

Making social assistance programmes work for nutrition: the ISPA-FSN tool



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OBJECTIVES OF THIS SESSION

- Explain the interlinkages between social protection and nutrition outcomes, with a special focus on social assistance;
- familiarize learners with the usefulness of the ISPA-FSN tool for the assessment of social assistance programmes; and
- present the two elearning courses of the series “Making social assistance programmes work for nutrition: The ISPA-FSN tool”.

SPEAKERS

This technical webinar will be delivered by **Ms Lynnette Neufeld** (FAO), **Ms Patrizia Fracassi** (FAO), **Mr Ahmed Raza** (FAO), **Ms Giulia Palma** (FAO), and moderated by **Ms Cristina Petracchi**, Leader of the FAO elearning Academy.



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Lynnette Neufeld, Director of the Food and Nutrition Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is a Canadian national with over twenty-five years of experience in the field of nutrition. She served as Director of the Division of Nutritional Epidemiology at the National Institute of Public Health of Mexico (INSP), Director of Technical Services and Chief Technical Advisor at the Micronutrient Initiative and Director of Knowledge Leadership at the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN). She holds a Doctor of Philosophy in International Nutrition and a Master of Science in Nutrition from Cornell University in the United States.



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Cristina Petracchi heads the FAO elearning Academy. She manages and coordinates the design, development, delivery and language adaptations of an extensive portfolio of elearning courses and blended learning programmes for the benefit of FAO member countries and is responsible for the creation of University Masters' and Post Graduate Degree Programmes. She engages actively in consolidating partnerships across United Nations agencies, academic institutions and universities, regional organizations, CSOs and NGOs, for capacity development initiatives. In addition to a University Degree in Biological Sciences, Ms Petracchi holds a PhD in Nutrition and Food Science, and has several years of experience in capacity development activities in several countries.

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