but excludes board and lodging and travel expenses.

Participants will be accommodated at the Hof van Wageningen hotel on the basis of full board and lodging. Prices are available on request.

Application

Interested candidates should always apply to Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation for admission to the training. If you are admitted, you will receive an admission letter within a week. In case you are not admitted we will also inform you.

We strongly recommend early application.

For additional information and online application: http://www.cdi.wur.nl/UK/services/Courses/Overview_Courses_2012/

Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation is unable to assist in obtaining financial support. We encourage applicants to search for own funding.

Nuffic NFP fellowships

A limited number of fellowships is available from Nuffic - the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP) for nationals of certain countries.

In order to apply for such a NFP fellowship, you have to register through the Nuffic [Scholarship Online](#) (SOL) system. Applications for NFP fellowships should be submitted before **1 October 2011**. You will be informed by Nuffic whether your application has been accepted.

More information on the NFP fellowships:

www.cdi.wur.nl/UK/services/Courses/Fellowships
www.nuffic.nl/nfp

Please note that for a valid NFP fellowship application you need to register directly at CDI as well as at Nuffic (SOL). Your fellowship application will **not** be taken into account if you register with only one of these two institutions.

Application deadlines

- The admission deadline for application directly to Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation with other funding, is **4 May 2012**.
- The Nuffic NFP fellowship application deadline is **1 October 2011**, through the Nuffic [Scholarship Online](#) (SOL system).

