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Dear Partners,

On July 10, 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law the legislation that would eventually become known as the Food for Peace Act. For more than 60 years, the Food for Peace program has been bringing help and hope to the far reaches of the world - serving more than 3 billion hungry people since it began.

We welcome you to this TOPS/FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting. Over the next three days, the discussions you have, the connections you make, and the ideas you generate will serve to further advance our mutual goals of reducing food insecurity, and helping individuals, families, and communities break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

When we established TOPS in 2010, we did so with the intent that our partners can do their best and have the most impact by sharing collaboratively with their colleagues. In the four years since it started, TOPS has exemplified what we were striving for, by providing the space for Food for Peace's partners and other food security experts to share, learn, and build a knowledge base for food assistance programs.

This year we are embarking on the development of an updated Food for Peace strategy and looking for ways to highlight and commemorate the great work that you all have done under this program. We invite you to participate in both of these initiatives. As a first step, I urge you to participate fully in the strategy session of this conference.

We also invite you to tweet at us - @USAIDFFP - to share your thoughts on what difference the Food for Peace programs have made in the lives of hungry people.

With best wishes for a successful workshop,

Dina Esposito

Director, Office of Food for Peace



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The TOPS Program

Strengthening innovation and learning within the food security and nutrition community

The Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Program is the USAID/Food for Peace-funded participatory learning initiative that **generates**, **captures**, **disseminates**, and **applies** the highest quality **information**, **knowledge**, and **promising practices** in development food assistance programming.

The TOPS Program ensures that more communities and households benefit from the U.S. Government's investment in fighting global hunger.

MAIN PROGRAM MECHANISMS:

Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Network

Online and in-person community of practice, connecting food security and nutrition practitioners.

Technical Capacity Strengthening

Sector-specific technical trainings for both implementing and donor staff at the country, regional, and home office level.

Small Grants Program

Grants that fund research, documentation, and innovation to help the food security community design and implement stronger programs.

Led by Save the Children, TOPS is a consortium program drawing on the expertise of its partners: CORE Group (Knowledge Management), Food for the Hungry (Social and Behavioral Change), Mercy Corps (Agriculture and Natural Resource Management), and TANGO International (Monitoring and Evaluation). Save the Children brings its experience and expertise in Commodity Management, Gender, and Nutrition and Food Technology, as well as management of this five-year (2010-2015), US \$20 million award.

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The Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Network

Connecting food security and nutrition practitioners, donors, and researchers

The FSN Network provides a venue for...

Implementers to share promising practices, experiences, tools, and approaches for better program implementation.

International NGOs, academicians, and researchers to circulate new policies, guidelines, and evidence.

USAID/Food for Peace to seek input through consultations, surveys, Task Force dialogue, and meetings.

FEATURES OF THE FSN NETWORK:

Knowledge Sharing Meetings

Learn new skills, discuss and explore emerging issues and recent tools, and meet fellow implementers, donors, and researchers at Knowledge Sharing Meetings around the world. These meetings prioritize knowledge exchange through discussion and activity to stimulate cross-organizational collaboration and learning.

Task Forces

Join together with other practitioners in your area of expertise to share experiences, engage in peer learning, and develop and adapt crucial tools that are responsive to stakeholder needs.

Agriculture & Natural Resource Management | Commodity Management | Gender | Knowledge Management Monitoring & Evaluation | Nutrition & Food Technology | Social & Behavioral Change

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The FSN Network is a tool of the TOPS Program, the USAID/Food for Peace-funded learning mechanism that brings the highest quality information, knowledge, and best practices in food assistance programming to implementers and donors around the world.



Dear Participants,

Welcome to the 2015 Asia Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting developed and led by the Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Program and the Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Network.

Since 2010, the TOPS/FSN Network has become an important collaborative mechanism, bringing together program practitioners in food security through interactive task forces, discussion groups, training sessions, and knowledge sharing events. The TOPS/FSN Network supports our community of practice by providing face-to-face and virtual opportunities for practitioners to identify knowledge sharing needs, build collaboration, and create mechanisms for continued communication and learning. This meeting itself is the result of your generous input to the planning process.

Our theme for this meeting is “Learning from the Past, Shaping the Future.” This theme is especially poignant because very soon the three Bangladesh development food aid programs—Nobo Jibon, The Program for Strengthening Household Access to Resources (PROSHAR), and Strengthening Household Ability to Respond to Development Opportunities II (SHOUHARDO II)—will be closing. Therefore, this Knowledge Sharing Meeting provides a prime opportunity to learn from these projects’ programmatic successes to inform the next generation of food security programming in the South Asia region and beyond.

Our presenters and facilitators include officials and policy planners from the Government of Bangladesh and USAID and technical specialists from PVO implementers, USAID offices, and multilateral organizations. This meeting provides an opportunity for development experts, colleagues, and peers to share their experience and the latest knowledge and information on regional and global practices and methods to strengthen food security programming and help build resilience among vulnerable populations.

Thank you for joining us. We look forward to your participation and valuable contributions.

Sincerely,



Mark Fritzler
Director, The TOPS Program

Tuesday, March 3

8:00am – 8:30am	REGISTRATION & COFFEE
8:30am – 10:45am	WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Ballroom 1 & 2	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Mark Fritzler, The TOPS Program</i></p> <p>Keynote Address <i>Janina Jaruzelski, USAID/Bangladesh</i></p> <p>Remarks from Chief Guest <i>Mesbah ul Alam, Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief</i></p> <p>Remarks from Special Guest <i>Shah Kamal, Additional Secretary, Local Government Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperative</i></p> <p>Plenary Resilience, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Definitions and Differences <i>Bruce Ravesloot, TANGO International</i></p>
10:45am – 11:00am	BREAK
11:00am – 12:30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Ballroom 1 & 2	Resilience Interventions: Lessons from the Field
Ballroom 3	Market Development: Reaching the Most Vulnerable
Bronze Room	Nepal: Factors Associated with Undernutrition and Household Food Security (PoSHAN Community Studies) and Strategies to Reach Disadvantaged Groups with Nutrition Services (SUA AHARA Project)
12:30pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH
Ballroom 1 & 2	Task Force Tables
1:30pm – 3:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Ballroom 1 & 2	Guiding Principles for Effective Public and Private Sector Engagement
Ballroom 3	Maintaining Momentum for Dynamic Change: Lessons Learned from Gender Integration in Food Security Programs (Part 1)
Bronze Room	Commodity Fumigation and Environmental Impact
3:00pm – 3:30pm	BREAK
3:30pm – 5:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Ballroom 1 & 2	Annual Monitoring Plans: Experiences from the Field
Ballroom 3	Maintaining Momentum for Dynamic Change: Integrating Gender Lessons in Programs (Part 2)
Bronze Room	Care Groups, Variations and Innovations
5:00pm – 7:00pm	SOCIAL RECEPTION

Wednesday, March 4

8:00am – 8:30am	REGISTRATION & COFFEE
8:30am – 9:00am	ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:00am–10:45am	PLENARY Reflecting on Five Years of Food Security and Nutrition Programming in Bangladesh Ballroom 1 & 2 <i>Marie Cadrin, ACDI/VOCA; Monzu Morshed, CARE; Ange Tingbo, Save the Children</i>
10:45am – 11:00am	BREAK
11:00am – 12:30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Ballroom 1 & 2	Stop the Madness: Let's Stop Talking About Sustainability and Actually Do Something To Ensure It!
Ballroom 3	Consortium Management I: Working Effectively in a Consortium Environment
Bronze Room	Community-led Video for Nutrition SBCC: Negotiating Exclusive Breastfeeding for Female Agriculturalists
12:30pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH
Ballroom 1 & 2	Tool Tables
1:30pm – 3:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Ballroom 1 & 2	When Disasters Happen: Shifting between Emergencies and Development in Programming
Ballroom 3	Consortium Management II: Tools and Practices to Strengthen Relationships
Bronze Room	Data Quality Assurance
3:00pm – 3:30pm	BREAK
3:30pm – 5:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Ballroom 1 & 2	Resilience Capacities and the Gender Agenda: Moving Towards Transformative Change
Ballroom 3	Digital Storytelling: Using Video for Education and Behavior Change
Bronze Room	Mitigating Commodity Losses

Thursday, March 5

8:00am – 8:30am	REGISTRATION & COFFEE
8:30am – 9:00am	ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:00am–10:30am	PLENARY Updating Food for Peace’s Strategy: A Consultation Ballroom 1 & 2 <i>Kathryn Stahlberg, USAID</i>
10:30am – 10:45am	BREAK
10:45am -12:15pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Ballroom 1 & 2	Nutrition Sensitive Aquaculture & Livestock Production
Ballroom 3	Gender and Market Governance: Sustaining Gains for the Most Vulnerable
Bronze Room	Creating a Knowledge Sharing Plan for Better Programming
12:15pm – 1:15pm	LUNCH
Ballroom 1 & 2	Mobile Tech Tables
Bronze Room	Using Mobile Technology for Resiliency and Sustainability Monitoring of a USAID/FFP-funded Project
1:15pm – 2:45pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Ballroom 1 & 2	Mobile Technology
Ballroom 3	Flood Early Warning: A Look at Two Systems
Bronze Room	Challenges and Opportunities of Conducting an SBC Barrier Analysis
2:45pm – 3:15pm	BREAK
3:15pm – 4:45pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Ballroom 1 & 2	Measuring Resilience: From Results to Application
Ballroom 3	Climate-Smart Agriculture
Bronze Room	Using Formative Research Results Effectively and Creatively
4:45pm – 5:00pm	WRAP-UP



Janina Jaruzelski, Mission Director, USAID/Bangladesh

Janina Jaruzelski, a member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Minister Counselor, has served with USAID since 1995 in both Washington, D.C. and overseas posts. Most recently, Ms. Jaruzelski was the USAID mission director in Bolivia, where she served through September 2013. From 2008 to 2012, Ms. Jaruzelski served as mission director for USAID's Regional Mission in Ukraine. In this position she oversaw all USAID programming in Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus, including projects in democracy and governance, economic growth, energy infrastructure, health, education, HIV/AIDS and counter-trafficking in persons. She also oversaw the Millennium Challenge Corporation's (MCC) Threshold Country Programs for Ukraine and Moldova, which USAID managed on MCC's behalf. Prior to her assignment as mission director in Ukraine, she served as acting mission director, deputy mission director and regional legal advisor for USAID/Russia, and as legal advisor to the Europe and Eurasia Bureau in Washington. Ms. Jaruzelski has also served in Egypt and Yemen. Prior to her service at USAID, Ms. Jaruzelski was counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives' Energy and Commerce Committee, and she served as assistant counsel to the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives. She also worked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and at Macmillan Publishing Company. She was a member of the Board of Governors of the American Foreign Service Association from 1995 to 1997. Ms. Jaruzelski has been awarded three Superior Honor Awards and numerous Meritorious Honor, performance and group awards by USAID. She graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University and holds a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

