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## OPENING REMARKS

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April Thompson - Agrilinks: Hello everyone, and welcome to today's presentation! We will start in about a half-hour. In the meantime, feel free to start introducing yourselves here.

Ashrafal Amin: Hello everyone, this is Ashrafal Amin from UNWFP Regional Bureau Johannesburg

Robert Mwadime 2: Robert Mwadime from Uganda Integrated Agriculture and Nutrition (ICAN) Activity of USAID

Roberto Jiménez Espinal: Hi, I am Roberto Jiménez, Technical Advisor in the Inclusive Market Project, implemented by Swisscontact in La Paz, Bolivia.

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Hi Robert and Ashrafal

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Greetings Roberto!

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Glad you all could join us today.

Roberto Jiménez Espinal: Hi Adam and April, it's our pleasure. I can hear you around, so things seem to be all right!

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Great! We have a blended event today, with part of our audience here in person in the Reagan Building of Washington, DC.

Joanne Beach: My name is Joanne Beach. I am the Director of Justice and Compassion for the Christian & Missionary Alliance in Canada. I am on the Canadian Foodgrains Bank Board and oversee our Ag and Livelihood programming

indra klein: Good morning/afternoon all. indra klein, independent consultant, DC

indra klein: LOVE USAID events!

Alisher Iuldoshev: Hello everyone, My name is Alisher. I am one 31 of Rural Service Providers who promote organic movement and food security

indra klein: Aw, end of the year push with clients...

indra klein: Missed all of you...

Ezinne Emeana: Hello Everyone, nice to be part of this webinar today

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Hi Ezinne, so glad to have you with us!

Ezinne Emeana: Thank you Adam

Diana McLean: Hello All. Diana here from the Cornucopia Group, Canada

Joseph A B Obilu 2: Joseph Obilu: Good to be part of this webinar!

Richard Tinsley: dick Tinsley in Colorado

Gabby Levet: Gabby Levet here in Washington, DC!

Emmanuel Dusabimana: Hello, glad to join you

Emmanuel Dusabimana: I am in Uganda

indra klein: Will we have access to docs for download?

Elizabeth Cuellar: Good morning everyone, Eli Cuellar from TANGO International in Tucson  
AZ

Elizabeth Dunn: Hi, Elizabeth Dunn, joining from Heifer Intl in Little Rock, Arkansas

Anne Swindale: Anne Swindale, USAID BFS Washington DC

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Yes, Indra - in the next layout you'll see files for download.  
Starting soon!

Joseph A B Obilu 2: Hi I am Frederic Jean Guerrier Join From Haiti

Abdul Montazir: Good morning all - Montazir from Richmond ,VA

Joanne Beach: Joining from Toronto, Canada on behalf of my teammates in Niamey, Niger who  
don't have reliable internet

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Hi Anne and Elizabeths!

Natalie Parke: Hi, I'm Natalie with Fonkoze in Haiti, though joining from DC

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Abdul, from my home town!

Carl Wahl: Carl Wahl, Concern Worldwide Agriculture Adviser

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Hi Joanne, so great you could join on behalf of your team. They  
can always look at the transcripts etc. after the event.

Annah Latane: Annah Latané, joining from RTI in N.C.

Chiara Ambrosino: Chiara from iDE, joining from London, UK

Raghunathan Narayanan: I am Raghunathan, From Vrutti - working with smallholder agri value  
chains

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Hello Annah, Natalie, Chiara, and Raghunathan! We have all the time zones covered!

Gilvan Ramos: Hi everyone, I am Gilvan Ramos from La Paz, Bolivia

April Thompson - Agrilinks: You'll see file downloads and links in the bottom left to some of the resources referenced in the presentation.

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Bienvenudos, Gilvan!

Erin Milner: Greetings, this is Erin Milner, USAID Global Health, Washington DC

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Hi Erin!

