



GFRAS Update - May 2021

In this edition of the GFRAS Update

We are happy to share the first teaser of its upcoming New Extensionist Learning Kit module on "Integrated Pest Management", developed in partnership with CropLife International. Also on this edition:

- A new series, on GFRAS' Impact Stories illustrating some of the different ways in which GFRAS adds value to the work of local actors;
- GIZ Challenge 2021 - Advisory for Agroecology: how to participate;
- Register now for the GFRAS webinar on "Agroecology & Extension";
- Some NELK modules now also available in Spanish;
- How to register for IALB and EUFRAS' conference on "Life and Agriculture in Transition";
- Nutrition Special: "Including Men in Nutrition" as a GGP Note and a special showcase of the NELK Module on "Nutrition-Sensitive Extension";
- Showcasing Country Fora: Get to know KeFAAS - The Kenya Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services;
- Welcoming GFRAS and YPARD's new team members;

And more! We hope you enjoy this edition of the GFRAS Update!

News from the NELK



Upcoming Module on "Integrated Pest Management"

Agricultural pests cause average losses of 40% of entire crop production, and even more so in low-income countries. Extensionists need to be able to help farmers understand how to manage pests without creating high risks to health and the environment. A NELK module will soon be available to support you. Hear from the author Keith Jones!

[Access it here](#)



Selected modules now available in Spanish

RELASER has worked on the translation of six NELK Modules into Spanish. These modules will be available on the GFRAS website in the upcoming weeks. In this edition you can access the "Risk Mitigation and Adaptation in Extension Advisory Services", including the manual, lecturer's guide, workbook, and presentation.

[Access it here](#)



Showcasing the module on "Nutrition-Sensitive Extension"

What can agricultural extension professionals do to support better nutrition? This module covers the basics of a nutritious diet and the results of poor nutrition, ways that agriculture and nutrition impact each other, things that extensionists can change in order to improve nutrition and how to effectively partner with others working on improving the nutrition of different communities.

[Access it here](#)

Grants and Events



GIZ Challenge: Advisory for Agroecology

This challenge aims to identify and promote new and innovative concepts, ideas, and tools in agricultural advisory services that have the potential to spread agroecological approaches widely.

Awards of 150,000 Euros are available for testing and validating new innovative concepts and ideas integrating agroecological approaches into agricultural advisory services.

The Challenge is open to consortia of public, private and non-profit organizations with long-term experiences in agricultural extension and advisory services. Consortia must be represented by an international institution as the main applicant. A strong private partner involvement and engagement is a further prerequisite.

Deadline for submission: 31 May 2021

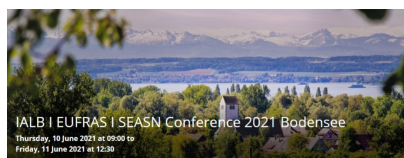
[Apply here](#)



GFRAS upcoming webinar on "Agroecology & Extension"

In support of the GIZ challenge "Advisory for Agroecology", GFRAS is organizing a webinar on "Agroecology & Extension". It aims at discussing how extensionists can support the transformation of food and agriculture systems, address the root causes of problems and provide holistic and long-term solutions based on co-creation of knowledge, sharing and innovation, in a multi-disciplinary way. This webinar will take place on **Tuesday, May 25th 2021**, between 14.00 and 16.00 Swiss/Central Europe time.

[Register now](#)



IALB/EUFRAS/SEASN Conference: Life and Agriculture in Transition - Registrations Open!

How can advisors contribute to strengthening resilience?

Urgent environmental challenges, the megatrends of healthy living, and digitalisation affect agricultural business concepts as much as the life of every individual. In a crisis, developments accelerate. The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear how important it is to become crisis-resistant also in advisory services. How have advisors reacted in this situation? How have they managed to stand by their clients, especially in times of crisis?

Register now for the online IALB conference to be held between 9 and 11 June 2021! Registration costs €40.

[Register now](#)

Global Good Practice Notes



Including Men in Nutrition

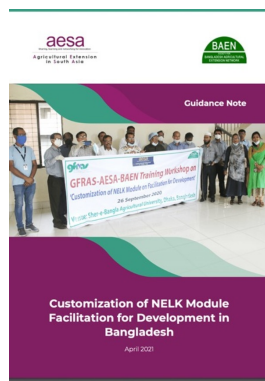
Men often have priority when it comes to food: they may eat before everyone else and enjoy the most nutritious food. This exposes women and girls to a range of harmful physical and emotional health outcomes.