WELCOME: KEYNOTE AND PLENARY | 8:30AM | Ballroom 1 & 2

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mark Fritzier, Program Director, The TOPS Program

Keynote Address

Janina Jaruzelski, Mission Director, USAID/Bangladesh

Remarks from Chief Guest

Mesbah ul Alam, Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief

Remarks from Special Guest

Shah Kamal, Additional Secretary, Local Government Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperative

Plenary: Resilience, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Definitions and Distinctions

Bruce Ravesloot, Vice President and Principal Consultant, TANGO International

Resilience, climate change and disaster risk reduction are three terms used frequently when discussing food security programming. They are cross-cutting in nature affecting many areas of food security programming including nutrition, gender, agriculture and natural resource management. The far reaching implications of resilience, climate change and disaster risk reduction often lead to their unintentional interchangeable use. While the terms do share similarities, each has its own unique meaning and characteristics which greatly impact food security programming. Join Bruce Ravesloot with TANGO International as he lays the foundation for the Asia Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting by presenting the definitions and highlights the differences for resilience, climate change and disaster risk reduction.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 11:00AM

Resilience Interventions: Lessons from the Field

Tuesday, March 3 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM | Ballroom 1 & 2

MODERATOR: Bruce Ravesloot, Vice President and Principal Consultant, TANGO International | PRESENTERS: Marie Cadrin, Chief of Party, PROSHAR, ACDI/VOCA Bangladesh; Shafiqur Rahman, Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh; Malini Tolat, Technical Advisor, Save the Children

Not long ago, resilience was discussed largely in a theoretical context with little attention given to implementation. There was minimal information as to which interventions should be tried and why. As the food security and nutrition community embraced resilience, interventions were implemented and tested in areas prone to shocks. The three USAID/FFP MYAPs in Bangladesh, PROSHAR (ACDI/VOCA), SHOUHARDO II (CARE) and Nobo Jibon (Save the Children), have incorporated resilience interventions into their 5-year program cycles. Join us as the three MYAPs share which resilience interventions they are using and why and the contributions these activities are making to programming.

Market Development: Reaching the Most Vulnerable

Tuesday, March 3 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM | Ballroom 3

PRESENTERS: Richard Rose, Technical Director of Programs, International Development Enterprises – Bangladesh (iDE-B); Fouzia Nasreen, General Manager, M4C Project, Swisscontact; F. Conor Riggs, Technical Director of Programs, International Development Enterprises – Bangladesh (iDE-B)

This session seeks to outline the advantages of adopting facilitative market development over traditional direct delivery programming whilst acknowledging the inherent trade-offs between these approaches. The principles of market development will be identified, and elements of the Making Markets Work for the Poor (M4P) methodology will be introduced as a conceptual framework for the session. Through two case studies the session will illustrate how market development approaches can reach vulnerable populations indirectly through formal and informal service providers in the public and private sectors. The first, from Swisscontact's Making Markets Work for the Jamuna, Padma and Teesta Chars (M4C) project will demonstrate how by engaging in partnerships with private enterprises in agro-sectors, the project has been able to facilitate market-based linkages with vulnerable chars dwellers in the northern part of Bangladesh. The second, drawing from iDE's Sanitation Marketing (SanMark) Project, will explore how a combination of 'upstream' interventions with large commercial enterprises and 'downstream' interventions to strengthen last-mile delivery mechanisms enabled vulnerable populations in the Rajshahi area to adopt hygienic sanitary latrines.

Nepal: Factors Associated with Undernutrition and Household Food Security (PoSHAN Community Studies) and Strategies to Reach Disadvantaged Groups with Nutrition Services (SUAAHARA Project)

Tuesday, March 3 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM | Bronze Room

MODERATOR: Joan Jennings, Nutrition & Food Technology Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program | PRESENTERS: Swetha Manohar, Project Scientist, Nutrition Innovation Lab-Asia, Faculty-Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health; Bindu Pokhrel Gautam, Gender Equity and Social Inclusion Specialist, Suaahara (Good nutrition, in Nepali) Project, Save the Children Nepal

The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Nutrition, implemented by Tufts University with multiple partners including Johns Hopkins University, will share findings from an ongoing observational longitudinal panel study in Nepal, named the PoSHAN Community Studies, to identify the characteristics and contributing factors of undernutrition and household food insecurity. Save the Children Nepal will share strategies for reaching disadvantaged groups with nutrition services from the Suaahara Project, funded by USAID. In small group discussion, participants will discuss opportunities and obstacles to achieving reductions in stunting for children within challenging contexts.

LUNCHTIME TASK FORCE TABLES | 12:30PM | Ballroom 1 & 2

Agriculture & Natural Resource Management

Andrea Mottram, Agriculture & Natural Resource Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

The ANRM Task Force is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and impact of agriculture, economic development, and natural resource management components of food security programs. It provides a forum for sharing experiences and lessons learned and for identifying, adapting, refining and disseminating state-of-the-art information, methodologies and tools related to agricultural and economic development in order to improve the quality of field based programs.

Commodity Management

Birendra Kumar De, Commodity Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

The Commodity Management Task Force is a community of practitioners working to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of CM systems of development and emergency food assistance programs. It is composed of subject matter experts from food assistance program grantee NGOs. It provides an inclusive forum for sharing, adapting, refining, and disseminating CM information, methodologies, tools, and promising practices.

Gender

Kristi Tabaj, Gender Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

The Gender Task Force is a community of technical specialists and practitioners working to improve gender integration into food security and nutrition programming, with a focus on engaging men, women, girls, and boys. The Task Force is comprised of representatives from NGO Title II grantees and USAID representatives, providing a forum for sharing, adapting, refining, and disseminating information, methodologies, tools, and promising practices on gender integration for increasing positive impact of food security programs.

Knowledge Management

Shelia Jackson, Knowledge Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

The KM Task Force brings together food security professionals from all technical sectors in a community focused on knowledge sharing for improved implementation of food security and nutrition programs. The group, comprised of representatives of implementer, donor, and other partner organizations, is working to identify and explore promising practices to capture and disseminate program learning and tools that can support better networking and knowledge sharing.

Nutrition & Food Technology

Joan Jennings, Nutrition & Food Technology Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

The Nutrition Task Force is a community of technical specialists and practitioners working to improve the quality of nutrition implementation in food security and nutrition programming. It is composed of representatives from NGO Title II grantees and partner organizations in government, academia, and the private sector. It provides an inclusive forum for sharing, adapting, refining, and disseminating information, methodologies, tools, and promising practices on nutrition for increasing the impact of food security programming.

Monitoring & Evaluation

Julia Crowley, Program Coordinator, The TOPS Program

The M&E Task Force aims to improve the effectiveness of M&E of food security and nutrition programs through identifying and disseminating successful methods, tools, and practices; improving M&E skills of implementing agencies at headquarters and in the field; and ensuring that the priorities of implementing agencies are reflected in donor guidance. The Task Force supports innovation and fosters collaboration among the broad community of stakeholders engaged in food security programming.

Social and Behavioral Change

Mary DeCoster, Social & Behavioral Change Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

The SBC Task Force is designed to develop, reach consensus on, and build capacity in state of the art SBC standards and tools to improve the quality of food security programs. It is composed of 50+ representatives from NGO Title II grantees and partner organizations in government, academia, and the private sector. It provides an inclusive forum for sharing, adapting, refining, and disseminating SBC information, methodologies, tools, and promising practices to increase the impact of food security programs.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 1:30PM

Guiding Principles for Effective Public and Private Sector Engagement

Tuesday, March 3 | 1:30 - 3:00PM | Ballroom 1 & 2

PRESENTERS: F. Conor Riggs, Technical Director of Programs, International Development Enterprises – Bangladesh (iDE-B); Nasir Ahmed, Head of Capitalisation, Communication & External Relations Unit, Katalyst

Effective engagement with market actors requires an understanding of the incentive structures which drive market behaviors, and an ability to tailor project interventions to ensure that effectiveness can be maximized. The Public and Private Sector Engagement (PPSE) session seeks to understand the strategic importance of developing robust value propositions to potential partners to achieve successful private and public sector engagements. Public and private sector partners will pair with iDE and Katalyst staff to enable participants to explore real-life case studies through the eyes of various market actors.

Maintaining Momentum for Dynamic Change: Lessons Learned from Gender Integration in Food Security Programs (Part 1)

Tuesday, March 3 | 1:30 - 3:00PM | Ballroom 3

MODERATORS: Michelle Gamber, Technical Advisor, Office of Population & Reproductive Health, Bureau for Global Health, USAID; Kristi Tabaj, Gender Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program | PRESENTERS: Marie Cadrin, Chief of Party, PROSHAR, ACDI/VOCA Bangladesh; Syeda Ashrafiz Zaharia Prodhana, Senior Technical Manager, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh

Panelists from Bangladesh food security programs will share information on experiences in gender integration including challenges and accomplishments. Participants will have the opportunity to ask the panelists about specific gender strategies and activities in a question and answer session. We will identify broader key lessons applicable to current programs from the information presented in the session. These lessons will be further discussed in Part 2.

Commodity Fumigation and Environmental Impact

Tuesday, March 3 | 1:30 - 3:00PM | Bronze Room

PRESENTER: Caine Cortellino, Operations Manager, Commodity Management, The TOPS Program

The Commodity Fumigation and Environmental Impact session will look at current standards in the fumigation of commodities in Office of Food for Peace funded food assistance programs. Specifically, this session will examine the filing and reporting requirements required by USAID Missions (e.g., PERSUAPs and Fumigation Management Plans), the roles and responsibilities of PVOs regarding the oversight of commodity fumigation activities by certified contractors, and the appropriate safety procedures and equipment to be used during a fumigation. Additionally, this session will examine the possible environmental impacts of using the dangerous chemicals required for fumigation.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 3:30PM**Annual Monitoring Plans: Experiences from the Field****Tuesday, March 3 | 3:30 - 5:00PM | Ballroom 1 & 2**

MODERATOR: Bruce Ravesloot, Vice President and Principal Consultant, TANGO International | PRESENTERS: Subodh Kumar, Global Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator, Food for the Hungry; Rozena Begum, Monitoring & Evaluation Director, PROSHAR, ACDI/VOCA Bangladesh; Toufique Ahmed, Senior Manager, Monitoring & Evaluation, Nobo Jibon, Save the Children Bangladesh; AKM Abdul Wadud, Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh

An efficient M&E system is one that balances the needs of project staff and donors for timely field-level information on progress and success with those of community members to manage their own information and influence project direction. Ultimately, information so gathered and shared can inform operational and investment decisions as well as policy in the long run. This session will attempt to communicate practical approaches to developing comprehensive routine monitoring processes including annual surveys that capture data and turn it into useful evidence for decision making at all levels throughout the year. Emphasis will be laid on the development and utility of harmonized data collection tools, data flow maps, beneficiary databases and reporting formats. Presenters will share experiences about the method(s) of data collection, instruments and tools staff/partner roles and responsibilities, beneficiary roles and responsibilities, timing and frequency of data collection, summaries and analyses used across sites and maintenance of databases.

