

# IFPRI's 2024 Global Food Policy Report on Food Systems for Healthy Diets and Nutrition



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10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Manila time (GMT+8)

Hybrid | Room 6A107, ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines

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## Background

This event, co-organized by the Asian Development Bank and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) will present an overview of IFPRI's 2024 Global Food Policy Report on Food Systems for Healthy Diets and Nutrition. This report examines a diverse set of food system solutions to improve diet and nutrition outcomes while also considering the environmental impact of food systems. The report draws on research conducted by IFPRI, CGIAR and partners to explore issues such as how demand-side approaches and changes in food environments can support healthy dietary choices, the need to increase the affordability and supply of nutrient-dense foods as well as how effective governance can help achieve positive change. In regional chapters, the findings are contextualized, and critical challenges and opportunities are highlighted for each region. During this event, the contextualized findings for the East and Southeast Region will be featured.

## Speakers



*Deanna Olney, Director, Nutrition Diets and Health Unit, IFPRI*

Deanna Olney is the Director of the Nutrition, Diets and Health Unit at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and leads the CGIAR Research Initiative: Fruit and Vegetables for Sustainable Healthy Diets (FRESH). She also serves on the leadership team for the Resilient Cities CGIAR Research Initiative. She has a Ph.D. in Nutritional Biology from the University of California, Davis and has over 20 years of experience working in the field of international nutrition across Latin America, Asia and Africa. Her research focuses on understanding the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of food system and multisectoral approaches to improving diet, nutrition, health, and well-being outcomes. In addition to seeking to understand the impact and cost-effectiveness of different types of approaches, she works closely with a wide range of stakeholders to support the translation of evidence into action.



***Neha Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, Nutrition Diets and Health Unit, IFPRI***

Neha Kumar is a Senior Research Fellow in the Nutrition, Diets, and Health Unit at IFPRI. Neha is an economist by training and has an accumulated expertise that spans the diverse sectors of agriculture, social protection, gender, and nutrition-focused programs. Since joining IFPRI, she has been involved in several complex and multidimensional impact evaluations, including social protection programs like the Productive Safety Net Program in Ethiopia, agriculture-nutrition interventions such as the HarvestPlus-funded biofortified Orange Sweet Potato program in Uganda and Mozambique and the Improved Vegetables and Fish Technology Intervention in Bangladesh. She has expertise and substantial experience with using state-of-the-art econometric techniques for impact evaluation. Neha holds a PhD in Economics from Boston University.



***Phuong Hong Nguyen, Senior Research Fellow, Nutrition Diets and Health Unit, IFPRI***

Phuong Hong Nguyen is a Senior Research Fellow in the Nutrition, Diets, and Health Unit. Her research interests are in the area of maternal and child health and nutrition. Dr. Nguyen is involved in the Measurement, Learning and Evaluation component of Alive & Thrive, a multi-year initiative funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to promote optimal infant and young child feeding practices in several countries. In this capacity, Dr. Nguyen manages the Viet Nam- and Bangladesh-based evaluation activities, including cluster-randomized impact evaluation, mixed-method process evaluation, and costing research. Currently Dr. Nguyen is a team leader of the Data and Evidence to Support Policy Implementation component for POSHAN II (Partnerships and Opportunities to Strengthen and Harmonize Actions for Nutrition). She is also leading the evaluation for Maternal Nutrition Interventions in Bangladesh and India.

## Program

Time	Activity
10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Qingfeng Zhang</i> , Senior Director, Agriculture, Food, Nature and Rural Development Sector Office, ADB
10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	<b>Overview of IFPRI's 2024 Global Food Policy Report</b> <i>Deanna Olney</i> , Director, Nutrition Diets and Health Unit, IFPRI
10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Demand-side approaches: Supporting healthier food choices</b> <i>Neha Kumar</i> , Senior Research Fellow, Nutrition Diets and Health Unit, IFPRI
10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	<b>East and Southeast Asia</b> <i>Phuong Hong Nguyen</i> , Senior Research Fellow, Nutrition Diets and Health Unit, IFPRI
10:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	<b>Discussion</b> Led by <i>Shingo Kimura</i> , Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Economist, ADB
10:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
10:55 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <i>Wendy Walker</i> , Director, Human and Social Development, ADB
<b>Moderator:</b> <i>Shingo Kimura</i> , Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Economist, ADB	