## *The role of animal source foods in nutrition security, growth and early child development: benefits, opportunities and challenges*

**Feed the Future Ethiopia Growth through Nutrition Activity Webinar**
**Date: Wednesday March 24, 2021 (4:00 – 5:30 PM) EAT**

*Registration is required for this event*

Tufts University, in collaboration with Save the Children, will host a webinar event on "*The role of animal source foods in nutrition security, growth, and early child development*." Animal sourced foods (ASFs) are nutrient dense foods that when consumed in small amounts provide quality protein, vitamins, minerals and amino acids, and all nutrients critical for growth and early child development. While evidence supports the contribution of ASFs in improving the linear growth of children, a better understanding of the long-term effects of the consumption of different ASFs is needed. In this webinar we will examine the role of ASFs in improving the nutritional status of vulnerable populations, present multi-country analyses assessing the role of the type of ASF and the total number of ASFs and contextualize the opportunities and challenges in supporting actions promoting ASF consumption. We will also focus on the role ASFs play in the nutrition security of smallholder farmers in Ethiopia using study findings conducted under the Growth through Nutrition Activity.

**Speakers:**

Dr. Shibani Ghosh, Associate Professor at Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy

Dr. Getnet Assefa, Sr. Livestock Advisor, Growth through Nutrition Activity, Land O'Lakes

**Moderator**: Rahel Gizaw, Sr. Learning Advisor, Growth through Nutrition Activity, Tufts University

Each speaker will present for 20 minutes, followed by a 45-minute Q & A session.

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Participants may submit questions in advance at the time of registration.

Please contact Rahel.Gizaw@tufts.edu for any questions.

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## Speaker Bios

### Shibani Ghosh, PhD



Shibani Ghosh is a public health nutritionist with over 20 years of experience working in the Middle East, South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. She is the Associate Director for the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Nutrition and a Research Associate Professor at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University. Her research interests include examining malnutrition in all its forms, formulating and implementing evidence-based interventions targeting nutritionally disadvantaged populations, and translation of innovative basic and clinical sciences research into applied community-based research. Specifically, she works on understanding Agriculture-Nutrition linkages, examining biological determinants of stunting, diet and other non-diet determinants of stunting in infants and young children, and testing interventions to improve maternal and infant nutrition and growth.

### Getnet Assefa, PhD



Getnet Assefa received his doctorate in Animal Nutrition and Feed Resource Production and Management from Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany. He has extensive and diversified experience in agricultural research and has worked at local and international organizations over the last 20 years. His research has focused on livestock production, feed resources management, animal nutrition, forage and pasture crops agronomy, and grazing land improvement. He served as National Livestock Research Coordinator for the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR) and has coordinated and led research at the national level and on externally funded projects in animal feed and nutrition, which is among his specific fields of specialization. He has contributed to 80 peer reviewed journal articles, 12 books, and 58 diverse publications, which include numerous newsletters and eight technical manuals.