Maintaining Momentum for Dynamic Change: Integrating Gender Lessons Programs (Part 2)**Tuesday, March 3 | 3:30 - 5:00PM | Ballroom 3**

MODERATORS: Michelle Gamber, Technical Advisor, Office of Population & Reproductive Health, Bureau for Global Health, USAID; Kristi Tabaj, Gender Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

Participants will take the information obtained in Part 1 and discuss how programs can modify activities to improve gender transformative outcomes while mitigating for negative impact. By the end of this session, participants will have greater confidence in modifying and designing strategies and activities to mitigate harm and unintended consequences.

Care Groups, Variations and Innovations**Tuesday, March 3 | 3:30 - 5:00PM | Bronze Room**

MODERATOR: Mary DeCoster, Social and Behavioral Change Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program | PRESENTERS: Farzana Afroz, Health and Nutrition Curriculum Manager, Food for the Hungry Bangladesh; Dr. Ayan Shankar Seal, Team Leader, Health and Nutrition, PROSHAR, PCI Bangladesh

A Care Group is a group of 10-15 volunteer mothers who regularly meet together with NGO project staff for training and supervision. Each volunteer is selected by the mothers she serves and is responsible for sharing what she is learning with 10-15 of her neighbors (the ones who are pregnant or have young children) and facilitating behavior change at the household level. Care Groups have shown strong successes in achieving sustainable social and behavioral change, decreasing malnutrition and improving health and food security. During this session, participants will be introduced to the Care Group approach and the impact it can achieve, and will learn about promising adaptations and innovations to the approach, including the TRIOS approach used by PROSHAR to reach very important influential people: grandmothers and fathers. Participants will work in groups to develop to develop recommendations for additional study.

Join us for a Social Reception tonight!

5:00 - 7:00PM

PLENARY | 9:00AM | Ballroom 1 & 2

Reflecting on Five Years of Food Security and Nutrition Programming in Bangladesh

MODERATOR: Shelia Jackson, Knowledge Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program | PRESENTERS: Marie Cadrin, Chief of Party, PROSHAR, ACDI/VOCA Bangladesh; Monzu Morshed, Acting Chief of Party, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh; Ange Tingbo, Chief of Party, Nobo Jibon, Save the Children Bangladesh

Bangladesh has made impressive progress to reduce poverty and improve key social indicators. Despite these gains, parts of the population remain food insecure and chronic malnutrition (stunting) can be found in large numbers of children under the age of five. In Bangladesh, FFP partners with CARE, Save the Children and ACDI/VOCA to implement Title II-funded multi-year assistance programs (MYAPs) which began in 2010 and will end in 2015. SHOUHARDO II (CARE), Nobo Jibon (Save the Children) and PROSHAR (ACDI/VOCA) were designed to improve agriculture, livelihoods, maternal and child health and nutrition, disaster risk reduction, community resilience, climate change and adaptation and women's empowerment in multiple regions throughout the country. In this session, panelists will briefly present program innovations as well as key successes, challenges and lessons learned and highlight sustainable achievements. Small group discussions and questions and answers will follow, allowing for a rich exchange of knowledge on food security and nutrition programming.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 11:00AM

Stop the Madness! Let's Stop Talking about Sustainability and Actually Do Something to Ensure It
Wednesday, March 4 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM | Ballroom 1 & 2

PRESENTERS: Janine Schooley, Senior Vice President for Programs, PCI; Admire Nyereyemhuka, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning Manager, Catholic Relief Services Zimbabwe; Marie Cadrin, Chief of Party, PROSHAR, ACDI/VOCA

After a brief introduction to the topic of sustainable impact, including presentation of key concepts such as "sustainability readiness" and "transition", an interactive session using an adaptation of World Café methodology will be utilized whereby all participants will rotate through 3 of the 6 phases of the project life cycle using a checklist designed to ensure use of a sustainability lens throughout a project's life. Each phase or station will have a facilitator (Janine will facilitate the station on Design; Admire the station on MELA; and Marie the station on Transition). After 3 full rotations, the facilitators will present findings and reflections from the rotations and then Janine will facilitate a full group discussion about challenges and opportunities related to actually utilizing such a checklist (or other approaches) to help ensure sustainable impact.

Consortium Management I: Working Effectively in a Consortium Environment
Wednesday, March 4 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM | Ballroom 3

PRESENTERS: Patrick Coonan, Knowledge Management Specialist, The TOPS Program; Valerie Stetson, Independent Consultant

More and more, development organizations implementing food security and nutrition programs recognize the benefits and opportunities of establishing partnerships through a consortium or another arrangement. Partnerships and consortia allow for expanded geographic and population coverage, synergies of expertise, unified advocacy efforts and greater accountability. Nevertheless, working with partners through a consortium or another arrangement can be complex and present management challenges. Using the Consortium Alignment Framework for Excellence (Café) Standards, developed by Catholic Relief Services, and drawing upon their own experience, participants will reflect on practices and approaches to form and work in an effective and efficient consortium.

Community-led Video for Nutrition SBCC: Negotiating Exclusive Breastfeeding for Female Agriculturalists
Wednesday, March 4 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM | Bronze Room

MODERATOR: Joan Jennings, Nutrition & Food Technology Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program | PRESENTERS: Peggy Koniz-Booher, Senior Advisor Nutrition, SBCC, SPRING; Kristina Beall, SBCC Manager, SPRING

Participants will learn about the experience of the Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) project, funded by USAID and in collaboration with the Digital Green Foundation and Trust, in the use of community-led video as a tool to achieve adoption of positive nutrition practices. Participants will then view a video where a Community Health Worker and a family discuss how a breastfeeding woman can manage to continue

exclusively breastfeeding when she has to work in the fields. In small groups, participants will discuss the options and barriers to family support for this recommended nutrition practice in the context in which they work.

LUNCHTIME TOOL TABLES | 12:30PM | Ballroom 1 & 2

TABLE 1 | Make Me a Change Agent: A Multisectoral SBC Resource for Community Workers and Field Staff

Mary DeCoster, Social and Behavioral Change Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

Come find out about this collection of lessons, funded by USAID through a TOPS Program Micro Grant, developed to build the skills of field staff such as community development agents, community health workers and agriculture extension agents, to be more effective behavior change promoters in their communities. They are not sector-specific and are generic skills, such as communication and story-telling, that would help development workers to be successful change agents.

TABLE 2 | Gender Resources

Kristi Tabaj, Gender Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

Three resources will be presented during this lunchtime session: 1) CARE's Guidance for GBV Monitoring and Mitigation in Non-GBV Sectoral Programming: This 32 page guidance document is a practical guide for thinking about gender-based violence (GBV) in non-GBV programs. It aims to address the increasing demand for clear guidance on how to practically and ethically monitor and mitigate GBV within non-emergency, international development programming, in which GBV is not a specific programmatic component. 2) Land O'Lakes's Integrating Gender throughout a Project's Life Cycle 2.0: This toolkit, funded by USAID through a TOPS Program Micro Grant, provides guidelines and tips enabling any international development organization to integrate gender into its programming and proposal development. This is the second edition of this tool with additions from other organizational partners. The update was supported by USAID and TOPS. 3) Lutheran World Relief's 2014 Storybook: INGO Experience with Gender Integration: Gender Integration and mainstreaming are challenging but also have great rewards. This report, funded by USAID through a TOPS Program Micro Grant, tells the story of how six different agencies are integrating and mainstreaming gender into policies, programs, and procedures. Each story provides insight into the different approaches the organization has taken, the challenges that were encountered, and what their most valuable lessons learned have been thus far. This project was supported by USAID and TOPS.

TABLE 3 | Resource Guide for Enhancing Potential for Sustainable Impact

Janine Schooley, Senior Vice President for Programs, PCI

This guide, funded by USAID through a TOPS Program Micro Grant, provides practical guidance and tools drawn from a limited but growing body of knowledge about sustainability. It helps practitioners utilize a "sustainability lens" throughout a project life cycle, offering management, capacity strengthening, and transition strategies. The guide does not prescribe a specific methodology or approach, but rather attempts to compile and present existing concepts and tools for achieving "sustainability readiness" for lasting impact.

TABLE 4 | RABIT: Resilience Assessment Benchmarking and Impact Toolkit

Angelica V. Ospina, PhD, Senior Technical Advisor for Resilience, Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

This session will introduce RABIT: a toolkit for practitioners and decision makers to measure resilience baselines, and to identify development interventions' impact on resilience. RABIT also allows practitioners to identify strategic priorities for action that will maximize the resilience impact of projects at various levels. Developed by the University of Manchester, UK, RABIT was piloted in collaboration with LWR, to benchmark the resilience to climate change of Uganda's coffee farmers.

TABLE 5 | Commodity Management Tools: Warehouse Staff Safety Guide and CM Handbook

Caine Cortellino, Operations Manager, Commodity Management, The TOPS Program

This table will look at two tools produced and promoted by the TOPS program's Commodity Management Technical Team: 1) Warehouse Staff Safety Guide: The Warehouse Staff Safety Guide is a unique tool, funded by USAID through a TOPS Program Micro Grant and developed by PCI and the TOPS CM Task Force. The purpose of the Warehouse Staff Safety Guide is to provide organizations implementing Title II programs with guidance, information, recommendations, and tools to promote warehouse staff safety, prevent injury and to help organizations adhere to minimum safety

standards in the warehouse. 2) CM Handbook: The TOPS Program created this new industry standard handbook on best practices for managing food commodities in Food for Peace-funded projects. It is a practical, user friendly guide would enable all field-based commodity managers and staff carry out their day-to-day responsibilities related to the commodity supply-chain much more efficiently and effectively.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 1:30PM

When Disasters Happen: Shifting between Emergencies and Development in Programming

Wednesday, March 4 | 1:30 - 3:00PM | Ballroom 1 & 2

PRESENTERS: Monzu Morshed, Acting Chief of Party, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh; Mr. S.M. Harun Or Rashid Lal, Executive Director, SOLIDARITY

Some of the effects of global climate change such as typhoons, cyclones, flooding, and even droughts are likely to occur more often or with increased intensity in the future. This session will give an overview of Bangladesh's vulnerability to disasters, look at how some development programs have responded to emergencies, and how these disasters have affected program implementation. This session will focus on two examples of development programs responding to emergencies, one from the view of the overall SHOUHARDO II program and one at a local NGO level. Following this overview, participants will work together in small groups to discuss what it takes to move in and out of emergencies effectively in development programs.

