Living Income Community of Practice
Towards a decent standard of living for smallholder farmers

Community of Practice (CoP) objectives:

- **Provide methods and guidance** on measuring and reporting information on actual and living incomes for smallholder farmers.
- **Understand the gap** between actual and living incomes.
- **Identify and discuss strategies** to help actors take actions that can contribute to closing income gaps.

What is the Community of Practice?

An alliance of organisations who want to see thriving, economically stable, rural communities linked to global agricultural supply chains. The goal of the CoP is to foster collaboration and support organisations in their journey towards improving farmer incomes, and enabling farmers and their families to achieve a decent standard of living.

Mailing List

Anyone interested in this topic can subscribe to this list to exchange experiences and knowledge with their peers. To sign up, please contact Adam Romo (adam@isealalliance.org) or Marta Maireles (marta@isealalliance.org).

Regular updates and resources

By being an active participant of this CoP you have access to the latest information on tools and approaches for measuring actual income and developing living income benchmarks. You can also learn about the strategies different actors are implementing to close income gaps.

Who is in the community?

The CoP is open to any entity (companies, sustainability standards, civil society, platforms, governments, researchers and producer groups) interested and willing to explore the topic of existing and living incomes as well as strategies for closing income gaps.

Webinar series

Monthly webinars, where community members and guests present on relevant Living Income topics. Previous examples include webinars on poverty measurement tools and methodologies for calculating ‘fair’ farm product prices. They also provide opportunities to connect with peers and work on joint action to this critical challenge.

Online portal

Where you will find information on upcoming events, recordings from past webinars and newsletters, blogs, reports, guidance, and resources for all Living Income projects.

“Living income is the net income a household would need to earn to enable all members of the household to afford a decent standard of living.”

Living Income Practitioners’ Workshop, 2015
Useful Resources

Living Income Community page

General information about this CoP, links to webinar recordings, key materials, resources and contacts.
Main page: http://www.living-income.com/

Sustainability Impacts Learning Platform

A platform for sharing and mapping studies regarding the impacts of sustainability initiatives worldwide including Living Income benchmarks and information on actual incomes.
Main page: www.sustainabilityimpactslearningplatform.org/
Video on guidance: www.sustainabilityimpactslearningplatform.org/getting-started/

Key Documents

Defining, Calculating and Using a Living Income Benchmark in the Context of Agricultural Commodities
Workshop report: Operationalizing Living Income
Meeting report: Living Income - A Discussion on Methodology and Use
White paper: Enabling smallholder farmers to improve their incomes