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Hope everyone can hear ok - we're getting started now.

susan bornstein: Greetings all. Susan Bornstein from the BOMA Project in DC

Karine: Hi everyone ! this is Karine with the Center for Resilience at USAID

Sophie Javers: Hi everyone, Sophie here from the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Assets and Market Access out at UCDavis

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Karine is here next to me in the "control room" of the event and will be helping answering your questions.

Lucy Kozmova: Hi everyone, it's Lucy from Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) International

Trent Blare: Hi Everyone! I am Trent from CIMMYT in Texcoco Mexico

Karyn Fox: Hello all, Karyn Fox from TANGO International, based in DC

indra klein: Thx for all of the docs...

Nefra Faltas: Greetings all, Nefra Faltas, Child Health Advisor with USAID's Global Health Bureau, Office of Maternal & Child Health & Nutrition

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Welcome, Nefra. It's great to see people coming from various sectors of development, as this is such a cross-cutting set of issues we'll be discussing today!

Joanna Upton: Greetings, Joanna Upton chiming in from Cornell University.

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Sound great, Tiffany!

Gwyneth Cotes: Hi everyone - Gwyneth Cotes from the USAID Advancing Nutrition project in DC

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Welcome Gwyneth and Joanna! All, do feel free to type any questions or comments in the chat box here. We will have time for Q&A at the end, and some questions may be addressed by Center for Resilience staff in the chat box as well.

Joseph A B Obilu 2: sound is not clear here in Haiti. there is an echo

Ezinne Emeana: I am joining from UK and I am an agroecology and food security researcher at the

Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience

Rédjino MOMPRESMIER: Hi everyone! Glad to join! I am Redjino in University of Florida. Graduate

Research Assistant at the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department.

Malika Bounfour: Greetings from Morocco

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Joseph, you may have two live audio feeds. Please hover over the AV Tech name and start a private chat to troubleshoot further.

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Salut Redjino and Malika!

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Joseph (meaning in the attendee list in the upper right box)

Joseph A B Obilu 2: It's now good

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Good to hear!

April Thompson - Agrilinks: You can see the presentation full screen by clicking on the box with the four arrows in the Webinar Presentation menu bar.

Guillermo Gonzalez: Hi! Guillermo González joining from Guatemala, working on FeedtheFuture PHLIL with local partner SHARE Guatemala.

Malika Bounfour: bonjour April

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Fantastic, Guillermo! Love the lab work on post-harvest loss.

Evelyn Ifeyinwa Ezeagu: Greetings from Nigeria

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Welcome, Evelyn! Glad you could join us.

Rédjino MOMPRESMIER: There is some French here. Ok. Bonjour April. Merci de m'accueillir!

Daud Siwalaze: Greetings from Tanzania

Daud Siwalaze: from USAID Data for Development

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Pas de quoi! J'adore pratiquer mon français et accueillir tous les francophones! : )

Evelyn Ifeyinwa Ezeagu: Thank you April

Roberto Jiménez Espinal: Vidya refers to a Report "The Chronic Poverty report", Is there a way to access to this report?

Guillermo Gonzalez: Thanks April!

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Karibu, Daud!

Daud Siwalaze: Thank you April! I'm Glad to hear Swahili! Ahsante sana

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Roberto, that is on the ODI website - if you click on the first link in the link box you should be able to find it from there.

Roberto Jiménez Espinal: Al right, I will search it in the link yo mention. Thank you!

April Thompson - Agrilinks: The second link you can find a collection of all the case studies released to date under the research project discussed today. There are three more to come in the coming few weeks.

AV Tech: To enlarge the slide, hover your mouse over the four arrows button at the top right side of the presentation window

Richard Tinsley: is the labor intensive manufacturing in Bangladesh also include increased mechanization in agriculture

indra klein: With regard to small stakeholders or those too impoverished to own land, would you touch

upon collaborative efforts that are helping better leverage resources and control costs that may facilitate stability?

