Introduction

Nutrition-sensitive agriculture can advance progress in positive nutrition outcomes (Ruel & Alderman 2013). The Agriculture to Nutrition (ATONU) Project is answering the question of what agriculture programmes and projects can do to deliver positive nutrition outcomes. The ATONU Project is providing Technical Assistance (TA) through decision-making frameworks to integrate nutrition into existing and pipeline agricultural development projects.

The ATONU Project has developed tools to: (i) select agriculture projects which offer the best opportunities for integrating nutrition; (ii) select, design and implement context-specific Nutrition-Sensitive Interventions (NSIs); and (iii) design monitoring and impact evaluation mechanisms for selected NSIs. The focus here is to select context-specific NSIs.

NSI Selection Tool

This tool helps practitioners to select the farming system, identify areas where the project is intervening, and identify and select potential NSIs that are in line with the project’s focus and/or original design.

Instructions:

• Before exploring the NSI selection tool, kindly consult the "User Guide".
• If you still experience some difficulty, send us an e-mail using “Request for support” icon

STEP 1:

• Select the Farming System of interest as an entry point to identify and possible NSIs.
• For example, for a Crop project, click the Crops Icon and follow the prompts.

STEP 2:

Select the objective of the project. If the project has multiple objectives, continue with exploring the same objective till STEP 4; thereafter choose another objective and project activities to add other NSIs of interest.

STEP 3:

Select the specific objective(s) to enable selection of the NSI. To explore other activity from this objective, use “Back Button” after STEP 4.

STEP 4:

• Select the relevant NSI category for each of the specific objectives of interest by “clicking the check box”.
• To add more dimensions, explore additional categories by going back to STEP 2 and to explore project activities go back to STEP 3.

STEP 5:

• To finalize your selection of NSIs, after the step below, the list can be viewed by using the “View Potential NSIs Bucket” icon.
• To see how NSI categories are ranked, click the “NSI Category Rankings” icon.

### NSI Selection Tool

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<td>Women's Decision Making over Production</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
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<td>Women's Access to Productive Resources</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
<td>LOW</td>
<td>Strengthen community-managed financial schemes</td>
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<td>Women's Control over Use of Income and Expenditures</td>
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<td>Improved Technologies</td>
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<td>Train agrodealers in promoting use of nutrient-rich fertilizers</td>
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<td>Access and Availability of Diverse Foods</td>
<td>LOW</td>
<td>LOW</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
<td>Promote biofortified seed varieties</td>
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<td>Nutrition Social and Behavioral Change</td>
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<td>HIGH</td>
<td>IRB training to agrodealers on importance of nutrition, diverse diets</td>
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NSI Category Rankings

View Potential NSIs Bucket
Reference


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