This program aims to encourage IFNA’s activities in Africa to contribute to the nutrition improvement through agriculture and rural development. This course is designed for tackling nutrition improvement through agriculture to strengthen participants’ capacity for conducting nutrition improvement through agriculture program. Participants shall have opportunities to identify approaches and strategies to enhance effectiveness of nutrition programs. Through lecture, site visits, discussion and formulation of action plans. Participants are expected to promote agricultural intervention for nutrition improvement in their organization after returning to respective country by using the knowledge and ideas gained from this program.

### Objective/Outcome

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**[Preliminary Phase in a participant’s home country]**

1. Preparation of an Inception Report which includes basic information of a participating organization and malnutrition situation and its causes.
2. Preparation of Inception Report presentation materials

**[Core Phase in Japan]**
Lectures, practice, field visits and discussions according to the module outputs are provided.
- Basics of the malnutrition (types, tendency, criterion, etc.)
- Multi-sectorial approach (agriculture, health, education, and private sectors etc)
- Life improvement approach
- People-centered, community based approach
- Making Action plan etc.

### Target Organization / Group

**[Target Organization]**
Central government agencies in the agricultural sector, health sector, or education sector which are involved in nutrition improvement through agriculture and rural development

**[Target Group]**
1. Current Duties: officials of a national government agencies involved in policy making concerning nutrition improvement through agriculture or rural development
2. Experience in the relevant field: have more than 3 years’ experience
3. Have a competent command of spoken and written English/French
4. Age: 30-45 years old

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### Remarks and Website

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