Consortium Management II: Tools and Practices to Strengthen Relationships

Wednesday, March 4 | 1:30 - 3:00PM | Ballroom 3

PRESENTERS: Patrick Coonan, Knowledge Management Specialist, The TOPS Program; Valerie Stetson, Independent Consultant

Strong interpersonal relationships among partner organizations are an important characteristic of high-functioning consortia. Lack of self-awareness, trust, respect, transparency and good communication often undermine well-intentioned partnership efforts. In this session, you will self-assess interpersonal relationships in your consortium or partnership arrangement and share experiences. Then, you will be introduced to some tools and practices that can help build trust and strengthen interpersonal relationships among your consortium partners.

Data Quality Assurance

Wednesday, March 4 | 1:30 - 3:00PM | Bronze Room

PRESENTERS: Laurie Starr, Senior Technical Advisor, TANGO International; Rozena Begum, Monitoring & Evaluation Director, PROSHAR, ACDI/VOCA Bangladesh; Toufique Ahmed, Senior Manager, Monitoring & Evaluation, Nobo Jibon, Save the Children Bangladesh; AKM Abdul Wadud, Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh

A data quality assessment (DQA) is both a process for reviewing data to understand strengths and weaknesses as well as documentation of the findings. DQAs help managers to understand how confident they should be in the data used to manage a program and report on its success. During the session, measures to assure data quality will be described and application of the key data quality standards/attributes to the data collection systems will be illustrated. How does an internal data quality assessment differ from an external one? What are the objectives, scope, and utility of an internal DQA? What is the required level of effort in terms of frequency, rigor, resources including staff time and budget?

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 3:30PM

Resilience Capacities and the Gender Agenda: Moving Towards Transformative Change

Wednesday, March 4 | 3:30 - 5:00PM | Ballroom 1 & 2

MODERATOR: Kristi Tabaj, Gender Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program | PRESENTER: Laurie Starr, Senior Technical Advisor, TANGO International

Resilience capacities are defined as absorptive, adaptive, or transformative. Viewed with a gender perspective, these capacities become multi-dimensional. This session aims to provide participants with a better understanding of the resilience capacities and examine potential changes in gender roles and norms resulting from activities aimed at improving resilience. Participants will discuss ways to evaluate changes in resilience capacities while monitoring to

mitigate potential negative impacts. Examples will be taken from programming in the region, but those attending will be encouraged to share their own experiences with successful project activities as well as those resulting in lessons learned.

Digital Storytelling: Using Video for Education and Behavior Change

Wednesday, March 4 | 3:30 - 5:00PM | Ballroom 3

PRESENTERS: Shelia Jackson, Knowledge Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program; Michelle Shapiro, Communications Officer, The TOPS Program; Peggy Koniz-Booher, Senior Advisor Nutrition/SBCC, SPRING; Kristina Beall, SBCC Manager, SPRING

Video is a powerful mechanism to educate people and motivate changes in behavior, particularly in development settings. Locally produced videos featuring familiar villagers as actors are increasingly used to encourage behaviors such as hand-washing, breastfeeding, irrigation, seed treatment, etc. In this hands-on session, you will learn all the steps to producing your own short educational film. Take on the role of director, writer, or videographer, and go through the actual process of brainstorming, storyboarding, and filming in a small group. This broad overview of video production is open to all – no previous experience required.

Mitigating Commodity Losses

Wednesday, March 4 | 3:30 - 5:00PM | Bronze Room

MODERATOR: Birendra Kumar De, Commodity Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program | PRESENTERS: Md. Mazibur Rahman, Senior Commodity Manager, PROSHAR, ACDI/VOCA Bangladesh; Mohammad Shohedul Alam Matabbar, Commodity Manager, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh; Md. Alamgir Hossan Patwary, Deputy Manager, MIS & Commodity, Nobo Jibon, Save the Children Bangladesh

Food commodities are as good as cash. Any leakage or loss in the supply chain will deprive some of the beneficiaries from receiving that food. PVOs do not get additional food to replenish lost food. Also, new awards do take PVOs' past performance in to consideration including commodity management. There are three awardees in Bangladesh ACDI/VOCA, CARE, and Save the Children that have been managing commodities for a number of years. Bangladesh terrain is very complex to manage commodity logistics; the PVOs have to use multiple modes of transport (trucks, boats, vans, rickshaws, etc.) to deliver food to the beneficiaries. Over the years, Bangladesh PVOs have been managing hundreds of thousands of metric tons of food commodities with minimal losses. In this session, participants will learn about various approaches that the PVOs adopt at different stages of the supply chain to mitigate commodity losses.

PLENARY | 9:00AM | Ballroom 1 & 2

Food for Peace Strategy Update: A Consultation Session

Moderator: Valerie Stetson, Independent Consultant | Presenter: Kathryn Tanner Stahlberg, Program and Policy Coordination Officer, USAID

The USAID Food for Peace Program envisions a world free of hunger and poverty, where all people live in dignity, peace and security. Seeking to fulfill this vision, Food for Peace has embarked on a long-term consultative process to develop a new Strategic Plan for 2016-2021. Input from FFP partners, along with broad consultation within USAID, and with academic partners, and other donors, has helped FFP shape a draft results framework for the new strategy. Please join FFP in an interactive plenary session to learn more about their work on the strategy to-date and, through your input, help shape a shared vision of food and nutrition security for the most vulnerable.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 10:45AM

Nutrition Sensitive Aquaculture & Livestock Production

Thursday, March 5 | 10:45AM - 12:15PM | Ballroom 1 & 2

MODERATOR: Joan Jennings, Nutrition & Food Technology Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program | PRESENTERS: Rumana Akter, Nutrition Coordinator, World Fish Bangladesh; Tania Sharmin, Senior Manager, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh; Saiqa Siraj, Advisor, Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition, Save the Children Bangladesh

This session will outline practical solutions that seek to address nutrition through combined nutrition, agriculture, and aquaculture interventions. Drawing on expertise from within Bangladesh, World Fish, CARE, and Save the Children will present case studies that show by increasing production, increasing income, and changing behavior, it is possible to increase availability, access, and intake of nutritious foods. Case studies will highlight different approaches to production and income generation including: livestock, vegetable production on dykes, and pond polyculture of carps and small fish. The importance of incorporating nutrition education for behavior change through essential nutrition and hygiene actions, and incorporating nutrition education into agricultural investments to help translate production and income gains into nutrition improvements will also be discussed.

Gender and Market Governance: Sustaining Gains for the Most Vulnerable

Thursday, March 5 | 10:45AM - 12:15PM | Ballroom 3

MODERATOR: Ramona Ridolfi, Gender Manager, HKI | PRESENTERS: Tui Swinnen, Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor, HKI; Marie Cadrin, Chief of Party, PROSHAR, ACDI/VOCA Bangladesh; Richard Rose, Technical Director of Programs, International Development Enterprises Bangladesh (iDE-B); Zahra Khan, Technical Specialist, Gender and Market Development, International Development Enterprises Bangladesh (iDE-B)

The USAID-supported and ACDI/VOCA-led Program for Strengthening Household Access to Resources (PROSHAR) works to reduce food insecurity and increase resiliency among vulnerable rural households in the Khulna division of Bangladesh. ACDI/VOCA, in collaboration with HKI and IDE, explores issues of gender and market governance for PROSHAR, looking at formal or informal rules influencing the behavior of economic actors in a particular market system and how it impacts the poorest and most vulnerable producers, particularly women. PROSHAR's market development approach to tackling food security issues will be presented. Presenters will discuss the importance of addressing gender specific constraints to equal market participation and explore the need for monitoring projects. In the latter half of the session, participants will be given a market map, a set of findings and have the opportunity to practice diagnosing governance issues, designing interventions to fill the gaps identified, and compare their ideas with other participants.

Creating a Knowledge Sharing Plan for Better Programming

Thursday, March 5 | 10:45AM - 12:15PM | Bronze Room

MODERATOR: Shelia Jackson, Knowledge Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program | PRESENTERS: Monjur Rashid, Knowledge Management Coordinator, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh; Saifuddin Ahmed, Advocacy Manager, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh

Knowledge sharing, capture, generation and application are the four tenets of knowledge management. The balance of these tenets are essential for an effective knowledge management program. A knowledge management strategy

that provides guidance and pathways to support the four tenets is the best tool to establish a knowledge management culture in your program. Join us as we share with you techniques to develop the knowledge sharing portion of a knowledge management strategy. The sessions aims to give participants the basic tools for designing a knowledge management strategy by exploring how to develop one part of the overall strategy: knowledge sharing.

LUNCHTIME MOBILE TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL SESSION | 12:15PM | Bronze Room

Using Mobile Technology for Resiliency and Sustainability Monitoring of a USAID/Food for Peace-funded Project

Admire Nyereyemhuka, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning Manger, Catholic Relief Services Zimbabwe

This session looks at some of the preliminary outcomes of a resiliency and sustainability monitoring study of USAID/Food for Peace-funded food security project conducted by Catholic Relief Services in Zimbabwe in 2014. The study utilized short message service (SMS) technology to conduct monitoring for a FFP-funded food security project that had ended the previous year. The resiliency and sustainability monitoring was conducted for Rushinga and Mangwe districts in Zimbabwe to draw lessons on food security programming. In conducting the resiliency and sustainability monitoring, the project worked with cluster facilitators, lead farmers and extension staff who collected and collated monthly utilisation data of livestock sales pens, dip tanks, irrigation schemes and Savings and Internal Lending Community (SILC) groups. The data was collated and sent to a central server through the SMS technology where it was received in real-time. This approach facilitated for a fast, efficient and cost effective method of collection monitoring.

LUNCHTIME MOBILE TECHNOLOGY TABLES | 12:15PM | Ballroom 1 & 2

TABLE 1 | Mobile Money in Action: Challenges and Lessons Learned

Md. Ariful Islam, M&E Specialist, USAID's mSTAR Project, FHI 360

The discussion will cover the major challenges faced by mSTAR Bangladesh in incorporating mobile money payments within USAID funded projects: Mobile Alliance for Maternal Action (MAMA) implemented by Dnet, Aquaculture for Income and Nutrition (AIN) by The WorldFish Center and Bluestar, PCHP, Sales Collection by Social Marketing Company (SMC). The key lessons that are learnt from the process will also be shared in the discussion.

TABLE 2 | Zero Cost EAS for Farmers

Sumaiya Nour, Manager, Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development (BIID)

The zero-cost EAS for the farmers is a newly developed business model under e-Krishok service brand of BIID. Based on SMS- and IVR-based solutions, the service will be bundled with input packages. BIID jointly with input suppliers will offer the service and farmer who buys an input package will be entitled to receive the EAS without incurring any additional cost.

