SOUTH ASIA FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY INITIATIVE (SAFANSI)
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SAFANSI aims to improve food and nutrition security (FNS) in South Asia through strengthened commitment and increased capacity for more effective and integrated FNS actions.

SAFANSI works in:
- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka
- Regional activities covering two or more countries
SAFANSI Phase II

Explicitly multi-sector, cross-cutting approach with 4 pillars:

- **EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS**: improved evidence and knowledge to establish areas of focus for programming and policies.

- **AWARENESS AND COMMITMENT**: improve awareness amongst and generate commitment from countries.

- **SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY**: stronger in-country and regional capacity through think tanks, networks, and partnership platforms.

- **FOSTERING INNOVATION**: through grassroots initiatives where communities take joint action to achieve food and nutrition security.
DONORS

History

• In 2010, SAFANSI was established, financed by The Department for International Development (DFID), Government of the United Kingdom;

• In 2011, a window established, financed by The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Government of Australia for activities in Nepal

• In 2015, second phase initiated, financed by The Department for International Development (DFID), Government of the United Kingdom and the European Commission (EC)
South Asia Food and Nutrition Security Initiative (SAFANSI)

The South Asia Food and Nutrition Security Initiative (SAFANSI) seeks to address the South Asian Briga—how chronic malnutrition remains intractable despite high economic growth—by fostering the crosscutting actions that will lead to measurable improvements in food and nutrition security (FNS).

The program was created as a targeted step to advance the FNS agenda and foster intersectoral action in the countries of the South Asia region (SAR).

Phase I of SAFANSI was implemented from 2010 to 2015 and at its close, the Program had played a catalytic role in driving the FNS agenda among countries in the region and in enhancing FNS sensitivity within the World Bank work program in SAR.

Much remains to be done to raise awareness and advocacy, build capacity and stimulate behavior change to increase food and nutrition security in the region. The second phase of the SAFANSI Program, which became effective in December 2014, builds on the success and lessons from the first phase to further the FNS agenda.

Improving Food and Nutrition Security

The objective of the South Asia Food and Nutrition Security Initiative Phase II (SAFANSI II) Trust Fund is to improve FNS for individuals and communities in South Asia through a strengthened commitment and increased capacity for
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Dynamics of Rural Growth: Outreach and Dissemination (DROAD)
Project Description

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Project dates: 2016 - 2017
Leveraging Information Technology to achieve better nutritional outcomes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh
Project Description

BANGLADESH
Project dates: 2015 - 2019
Capacity Development in Nutrition Surveillance and Research
Project Description

BANGLADESH
Project dates: 2015 - 2019
Can Conditional Cash Transfers improve child nutrition and cognitive development?
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BHUTAN
Project dates: 2016 - 2019
Capacity development and communication for improved nutrition outcomes in rural households
Project Description

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Program Documents
SAFANSI: The South Asia Food and Nutrition Security Initiative
Food for Thought: Incorporating SAFANSI into Different Sectors

By Country
Afghanistan
Policy Note 1: Case study: enhancing skills for improved infant and young child nutrition - baby friendly village approach - Tilakhar Province, Afghanistan
Policy Note 2: A rapid assessment of iron and folic acid supplementation during pregnancy through the basic package of health services
Policy Note 3: Raising nutrition awareness among young women in Afghanistan through the female youth empowerment initiative
HOW DOES SAFANSI WORK ON FNS IN THE REGION?

- Original research and impact evaluations of programs;
- Analytical support for policy development;
- Technical assistance for program design;
- Supporting networks and knowledge sharing
HOW DOES SAFANSI WORK WITH FNS IN THE REGION?

EVENTS

• Sponsor and/or plan and deliver dissemination events on SAFANSI issues and activities relevant to FNS:
  
  – **SAFANSI knowledge exchange meetings.** SAFANSI uses these meetings to share information about grant activities and findings.
  
  – **Thematic conferences.** SAFANSI will host—preferably in collaboration with local client agencies—conferences focusing on best practice in a particular theme (or the convergence of themes).
SAFANSI ROUNDTABLE SERIES

The *Government Action for Nutrition* is the first in a series of roundtables we plan to have.

Our goal is to hold 2 more events on relevant issues that respond to the demand, bringing with us our partners so that we can continue to build on this discussion alongside interested parties and players in the region.

An ideal outcome would be key public sector, business, donor and civil society decision makers raise the profile of nutrition in their home countries and find effective ways to work together.
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