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1. Featured: Nutrition comic books

ATONU has developed comic books with key nutrition messages aimed at helping primary school children to learn about nutrition. The nutrition comic books are being printed and made available to school nutrition clubs in 19 schools in Ethiopia and two schools in Tanzania. The comic books have been translated into Swahili, Amharic and Tigrigna. ATONU recognises that school children can be empowered to be agents of change in their households and communities through giving them knowledge.
2. Implementation of Nutrition-Sensitive Interventions

2.1 Vegetable processing and preservation in Tanzania

The rainy season/cropping season in Tanzania is now drawing to an end and this will be accompanied by a decline in vegetable production, since most production is rain-fed. During the dry season, farmers are faced with serious water scarcity, leaving them with little or no water to support vegetable gardens. Therefore, ATONU promotes the preservation of vegetables during the wet season when there is abundance in order to ensure availability during the dry season. This is important in order to achieve year-round dietary diversity. The ATONU field assistants in Tanzania are working with farmers to promote vegetable preservation through the use of solar dryers. Below are some images shared by ATONU field assistants.

![ATONU farmer watering her vegetable garden](image1)

![ATONU farmer preparing harvested vegetables for preservation](image2)

![ATONU field assistant at solar dryer installation and demonstration session](image3)

2.2 Cooking sessions and recipe development

ATONU delivers cookery sessions to teach farmers on how to prepare meals for a diversified diet. As part of the cookery sessions, farmers get to develop recipes for infant and adult meals to supply all the food groups required for a healthy diet. The importance of having farmers develop the recipes is that there is less socio-cultural conflict, the recipes are readily acceptable to the community as they would have developed them according to their taste preference and, therefore, adoption of these recipes would be easier. The ingredients used during these sessions are locally available foods that are most easily accessible to the farmers. It is important for farmers to understand that they can use
locally available foods that are either produced on-farm or bought from local markets to make nutritious meals. The recipes that farmers are developing with the help of the field assistants are being compiled and reviewed by the ATONU nutrition advisor, for quantification, standardization, documentation and dissemination.

![Development of recipes for young children](image)

### 3. Nutrition-Sensitive Intervention Selection Tool Relaunch

The Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN) and partners are pleased to share an updated version of the web-based tool “ATONU’s Nutrition-Sensitive Intervention (NSI) Selection Tool”.

The tool assists development practitioners working in the agriculture sector to integrate NSIs into their existing and pipeline agricultural development projects. For ease of application, this tool takes development practitioners through a step-by-step process of identifying and selecting appropriate nutrition-sensitive agricultural interventions. The updated online tool is accompanied by a User Guide.

Apart from assisting with the selection of appropriate NSIs, the FANRPAN/ATONU Team is readily available to help with the design, implementation and evaluation of appropriate NSIs for your project.

The tool is available online in English ([NSI Selection Tool](#)).

### 4. Project End-line Evaluation

The ATONU team and partners are gearing up for the project end-line data collection for evaluation of nutrition-sensitive interventions in both Ethiopia and Tanzania. In Ethiopia, the end-line data collection will conducted 15 April to 15 May 2018, whilst in Tanzania it will be done 1-31 May.

### 5. Events

#### 5.1 ANH academy week 2018

ATONU will be presenting three papers at this year’s ANH Academy and Conference Week. This is an annual event that brings together the community of researchers and users of research (practitioners and policymakers) working at the intersection of agriculture, nutrition and health. The objectives of
the ANH Academy Week series is to foster knowledge exchange, innovation and learning around ANH research.

The ANH Academy Week consists of two interlinked components:

1) **Learning Labs** - a series of training sessions in interdisciplinary agriculture, nutrition and health research;

2) **Research Conference** - an abstract-driven symposium featuring oral presentations, poster sessions and keynotes speeches, as well as plenary round tables, side events and working group discussions.

The 2018 ANH Academy Week will be held in Accra, Ghana, from 25-29 June.