TABLE 3 | Using Community-led Video for Nutrition SBCC

Peggy Koniz-Booher, Senior Advisor, Nutrition/SBCC, SPRING; Kristina Beall, SBCC Manager, SPRING

SPRING is working with Digital Green leveraging a community-led video approach to influence maternal, infant, and young child nutrition-related behaviors. A critical component of this approach utilizes women speaking to their peers in their own language about their personal experiences trialing recommended behaviors. SPRING will showcase these small portable projectors and low-cost video equipment and introduce a guide for conducting a community-led video project.

TABLE 4 | McAID: The Ultimate Solution to Track Development Assistance Program Data

Md. Alamgir Hossan Patwary, Deputy Manager, MIS & Commodity, Nobo Jibon, Save the Children Bangladesh; Rupa Saha, Senior Officer, MIS Analyst, Nobo Jibon, Save the Children Bangladesh

This session, presented by Nobo Jibon, will focus on the innovative use of McAID software. The presentation will offer a hands-on demonstration of how McAID works using the mobile network and Smart Phones. The presenters will introduce the process flow, highlight the GPS/GIS features of the technology, and show participants the performance dashboard used by McAID.

TABLE 5 | ICT Innovations in Agriculture Extension Service

Mridul Chowdhury, CEO, mPower Social Enterprises Ltd.; Jeremy Davis, Senior Program Advisor, USAID Agriculture Extension Project

The USAID Ag Extension Project has initiated a variety of ICT-based innovations in agriculture. Particularly mention-worthy are: 1) Smartphone-based query system linking farmers to agriculture experts with the help of public and private extension agents; 2) Online repository of agricultural knowledge base with easy-to-use filters and search options; 3) Variety of mobile applications for quick fact- and reference-checking based on latest official recommendations.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 1:15PM**Mobile Technology**

Thursday, March 5 | 1:15 - 2:45PM | Ballroom 1 & 2

PRESENTERS: Md. Ariful Islam, Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist, FHI 360; Mohammad Alamgir Hossan Patwary, Deputy Manager, MIS & Food Commodities, Nobo Jibon, Save the Children Bangladesh; Mridul Chowdhury, CEO and Founder, mPower Social Enterprises Ltd; Md. Shahid Uddin Akbar, Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development (BIID)

Mobile technology has been used successfully in a variety of development programs. Looking at programs across USAID and in the private sector, this session aims to go beyond the basics of mobile technology. The session will focus on what components are needed to have a successful program using mobile technology and examples of mobile technology options used in food security programming. It will also explore some of the impact of using mobile technology on participants' behavior as well as on the overall program and will include some discussion on the sustainability of mobile technology in programs.

Flood Early Warning: A Look at Two Systems

Thursday, March 5 | 1:15 - 2:45PM | Ballroom 3

MODERATOR: Patrick Coonan, Knowledge Management Specialist, The TOPS Program | PRESENTERS: Shafiqur Rahman, Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh; Sagar Pokharel, Program Advisor, Disaster Risk Reduction/Senior Focal Point for Resilience and Climate Change Adaptation, Mercy Corps Nepal

This session takes a comparative look at two flood early warning systems—one from Bangladesh and one from Nepal. CARE Bangladesh will present on the flood early warning efforts of the SHOUHARDO II program, which has been strengthened through partnerships with Regional Integrated Multi Hazard System (RIMES) and with the Flood Forecasting and Warning Center (FFWC) of the Government of Bangladesh. Mercy Corps in Nepal will share its work in activating community networks to support the establishment of early warning systems in rural areas of Nepal. These two approaches offer insight into how development organizations can work in partnership with government and communities to reduce the risk of natural disaster.

Challenges and Opportunities of Conducting a Barrier Analysis

Thursday, March 5 | 1:15 - 2:45PM | Bronze Room

MODERATOR: Mary DeCoster, Social & Behavioral Change Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program | PRESENTERS: Mizanur Rahman, Program Resources Director, Food for the Hungry Bangladesh; Dr. Ayan Shankar Seal, Team Leader, Health and Nutrition, PROSHAR, PCI Bangladesh

Barrier Analysis (BA) is a rapid assessment tool or formative research approach used to identify key factors associated with a particular behavior so that more effective behavior change activities, messages, strategies and supporting materials can be developed. BA focuses on barriers or enablers for practicing a behavior, and helps identify who are key influencers – people (such as grandmothers) who are very influential in deciding whether particular new behaviors will be practiced. BA can be used at the start of a program to inform development of behavior change activities and messages. It can also be used in an ongoing program focusing on behaviors that have not changed very much (despite repeated efforts) to improve understanding of what is keeping people from making a particular change. In this session practitioners will share their experiences and lessons learned in using this approach. Participants will share some of their own challenges and creative approaches to behavior change.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 3:15PM**Measuring Resilience: From Results to Application****Thursday, March 5 | 3:15 - 4:45PM | Ballroom 1 & 2**

PRESENTERS: Bruce Ravesloot, Vice President and Principal Consultant, TANGO International; Eric Vaughan, Technical Advisor, Mercy Corps; Leah Shearman, Senior Business Development Officer, World Vision; Ninette Adhikari, Research and Evaluation Advisor, Mercy Corps Philippines

Is there evidence that resilience interventions are making an impact on food security programming? Can resilience be measured? What are the practical applications of resilience measurements? These are the questions many people are asking as the call to implement resilience activities grows ever louder. Resilience measurement studies have been conducted for USAID's PRIME Project in Ethiopia by TANGO International, for the STRESS Project in Myanmar by Mercy Corps and for work in the Philippines by both Mercy Corps and World Vision. This session will focus on the process to measure, interpret and apply resilience results into programming for practical application.

Climate-Smart Agriculture**Thursday, March 5 | 3:15 - 4:45PM | Ballroom 3**

PRESENTERS: Jennifer Hoffman, Independent Consultant, Climate Change Adaptation; Tania Sharmin, Senior Manager, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh

As the effects of climate change become more pronounced globally, the concept of climate-smart agriculture (CSA) is receiving increasing attention as an essential element of food security programming. Yet CSA is in its infancy, and many practitioners remain uncertain how to operationalize it at the field level. This session seeks to deepen participants' understanding of CSA and increase their ability to incorporate it into project work. The session will begin with an overview of current CSA principles, frameworks, and methodology. A case study from SHOUHARDO II will illustrate the importance of working with communities to identify and respond to climate vulnerabilities as they experience them, and to encourage farmer innovation as a means of building adaptive capacity. Participants will then explore climate change implications for food security interventions regionally, sharing experiences and developing ideas about how to integrate CSA into projects.

Using Formative Research Results Effectively and Creatively**Thursday, March 5 | 3:15 - 4:45PM | Bronze Room**

PRESENTERS: Mary DeCoster, Social & Behavioral Change Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program; Dr. Ayan Shankar Seal, Team Leader, Health and Nutrition, PROSHAR, PCI Bangladesh

In our projects, we often conduct formative research to inform our program messages, materials, and activities, but adapting and applying the results can be challenging. In this session we will explore strategies for developing and selecting activities, directly linking formative research results to targeted, innovative, creative and effective approaches to promoting behavior change.



Ninette Adhikari, Research and Evaluation Advisor, Mercy Corps Philippines

Ninette Adhikari currently works with Mercy Corps Philippines office as a Research and Evaluation Advisor. She has been involved in the unconditional cash transfer program, TabangKO and the WASH program across Leyte and Cebu island. Ninette was involved in the impact evaluation of TabangKO through the randomized controlled trial to measure impact of cash transfer and financial literacy messages on savings behavior and economic recovery of the target beneficiaries. She previously worked at International Finance Corporation Sri Lanka on the Results Measurement team and supported their sustainable business advisory program in terms of regular monitoring and development of donor proposals specifically in preparing logic models and performance measurement frameworks. She have also worked at Katalyst, in the Making Markets Work for Poor (M4P) project in Bangladesh as an M&E consultant.



Farzana Afroz, Health and Nutrition Curriculum Manager, Food for the Hungry Bangladesh

Farzana Afroz is a native of Dhaka city in Bangladesh. She received her Masters from Dhaka University in Nutrition and Food Science and has completed the first part of M.Phil from the same University. She was first employed by ACF International as a Nutrition Supervisor, with an emergency response program for refugees and the communities surroundings. She is now working with FH Bangladesh as a Health and Nutrition Curriculum Manager. Farzana is very interested in working with communities.



Nasir Ahmed, Head of Capitalisation, Communication & External Relations, Katalyst

Mr. Nasir Uddin Ahmed joined Katalyst in March 2007 and is currently working as the Head of Capitalisation, Communications and External Relations. As such, he is responsible for planning and implementation of all activities that share the project's learning outcomes and promote Katalyst's market development approach among relevant stakeholders by using a broad variety of communication strategies and tactics. As Head of External Relations, Mr. Ahmed helps to further enhance Katalyst's constructive and vital relationship with the Government of Bangladesh. Mr. Nasir has conducted several national and international trainings sessions on Market Development for local and international NGOs. He has also attended and presented papers in several national workshops and seminars. Prior to joining Katalyst, Mr. Nasir has served in the private sector for two years. He obtained an MBA from North South University where he was awarded the gold medal as recognition of highest achievement among all graduating class.



Saifuddin Ahmed, Advocacy Manager, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh

Saifuddin Ahmed worked for 15 years in extreme poverty and food security programming with special focus on Governance, Advocacy, Knowledge Management and Research. He is currently working with the SHOUHARDO II program as an Advocacy Manager. He has worked with USAID, DFID, EC and other donor funded programs. He has conducted several policy events for influencing policy makers with relevant ministries, nation building departments, media, academicians and other development practitioners. Saifuddin has developed a social accountability framework and social auditing process for CARE Bangladesh.



Toufique Ahmed, Senior Manager, Monitoring & Evaluation, Nobo Jibon, Save the Children Bangladesh, @toufique12000

Toufique Ahmed has been the Senior Manager of Monitoring & Evaluation for the USAID MYAP Nobo Jibon under Save the Children Bangladesh since 2012. Apart from his MYAP M&E role, he has been backstopping the knowledge management portfolio of the resiliency component of the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation funded 'Enhancing Care for Children in Post-Crisis Recovery - A Learning Partnership' project from Bangladesh. He is based at Dhaka. He has over 14 years of M&E related experience. Previous to this position he led M&E for donor funded projects for DANIDA, JICA, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for CARE Bangladesh from 2000 to 2012. Mr. Toufique has 4 years graduation (Urban & Rural Planning) which is related to development and research field. He is an expert in Design, Monitoring & Evaluation of development projects including MYAP (Title-II), dairy value chain, horticulture, health and nutrition.



