

Suzanne Gervais

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Biography

Biographical Statement

Suzanne has followed a professional path combining academic and consultancy activities that focus on nutrition education and integrative food security interventions at the domestic and international levels.

Her first research interest lies in the integration of agriculture, health and nutrition in food security interventions in developing countries to enhance outcomes of interventions on child nutrition. Secondly, at the domestic level, she participates in collaborative engaged research to develop and evaluate community nutrition education programs and to promote, support and research community organizing for sustainable community food system for food security/.

Her past studies included a participatory action research in Burkina Faso engaging community leaders in the development of a local food security surveillance system leading to effective actions that reduced hunger and food insecurity at the household level. That study examined the determinants of action in decision-makers at the community and household levels.

Professional

Current Professional Activities

Professional Society: American Society of Nutritional Sciences

Research

Current Research Activities

Food Dignity: This project identifies, develops and evaluates scalable strategies for organizing sustainable community food system to produce food security and expands the local and academic capacities to catalyze, support and research these local food systems in five community sites in the US.

Systematic review of documentation by Food Security projects funded under USAID Title II mechanism. This review examines how projects report the

processes of integration of agriculture and nutrition activities toward achieving positive nutrition outcomes in targeted households and especially in young children.

In Haiti my research activities look at quality implementation of a model of delivering prenatal care to hard to reach populations through a system of mobile clinics as well as the examination of models to deliver interventions to prevent child malnutrition and community management of acute malnutrition by NGOs. It also examines how these NGOs can hand over such activities to the ministry of health while building the ministry's capacity to deliver these services to the population. Many of these assessments integrate stakeholders' workshop using the Program Assessment Guide (<http://www.a2zproject.org/pdf/PAG.pdf>) providing opportunities to evaluate this new tool.

Extension

Current Extension Activities

The Food Dignity project extends support to community sites that conduct their own research about how they organize and how they shape their local food system and assists in documenting these community organizing efforts and processes in the format of case studies.

Education

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Ph. D. 2006 Cornell University, Human Nutrition
M.S. 1993 Université Laval (Canada), Nutrition
B.S. 1990 University of Ottawa (Canada), Biochemistry / Nutrition

Courses

Courses Taught

2009 to present : Nutrition course in the Masters of Public Health program at Quisqueya University, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

2007 to 2010: NS6350 Introduction to Community Nutrition Research for Dietetic Interns

Websites

Related Websites

www.fooddignity.org

Administration

Publications