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Hi Dick, do check out the Bangladesh report and see the methodological details there... not too sure off the top of our heads!

Richard Tinsley: if not accompanied by ag mechanization you would have lower yield and greater food insecurity

Tom Kipruto: This is Tom Kipruto from Kenya. Implementing the Child Health and Mortality

## Prevention Surveillance Project

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Hi Tom, thanks for joining - you can download the presentation from the file downloads if you want to catch up !

Aracely Castro: Good morning! This is Aracely Castro from Honduras, Independent Consultant on Agricultural Landscapes & Society

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Morning, Aracely!

indra klein: Irrigation issue: To what degree are manufacturers/corporation participating in in-kind donor capacity, to include tech assistance?

Karine: Hi Indra, USAID is increasingly engaging with the private sector on many fronts. I am not sure about the specifics on irrigation. thanks

indra klein: Healthcare: Is drugs shortages an issue? If so has it impacted cost of drugs?

indra klein: @Karine, thx

Karine: Thanks Indra, these issues are there but very specific to contexts and countries.

indra klein: With regard to registering people into health insurance/services programs, were there any buy0in and trust issues?

Tiffany: @indra, these analyses are the results of the analyses of large-scale secondary datasets, complemented by qualitative inquiry. We can ask the presenters whether trust of the health system emerged in the qualitative work.

indra klein: @Tiffany, thx

Gilvan Ramos: Funding for reproductive / maternal health has been historically more available than

funding for mental health (including alcoholism)

Roberto Jiménez Espinal: true

Gilvan Ramos: That is so much for external funds as for internal funds, most governments in developing countries do not invest in mental health

Mary Vandenbroucke: If I recall correctly, years ago the World Bank did studies also demonstrating that

a "health Crisis" was a key and acute cause of pushing families down to a lower economic quintile.. So that data also supports Andrew's presentation.

Nefra Faltas: In terms of the resilience impacts of disability, I didn't catch whether there were there data on whose disability within a given HH yielded the greatest negative impact. Or was the disability question simply a yes/no question at the HH level (e.g., measuring whether just \*anyone\* in the HH was disabled).

Karine: HI Nefra,

Karine: I dont have the answer - would you like the question to be posed to the presenters now?

Nefra Faltas: If time allows, thanks!

indra klein: With regard to work/employment, for those not opting agriculture as an option, what types of jobs are being taken? Have any of these jobs contributed to negative impact on health?

Nirinjaka Ramasinjatovo: could the team expand on how they measured resilience and wellbeing please? I.e. more details on how these were calculated

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Good questions... keep them coming, we will see how many we can address!

Elizabeth Cuellar: Glad to hear about the importance of context when discussing psychosocial health.

Did the research show how some social norms improved resilience trajectories in the case study countries?

Mary Vandembroucke: Another comment: When I worked in a rural area, we used "traditonal healers" (rather than trained CHWs) to work with us on mental health issues, combining

"Western medicine" with traditional medicine in a nice partnership with referrals back and forth that also then built trust and even more collaboration.

Raghunathan Narayanan: Very good presentations and perspectives. Thank you.

Raghunathan Narayanan: The recommendations are about coming out with solutions that are integrated and multifaceted.; and multi layered. But when it comes to projects and programmes, these are limited to 'esay' way to implement and 'easier way to monitor and evalute'. We don t get into 'complex' programmes. How do we break this?

Malika Bounfour: Do you know of cases where policies helped change/impact norms especially for mental health and physical handicaps

Roberto Jiménez Espinal: Well, perhaps "easy" should not be the term, but simple. not complex interventions.

indra klein: Would you touch upon methods used to promote programs & encourage enrollment and participation?

Elizabeth Cuellar: Hi Mary Vandembroucke - do you mind sharing a link to that study with traditional healers?