Md. Shahid Uddin Akbar, CEO, Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development (BIID)

Md. Shahid Uddin Akbar is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development (BIID), an inclusive business initiative to promote the use of ICT as a tool for sustainable development since 2004. The flagship initiative e-Krishok (Electronic Farmer) is one of Mr. Akbar’s efforts to innovate and demonstrate the scopes of ICT to serve rural farmers and develop a business model to offer ICT enabled extension to market linkage service. He worked in Tanzania, Myanmar, Thailand, Kenya, Uganda, Spain, and Ghana as a Consultant in ICT4D projects. Mr Akbar completed his Masters in Finance and Banking. He contributed to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) at national and international level. Mr. Akbar worked as ICT Consultant in SwissContact/Katalyst from 2004 to 2008. Mr. Akbar serves as a Member of the Editorial Panel of Working Paper Series on ICT4D jointly published by BIID and University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh. He also serves as Executive Committee of the Asia Pacific Telecentre Network, Junior Chamber International and Rotary International District 3281.



Rumana Akter, Nutrition Coordinator, World Fish Bangladesh

Ms. Rumana Akter is Nutrition Coordinator for World Fish in Bangladesh. She works with various CGIAR research programmes including bilateral projects. She has been leading the nutrition component of the Feed the Future funded “Agriculture for Income and Nutrition” project. Ms. Akter is a member of the Nutrition Society of Bangladesh and a registered public Health Nutritionist in the UK. During her tenure, she has worked with various national and international organizations like BRAC, HKI, FAO, and BNNC. She has extensive working knowledge of various aspects of malnutrition and experience working with different ethnic minority population in Bangladesh and abroad. She has diversified working experience on various public health and nutrition aspects in Bangladesh like vitamin A, anemia, ENA, Char livelihood, emergency nutrition, and MNCH. She co-authored the book ‘Safe Motherhood Promotion.’ Rumana holds a Masters in Food and Nutrition from the University of Dhaka and MS in Public Health Nutrition from the University of Southampton.



Kristina Beall, SBCC Manager, SPRING

Kristina Beall is Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Manager on the USAID-funded SPRING project with the Manoff Group. She has worked on designing, adapting, and implementing a number of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) training packages being used in Haiti, India, Niger, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, and Bangladesh; the development of SBCC program strategies; and the design and testing of a community media approach to nutrition SBCC. Kristina has a diverse background in marketing and communications, project management, and infant and young child nutrition. Before joining SPRING, Kristina worked briefly with MCHIP and was a Senior Associate at Devex. Kristina also designed and conducted IYCF research in Guatemala with PCI and conducted program implementation and design research for a program working with teens in the US and in Mexico City for the Population Council. Kristina has her MPH in Global Health Communication from George Washington University.



Rozena Begum, Monitoring & Evaluation Director, PROSHAR, ACDI/VOCA Bangladesh

As a development professional Rozena Begum has more than 23 years of relevant managerial and technical experience in designing and leading development projects, developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation frameworks and plans, and conducting research and surveys. At present she is ACDI/VOCA’s director of M&E on the USAID-funded PROSHAR project in Bangladesh. Previously, she worked as head of the M&E team for a USAID-funded project, “Food Security Enhancement Initiatives,” implemented by World Vision Bangladesh. She worked on a range of projects covering a spectrum of issues including livelihoods and food security, water and sanitation, governance, human rights, advocacy, non-formal education, and gender relations. She has designed and conducted studies, appraisals, and development opportunities analysis to develop new projects, determine baselines, and inform progress to make strategic decisions.



Marie Cadrin, Chief of Party, PROSHAR, ACDI/VOCA Bangladesh, @activoca

Marie Cadrin is a development professional with more than 25 years of experience, of which approximately 10 years have been spent as a senior manager. Her career has been spent working in the areas of livelihoods, food security, and micro-finance, with the goal of improving household incomes and/or the health status of mothers and children under the age of 5 years old. Throughout her career, she has been an advocate for women’s empowerment in the economic, social and civil society sectors. Marie has extensive experience working in Bangladesh as a consultant or manager throughout her career. Since August 2011, she has been the Chief of Party of the USAID/FFP program PROSHAR in Bangladesh.



Mridul Chowdhury, CEO, mPower Social Enterprises Ltd.

Mridul Chowdhury is the CEO and Founder of mPower Social Enterprises Ltd., a premier organization engaged in ICT-based innovations in agriculture, health, organizational learning and program effectiveness. Mridul's prior work experience includes co-founding D.Net, the most prominent ICT4D organization in Bangladesh. He has also worked as a Consultant for the United Nations Development Program and the Ministry of Planning in Bangladesh. He served as a researcher at the Center for International Development at Harvard University, where he was part of the team behind the first Global IT Report jointly published by Harvard University and the World Economic Forum. He completed an MPA in International Development from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government as a Dean's Fellow, and he has a BS in Computer Science from the University of Texas at Austin. He has also completed an Executive Training on Social Entrepreneurship from INSEAD.



Michelle Gamber, Technical Advisor, Office of Population & Reproductive Health, Bureau for Global Health, USAID

Michelle Gamber is a Technical Advisor in the Office of Population and Reproductive Health at USAID. In this capacity, she provides technical assistance to Washington based staff, field staff and implementing partners on family planning and research projects. She joined PRH after working in FFP, where she served as a Gender Advisor. Michelle supports family planning, maternal and child health and gender efforts within PRH and FFP programs. Prior to USAID, Michelle spent over ten years serving in a variety of capacities on both research and development projects focusing primarily on the areas of food security, health, and gender issues. Michelle received a Bachelors in Anthropology from Rollins College, a Masters in Anthropology from Western Michigan University, a Masters in Public Health from the University of Arizona, and a Doctorate in Public Health from the University of Arizona.



Bindi Pokhrel Gautam, Gender Equity and Social Inclusion Specialist, Suaahara, Save the Children Nepal

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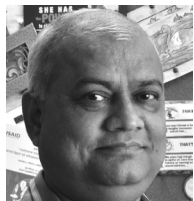
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Mohammad Shohedul Alam Matabbar, Commodity Manager, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh

Mr. Matabbar has over 15 years of experience in development, emergency, Rohingya Refugee Program and USAID's Title II food aid programs, all in resource management and program strategic position for CONCERN Worldwide, UNHCR, local NGOs and CARE Bangladesh. With this capacity and expertise he manages SHOUHARDO I & II direct distribution and monetization commodity with about zero or minimum loss. He led the direct distribution through local partners and by CARE direct intervention. He is skilled in overseas shipping, Independent Survey, C& F Agent work, commodities handling, emergency response, local procurement, establishment of in country logistics operation, Commodity Tracking System, training facilitation, monitoring, budgeting, facilitation audits and donor compliance assurance & reporting etc. He worked in consortium modalities for implementing a project for greater achievement. Currently, he works as a Commodity Manager for SHOUHARDO II, leading a team of 200 commodity staff, including liaisoning and coordinating to maintain with other USAID CS, GOB, Customs, M&E team, technical teams, CARE HQ and TOPS. He has a Masters of Commence on Management.



Monzu Morshed, Acting Chief of Party, SHOUHARDO II, CARE Bangladesh

Monzu Morshed has worked with CARE for more than 28 years. Morshed left CARE in 2007 to work with the United Nations World Food Programme. He returned to CARE in 2008. Morshed is the Acting Chief of Party for CARE's SHOUHARDO II program based in Bangladesh. Morshed previously worked in the private sector and has substantial experience in safety nets, rural development, livelihoods, food security and disaster risk management. Since 1985, he has participated in all disaster response/rehabilitation activities undertaken by CARE Bangladesh. He has worked in the Republic of Georgia, Timor Leste and Pakistan in humanitarian assistance activities. Morshed holds a Masters from BRAC University and a Bachelors from Dhaka University.



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Sagar Pokharel has over six years of disaster risk reduction/climate change adaptation experience, encompassing program design, management and implementation. He has supported communities funded by Mercy Corps in reducing disaster risks through systematic efforts of analyzing and managing the causal factors of disasters, including reduced exposure to hazards, lessened vulnerability of people and property, more effective management of land and natural resource base, and improved preparedness for adverse events. He has facilitated communities to address impacts of climate change by considering the gradual changes in average temperature and precipitation; and, reducing and managing the risks associated with increased climate variability. Over the past year, Mr. Pokharel has helped Mercy Corps develop resilience frameworks throughout its programming in Nepal.



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Mizan was born and raised in a remote village of Southwest Bangladesh. He graduated in Political Science. He is extremely passionate about eradicating poverty as a result of witnessing it first-hand in his own community. Mizan joined Food for the Hungry (FH), a Christian relief and development organization, in 1989 as a development worker. During his tenure with FH, he has served in various positions and gained significant experience working with marginalized women in rural communities by offering them the opportunity for transformation through learning and savings groups.



Md. Mazibur Rahman, Senior Commodity Manager, PROSHAR, ACDI/VOCA Bangladesh

Mazibur Rahman is the senior commodity manager of PROSHAR for ACDI/VOCA Bangladesh. He provides leadership in the management for the Title II commodity process from call forward to final distribution. He provides input to the Chief of Party for all commodities-related planning and reporting documents prepared on an annual basis to meet USAID and government requirements. He represents ACDI/VOCA at meetings, workshops, and other events related to commodities and commodities management. In addition, he provides quality control oversight to ensure all USAID and ACDI/VOCA commodity distribution regulations, processes and procedures are implemented effectively. Mr. Rahman has 14 years experience in handling Title II commodities. He holds a M.Sc. in Mathematics from Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.



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Shafiqur Rahman has been working with CARE Bangladesh in different programs at both the field and headquarters level since 1990—mostly with USAID-supported, Title-II development programs. Shafiqur has spent the past 10 years working at a senior level and currently serves as the Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator in SHOUHARDO II program of CARE Bangladesh as the team leader for the Disaster and Climate Risk Management (DCRM) component. He is one of the core members of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) of the country office and has extensive experience in the field of community-led rural development and program management, such as livelihoods, food security, disaster and climate change, partnership, gender equity and M&E. Shafiqur has strong knowledge and skills in the participatory development approach. He is a certified analyst by the Learning from the Past, Shaping the Future

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Richard has 8 years of experience working in private sector development for Business Membership Organizations and international Non-Government Organizations. He has acted as a consultant for Swisscontact for the AusAID-funded Introducing Market Development Indonesia program and for CIMMYT in the ACIAR-funded Farm Mechanization and Conservation Agriculture for Sustainable Intensification across four countries in Africa. Richard holds an MA (Honours) from the University of Edinburgh and MSc in Urbanization and Development from the London School of Economics (LSE).