Integrating men in nutrition initiatives helps turn this situation around. By virtue of their power and privilege, men are in a prime position to tackle malnutrition in their own homes and in the broader community.

This GGP Note presents lessons elicited through discussions in selected countries.

[Access it here](#)

News from the Networks & Partners



AESA and BAEN Guidance Note on NELK Customization

The Agricultural Extension in South Asia (AESA) Network and the Bangladesh Agricultural Extension Network (BAEN) developed this guidance note to share their experiences with customising a NELK Module to the Bangladeshi context in hopes it will inspire others who are keen on customising the varied NELK modules to specific countries.

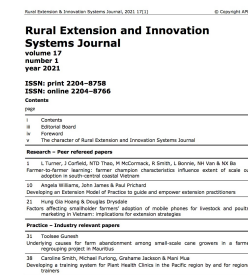
[Download it here!](#)



DLEC Community of Practice Meeting Recordings

The Feed the Future Developing Local Extension Capacity (DLEC) project recently wrapped up a three-day Annual Community of Practice convening. More than 150 people joined the event and participated in sessions encouraging learning, sharing, reflecting and networking. Sessions were recorded and made available on YouTube.

[Read more](#)

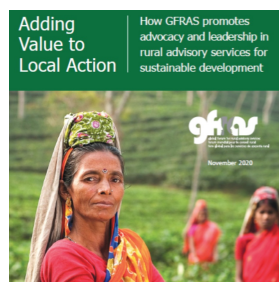


Latest Edition of REIS Journal

The Rural Extension and Innovation Systems Journal is published by the Australasia-Pacific Extension Network (APEN). Its purpose is to support innovation and practice change in primary industries and natural resource management relevant to Australia, New Zealand and the broader Australasia-Pacific Region. It focuses on extension aspects of agribusiness systems and natural resource systems.

[Download it here!](#)

GFRAS Impact Stories



Policy Impact & Advocacy in the Philippines

The Philippines government is in the process of drawing up legislation to guide national policy, standards and funding for RAS through an extension bill. This includes setting qualification standards and establishing a clear career path for extension employees. Discussions held under the auspices of GFRAS and the Asia-Pacific Islands Rural Advisory Services Network (APIRAS) have raised awareness of the New Extensionist paradigm and NELK is now being taken up in the curricula of state colleges, universities and other, non-formal education programmes.

Welcoming new members to the GFRAS and YPARD Secretariat!



Genna Tesdall, Director for YPARD

Genna Tesdall is an agriculture systems thinker taking on projects to sustain the environment and people, now as the incoming director of YPARD.

Before joining YPARD, she was the agricultural policy officer at the German Rural Youth Association. As a Fulbright Researcher (2018), she focused on youth involvement in agricultural policy and was the former president (2013-14) of the International Association of Agriculture and Related Sciences Students (IAAS). She is a graduate of Iowa State (2015) and Penn State Universities (2018) with a M.Sc. in Plant Pathology and International Agriculture and Development.

Glindys Luciano, Network Engagement Coordinator for GFRAS and YPARD

Glindys Virginia Luciano (GVL) is an interdisciplinary scientist focused on food systems.

She holds a B.A. (2016) and an MSc. (2021) In Food Processing and Agriculture Development from the Czech University of Life Sciences.

Glindys is driven to be a food systems leader and believes that the first step to change is evaluating our individual actions and their impact on the environment but also on other beings. She believes that proving youth, indigenous people, and POC communities are crucial to properly transform the way we produce, access, and consume the foods we eat.

Country Fora Showcase: KeFAAS



Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services - Kenya

KeFAAS is a network organization whose core objective is to bring all the players in the agricultural extension in Kenya under one framework. The rationale of the network organization is that the sector lacks coordination and consultative machinery resulting into duplication of efforts and resources.

It envisions a robust agricultural extension and advisory services and its mission is to improve delivery of agricultural extension and advisory services by harnessing and developing capacities.

It is a membership organization drawn from Academia, researcher, development agencies, farmers organization, private sector players, and local and international NGOs.

KeFAAS is currently involved in the pilot testing of the IPM module developed by GFRAS and CropLife International.

[Visit KeFAAS](#)

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