

International course

HIV and food and nutrition security



Mitigating the effects of the epidemic through a rights-based approach

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Although the AIDS epidemic has been forced into decline, the number of people living with HIV continues to increase. The access to antiretroviral therapy is globally increasing, resulting that people are living longer and healthier lives. Food and nutrition security is vital to continue this positive trend. Lack of food and nutrition security undermines the adherence to the anti-retroviral therapy and may hasten the progression to the AIDS phase. At the same time it also reduce the productivity and working capacity of people living with HIV, sending them in a downwards spiral of malnutrition, ill-health and food and nutrition insecurity.

HIV/AIDS as a cause of food and nutrition insecurity

Despite the success of 15.8 million people accessing anti-retroviral therapy, still an unacceptable high number of people are getting newly infected with HIV. In 2014, 1.2 million people died from AIDS related deaths. Food and nutrition security is of fundamental importance in this context. Good nutrition will keep people living with HIV healthier for longer and reduces the risk of HIV infection and transmission.

Communities depending on agriculture for their livelihoods, in particularly, have been affected by the epidemic, given the implications of reduced labour power compromising the ability of affected individual, households and communities to feed themselves. The response to the AIDS epidemic need to be holistic, multi-sectorial, and grounded in the three fundamental principles: prevention, care and treatment.

Fee:	3,875 Euro
Deadline subscription:	15 August 2016
Deadline NFP/MENA fellowships:	22 March 2016



This course focus on the interrelationship between food, nutrition security and HIV using a Human Rights-Based Approach. It discusses the actions that can be taken to provide nutrition security to people living with HIV, their families and communities. The objective of this course are to:

- have insight into the medical aspects of HIV. AIDS and their relation to nutritional status;
- understand the interrelation between food and nutrition security and HIV;
- have strengthened your competence to design a program to address the negative impacts of HIV on food and nutrition security, using a Human Right-Based Approach;
- have clear ideas on how to lobby/advocate to integrate HIV in policies and programmes.

We invite professionals with a BSc (as a minimum) or its equivalent in the field of food and nutrition, food science, home economics, agriculture, medicine or a related field of study who are proficient in English. You are working at least 3 years for a governmental and local non-governmental organisation at national and sub-national level in the area of HIV and AIDS and food and nutrition security in the following positions:

- policy and planning staff with responsibility for promoting community and household food and nutrition security for PLWH within different sectors (agriculture, education, health, community development, local government, planning, etc.);
- staff working at management and co-ordination level in the planning, management and implementation of community food security and nutrition programmes or rural development programmes with a HIV/AIDS component;
- Staff working in action-oriented research, advisory and teaching positions directly relevant to HIV/AIDS and food and nutrition security.

Develop insights & work on your cases

The course is highly interactive, building on the participant's own experiences and cases. As a participant you will take home: tangible results for your cases and new in-depth insights to address food and nutrition security issues using a Human Rights-Based Approach.

Central in **the course programme** is how one can apply a Human Rights-Based Approach in interventions to mitigate the effects of HIV on food and nutrition security. The course addresses the following topics:

- vulnerability analysis of PLWH;
- stakeholder's roles as duty-bearer and right-holder;
- nutritional aspects of PLWH;
- how to lobby/advocate to integrate HIV in policies and programs;
- how to design an intervention to improve the food and nutrition security status of PLWH.



Further practical information

- **Application**, the procedure is:
 - 1) Apply at the website of CDI, Wageningen UR:** www.wageningenur.nl/cdi
You will receive a confirmation and more information within a week. Early application is recommended as some procedures to finalise subscription (f.e. funding, visa) can take some time.
 - 2) CDI** is unable to assist you in obtaining financial support, however if you want to apply for a **NFP/MENA Fellowship**, CDI will provide you with the full instructions and the web address for registration in **ATLAS**. ATLAS is the online application form for an NFP / MENA Fellowship. You can check the eligibility at www.nuffic.nl/nfp or www.nuffic.nl/mena. A limited number of scholarships is available. As this application process takes time and requires several documents, we recommend that you **start as soon as possible**.
- **Accommodation:** Hof van Wageningen, Wageningen, The Netherlands. For prices, see the cost estimate on our website. **NFP / MENA Fellowships include** travel and full board and lodging.
- **Fee** includes all course related costs (materials, excursions, administration).
- Participants will be awarded with a **Certificate of attendance**. The programme of the course might be changed to incorporate new insights.

Proven concepts & state-of-the-art science and methodology For an overview of all the courses visit our website: www.wageningenur.nl/cdi. More than 20,000 participants have gained access to the latest insights from research and best practices. From September 2013, all participants of our courses offered in Wageningen will use tablets as a learning tool.