Malika Bounfour: what method to measure these impacts of policies on social norms for mental health especially for very poor

Mary Vandembroucke: Another area that could be considered where appropriate for dealing with alcoholism is working with FBOs. I've seen that work as well in urban and periurban settings with an AA type approach as well as responsible parenting and considerations of GBV and mental and physical violence against children. In a rural area getting the local municipality and extended family and other local groups involved also was effective. I think tho that any approach has to be adapted to the local setting and resources to change norms and behaviors.

Nefra Faltas: With respect to Andrew's comment on the relative importance of "practical skills" vs. education, could he comment on the importance of basic literacy skills (as I wouldn't necessarily consider basic literacy skills building as 'education' formally speaking).

Tiffany: @nefra. totally agree. we have evidence showing the importance of functional literacy and functional numeracy

Richard Tinsley: does all this promotion of public sector greatly financial capacity to implement? is their a tax base to support this?

Mary Vandembroucke: @ Elizabeth Cuellar- Sorry but I don't have any study-- my comment was based on

my experience and that of others working in a rural context. I'll be happy to talk with you about it if you wish.

indra klein: Is secondary ed based on traditional format or include tvet?

indra klein: With regard to context, thoughts on how NGOs have better conveyed data to Western supporters , especially with regard to Western perceptions?

Elizabeth Cuellar: Hi Mary - thank you for your response, I will reach out separately!

indra klein: Thoughts on evolution of health care coverage -- improvements? lowered costs? access?

Nefra Faltas: Many thanks

Karine: you are welcome Nefra!

Raghunathan Narayanan: Thanks a lot Andrew. Agree with the point of view of context specificity, resource implication, and capacity. Degree of integration , good concept. Example of Social Proection and Fin INclusion - yes. We have some examples of this. worked with BMGF on this.. Also through our model - 3Fold for smalholder agriculture. will rea

indra klein: @USAID & presenters, thank you for another GREAT presentation!

April - Agrilinks: Poll time! Just a few more minutes of Q&A remain. Please do give us your input.

April - Agrilinks: Glad you enjoyed Indra! Appreciate everyone tuning in and sharing their experiences as well.

indra klein: With regard to country perceptions (affluent/middle class) to that of poor (urban & rural), has there been any push back or resentments?

Evelyn Ifeyinwa Ezeagu: Thank you. for the presentation Kindly send the webinar and survey after the program. Network is fluctuating seriously.

Malika Bounfour: great presentations clear and straight forward

Alisher Iuldoshev: thanks for presentation!

April - Agrilinks: Evelyn, within two weeks' time you'll get an email with links to all the event resources

April - Agrilinks: Thanks all!

Malika Bounfour: thanks for the session -

Elizabeth Cuellar: Thank you for a great presentation and a great discussion.

Gilvan Ramos: Thank you for this session, it was great to participate

indra klein: @Andrew, perhaps donors are NOT fully aware of mental health & its immense impact contributing to poverty

Evelyn Ifeyinwa Ezeagu: Ok, though two weeks is such a long time.

Roberto Jiménez Espinal: I am about to leave. Thank you everybody!

April - Agrilinks: Evelyn, in the meantime there will be some related resources coming out on Agrilinks so look out for that! It takes a while for all the materials to be transcribed and the video optimized etc.

April - Agrilinks: Thanks, Roberto!

Lelia Lubin: Thanks for the presentation.

Karine: thanks Lelia!

Evelyn Ifeyinwa Ezeagu: Ok

Joseph A B Obilu 2: Thanks for the presentation

Paul Frizzell: Very informative.

indra klein: Time very well spent!

Karine: thanks a lot to all!

Daud Siwalaze: Very Informative

Alisher Iuldoshev: Have a good day! Bye

Ezinne Emeana: Thank you, awesome topic

April - Agrilinks: Last event of the year -- see you all in 2019!

Lucy Kozmova: Fantastic webinar, thank you!

Evelyn Ifeyinwa Ezeagu: Thank you for a great presentation.

indra klein: Happy Holidays!

Malika Bounfour: Thanks al