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Janine Schooley, Senior Vice President for Programs, PCI

Janine Schooley obtained her MPH with an emphasis on Maternal and Child Health from San Diego State University in 1985. She has spent the last 30 years in leadership positions with 2 San-Diego-based non-profit international health and development organizations: Wellstart International from 1985-2000 and PCI since October 2000. Janine is a specialist in NGO leadership, with emphasis on program design and management of comprehensive programming, including capacity strengthening, gender equity, and behavior/social change aspects of integrated, community-based health and development programs. Currently Janine is Senior Vice President for Programs at PCI, ensuring quality, integrated programming for maximum sustainable impact in 16 developing countries and the US/Mexico Border Region, as well as overseeing all new business development; monitoring, evaluation and research; and strategic planning for the organization. Since 2007 she has been a faculty member at the Monterey Institute of International Studies where she teaches a course on behavior change. Janine served as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the CORE Group from 2002-2011 and is again on the Board as of 2014.



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Laurie Starr, Senior Technical Advisor, TANGO International

Laurie Starr is an applied researcher with nine years of experience in gender issues, resilience, livelihoods, and food security. The geographic range of her experience encompasses East Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean. As a Senior Technical Advisor for TANGO International, Laurie uses a mixed-method approach (qualitative and quantitative) to develop context-specific tools, carry out primary research, and conduct data analysis. Her role is to provide strategic support to NGOs and donors seeking to design gender sensitive resilience and food security programs, and accurately monitor and evaluate the changes they aim to stimulate. Recently, Laurie has become one of TANGO’s key facilitators for theory of change workshops around the world, assisting NGO staff to bring a systems thinking perspective to problem analysis and program design.



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Currently Chief of Party for the Nobo Jibon program with Save the Children Bangladesh, Ange Tingbo is a community development specialist with a Masters degree in Social Science. He has over 25 years of experience in designing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating food security programs. Ange Tingbo worked 18 years with Catholic Relief Services, 7 years with Africare, 16 months with the American Red Cross and 4 years as an independent consultant. In addition, he has proven expertise in Disaster Preparedness/Response and Humanitarian Assistance, Mother and Child Health/Protection interventions and training facilitation in staff and community capacity strengthening. He is a Title II foods management specialist.



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AKM Abdul Wadud is a well-reputed Monitoring and Evaluation expert in the development field. He has been the head of M&E on several projects and is currently serving as head of the M&E Unit of CARE’s SHOUHARDO II program. He possesses over 25 years of diversified experience and versatile technical expertise in designing, leading and managing M&E systems (quantitative, qualitative, and participatory), MIS and GIS in multi-faceted international development programs serving millions of vulnerable people and underprivileged women and girls. He is serving the worlds’ largest Title II program (\$130 million for 5 years) in Bangladesh funded by FFP/USAID and the government of Bangladesh (GoB) for over a decade. He also has strong skill and competencies in program designing, managing field operations, training and capacity building of program staff, NGOs and GoB counterparts. Having a background in social sciences and computer technologies, he efficiently provides reliable and timely data transforming it to readily usable information for program management and external audiences.



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Patrick works to build and strengthen communities of practice within the FSN Network. He has experience managing online communities, leading coalitions of community-based organizations, and developing engaging classroom experiences for adult immigrants to the U.S. Patrick has worked as a consultant to help organizations improve collaboration and build stronger teams using strengths-based tools and one-on-one coaching. He spends some of his free time volunteering on the board of a community-based organization in Washington, DC. Patrick served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Republic of Cape Verde from 2001 to 2003. He has an MA in International Studies from Ohio University.



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Caine oversees and coordinates all capacity building activities related to the commodity management supply chain in development and emergency food assistance programming. The most notable of his work is on the TOPS Food Assistance Commodity Management (FACM) Workshop series, which provides Title II Awardees and local PVO staff opportunities to improve their commodity management skills and knowledge about logistics, beneficiary selection, distribution, fraud reduction, and other areas. Prior to working with Save the Children, Caine was a Program Officer at FHI 360's Center for Civil Society and Governance, where he provided capacity building technical assistance to NGOs and government agencies in Food Security and Peace-building programs. There he assisted in designing the initial FACM training curriculum. Caine has worked in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Malawi, Niger, Senegal, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. He holds an MA in International Relations and Comparative Politics from the University of Salzburg (Austria) and completed his undergraduate work in Political Science at Eberhardt-Karls Universitaet in Germany.



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Birendra Kumar De, Commodity Management Senior Specialist, Save the Children

BK is responsible for commodity management capacity building of the PVOs implementing Title II food assistance programs and developing tools that benefit the entire community of commodity management practitioners. Previously, he worked in nine countries on three continents (Africa, Asia, and Europe) in development and emergency response programs. His responsibilities included commodity management, logistics, warehousing, and distribution over more than 25 years of his career. Just before joining TOPS, BK played a key role in setting up the Supply Chain Management Unit at CARE USA headquarters to improve CARE's global supply chain capability. Immediately before moving to CARE USA, BK was managing a commodity logistics project for 1.2 million internally displaced persons in Darfur, Sudan. He also worked for CARE in Malawi managing commodities in a multi-stakeholder Title II food assistance program. BK has an MA in International Logistics from Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.



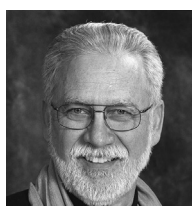
Mary DeCoster, Social & Behavioral Change Senior Specialist, Food for the Hungry

Mary provides technical support to the overall SBC effort that Food for the Hungry leads in the TOPS program, including identifying the knowledge and skill needs of practitioners and involving them in the process of implementation, synthesizing, producing, field testing, and delivering reliable, high-quality SBC information in user-friendly appropriate formats and venues; using effective and appropriate information and skill delivery systems/applications; and supporting and expanding skill and knowledge exchange forums. Previously, she managed behavior change programs for communicable disease prevention and maternal/child health and backstopped child survival projects. Mary has an MPH and an MS in Library Science from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant.



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Rachel oversees TOP's branding, marketing, and outreach; edits, formats, and produces project deliverables; supports project-led workshops and trainings; and ensures cohesion across project communications and publications and effective collaboration with the FSN Network. Prior to joining TOPS full time, Rachel served as a consultant editor for a handful of TOPS technical materials, as well as a freelance editor on various other projects. She also previously served on the communications teams of the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) in Geneva, the Expanded and Sustained Access to Financial Services (ESAF) Program in the Palestinian Territories, and TOPS partner the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance Project (FANTA) and taught courses on public speaking and theory building. Rachel holds an AA in Liberal Arts from Oakland Community College in Southeast Michigan, a BA in International Relations from Michigan State University, and an MA in Communication from the University of Maryland – College Park. She is a native-level Hebrew speaker and has some working proficiency in Arabic, French, and Spanish.



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Joan Jennings, Nutrition & Food Technology Senior Specialist, Save the Children

An expert in maternal and child health and nutrition, Joan has more than 15 years of experience providing consulting services for many USAID-funded food security and child survival programs and has extensive experience working with nutrition protection and behavior change strategies for improved infant and young child feeding practices. Her skill set also includes quantitative and qualitative evaluation, formative investigation, proposal development, and strategic planning. She has worked in over 20 countries throughout all development programming regions. In between periods of consulting, she was the team leader for children's health with CARE USA. She initiated her work in development as a Health and Nutrition Manager for Save the Children in Nicaragua. She possesses an MPH from Tulane University and received an internship with the United Nations ACC/Sub-Committee on Nutrition, where she edited a review of the elements of success among large-scale nutrition programs in 10 countries.



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Edith leads TOPS’s monitoring and evaluation (M&E) activities, including focused capacity building of M&E practitioners working for Title II and other food security projects, and supporting and strengthening the community of M&E practitioners; liaises with the FANTA III M&E team, FFP M&E team, M&E Task Force members, and the M&E practitioners working for Title II programs; identifies effective tools and promising M&E practices; and reviews small grant proposals and oversees the relevant small grants. In addition, she is responsible for TOPS’s own M&E plan. Edith has nearly 20 years of international development experience in the areas of food security programming, natural resource management, HIV/AIDS, and orphans and vulnerable children. She also has experience in project management, strategic planning, and program design and implementation. Edith previously served as Program Management Officer for M&E with World Vision US, M&E Specialist with Chemonics International Civil Society Fund, and M&E Specialist with World Vision Uganda Livelihoods Project. She received a BSc in Agricultural Economics and an MPS in Applied Economics and Management, and she is currently pursuing an MPH.



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Rana is responsible for the sound financial and administrative management of the TOPS Program, timely financial reporting, and overseeing sub-grants and associate awards. She provides direct support to and supervision of the consortium partners, including oversight of financial and administrative compliance with internal procedures and donor requirements, and timely flow of funds to partners. She also develops tools to facilitate sound financial monitoring and management, including any Associate Awards under the TOPS Program, and systems to monitor and report grant cost sharing. Previously, Rana was the Grants Manager for the TOPS Program. She held several positions with Save the Children, including Finance and Administration Manager in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Finance and Administration Director in Basra, Iraq. She is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and a Certified General Accountant (CGA). Rana holds a BA in Accounting from Yarmouk University in Irbid-Jordan and is currently pursuing an MBA at Laurentian University in Ontario, Canada. She is fluent in Arabic.

