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**Towards evidence-based change: Conceptualising research uptake in nutrition-sensitive agriculture science-policy interface**

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**Objectives/aims**

To combat all forms of malnutrition, Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture (NSA) is recognised by scientists as a potential route, but policy uptake is limited especially in South Asia. Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia (LANSA) research programme consortium identified evidence of enabling environment for NSA in South Asia, and Research Uptake (RU) reached out to multi-sector, multi-level stakeholders across policy and practice in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. The study aims to unravel evidence of research-to-policy and practice strategies, also processes for the uptake of nutrition-sensitive agriculture in the four LANSA-focus countries in South Asia.

**Methods**

A systematic review of scientific literature was undertaken and RAPID framework was used to conceptually identify search terms and concepts. Findings were systematically synthesised in themes to present a pattern around the complexity, barriers and facilitators for research to impact NSA policy

**Main findings**

The paper finds that RU under LANSA had developed the 4E pragmatic framework to manage research to policy complexities in South Asia. The framework is explained using RU practice examples to understanding NSA stakeholder perspectives to ensure evidence is taken up by the end-user. The study concludes that for cross-disciplinary research to policy processes – particularly for NSA, end-user perspectives and engagement, coupled with contextual knowledge is necessary for policy and practice uptake.