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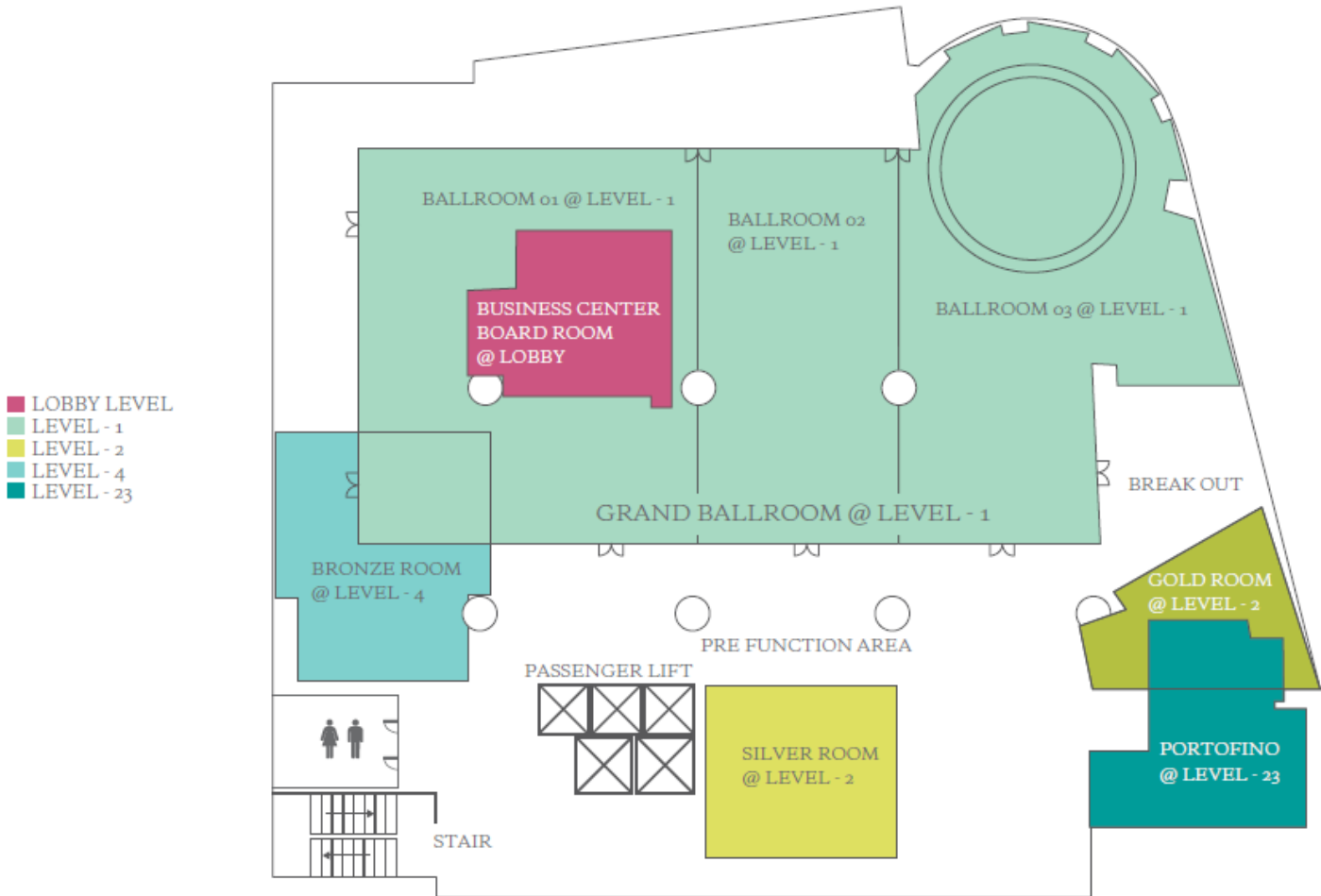
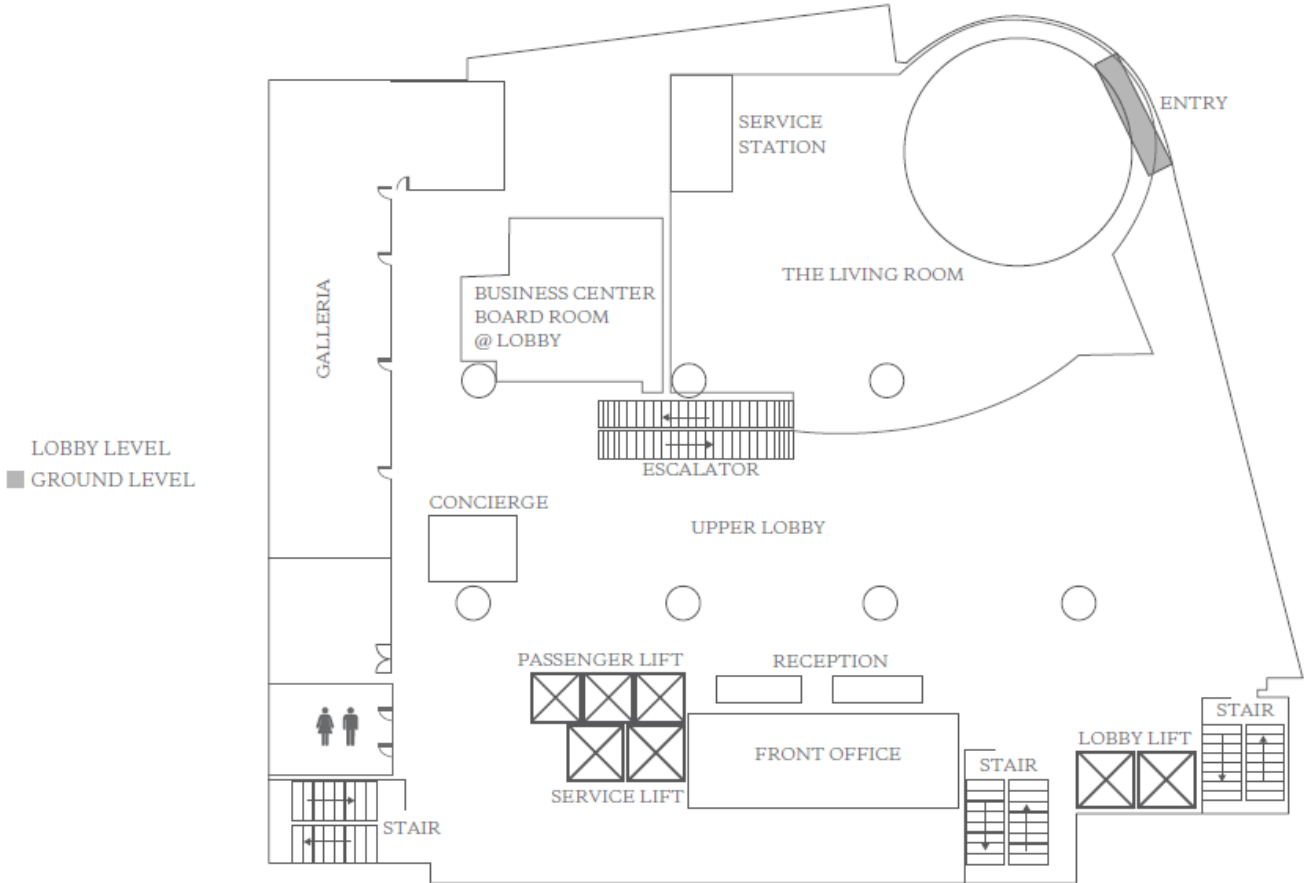
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RESTAURANTS

In Dhaka city, especially in the Gulshan and Banani areas, there is a good range of restaurants that offer Chinese, Indian, Thai, Korean, Japanese, Italian and Bangladeshi food. Many of these restaurants are within walking distance of the Westin Dhaka. For larger groups or parties, it is suggested to book tables in advance. Telephone numbers and addresses of these restaurants are available at the hotel.

Restaurants near the Westin Dhaka:

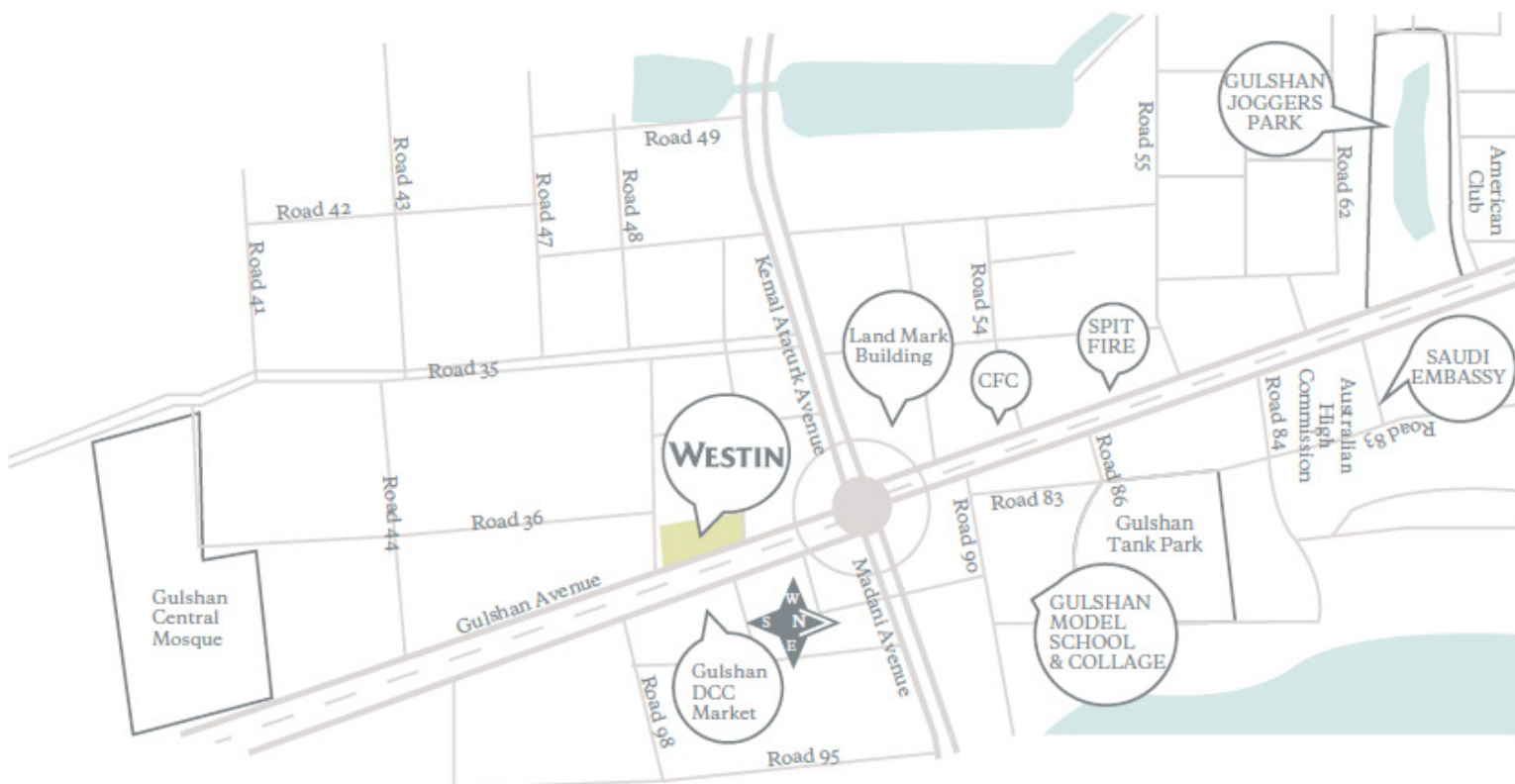
- Istanbul Turkish Restaurant—a Turkish restaurant that is a 10 minute walk from the hotel.
- Topkapi—a restaurant across the street from the Westin Dhaka that has Turkish and South Asian cuisine.
- New King Kitchen—a Chinese restaurant featuring Cantonese and Sichuan food that is a 15 minute walk from the hotel.

ATTRACTIONS

Dhaka offers visitors a number of attractions. The Westin Dhaka staff can assist you in planning excursions.

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- Lalbagh Fort—An incomplete 17th century Mughal fort and its gardens.
- Ahsan Manzil—The official residential palace and seat of the Dhaka Nawab family situated along the Buriganga River.
- Bangladesh National Museum—A museum dedicated to Bangladeshi history and culture.



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