



The FSN Network is an open community of practice working to strengthen food security in households and communities through knowledge sharing and collaboration for improved programming and implementation.



Upcoming Events

[FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting](#), June 11-13, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[Emerging Land Issues in African Agriculture: Implications for Food Security and Poverty Reduction Strategies](#)

Agrilinks, USAID, May 31, 9-10:30AM, WDC, Webinar option available

[Building Local Capacity for Effective Partnerships](#)

Oxfam America, Save the Children, Women Thrive Worldwide, June 1, 12:30-1:30PM, WDC

[SEEP Training in Measuring Financial Performance of Microfinance Institutions](#)
June 4-8, WDC

[The Agricultural Biotechnology Support Project \(ABSP II\) and Product-Driven Capacity Building for Emerging Markets](#)

Agrilinks, USAID, June 5, 8:30AM-4:45PM, WDC, Webinar option available

[Agricultural Growth is Good. But is Not Enough to Improve Nutrition](#)
SecureNutrition, June 7, 12:30-2PM, WDC

[Cracking the Nut 2012 Conference](#)
AZMJ, June 25-26, WDC

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There are many ways to participate in the FSN Network. To learn more about the FSN Network's task forces, technical knowledge sharing meetings and e-community click [here](#). For daily news from the FSN Network follow us on [Twitter](#) @FSNnetwork

Spread the Word: Online Discussion on Commodity Management Capacity Gaps Continues

Please tell your colleagues working in commodity management about the ongoing discussion on promising practices, program challenges and capacity needs in commodity management. The discussion is being hosted on the FSN Network Web Portal. Join others who have shared their challenges, needs, and achievements in commodity management, from cash based programming to port management to working in a consortium. For more information and to participate in the discussion, [click here](#). You must [login](#) or [register](#) to post comments.

TOPS Presenting at World Bank Mobilizing Knowledge Networks Conference, June 19-20

The World Bank Group will be hosting the "Mobilizing Knowledge Networks for Development" Conference June 19-20 in Washington, DC. The goal of the event is to explore ways to become better providers and connectors of knowledge in a world where the sources of knowledge are increasingly diverse and disbursed. The TOPS Program will present the initial results of its review of organizational knowledge sharing practices. TOPS will also have a booth in the event's share fair display area. For more information, including a draft agenda, and to register, [click here](#).

Now Accepting Applications: PCI's Small Savings-Big Impact Workshop, September 19-21, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

PCI was awarded a micro grant through the TOPS program to host a workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in late September. This three-day, practitioner-driven event aims to build the capacity of participants to implement cost-effective and locally viable practices to reduce food insecurity through the implementation of successful "Village Savings and Loan" (VSL) methodologies. The event will bring together 60 participants from across Ethiopia and Eastern Africa to promote learning on 'what works' in terms of VSL methods and reducing food and nutrition insecurity. For more information and to participate, please [view this application](#). Selected applicants will be notified of their acceptance by July 15, 2012. For more information about the TOPS micro grant program [click here](#).

[The Future of Microfinance in Africa](#)

SID, June 27, 12-1:30PM, WDC

Did You Know?

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) are developing a "[gender map](#)" of agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa in order to better understand how to target agricultural interventions to women and men farmers. The project is an out growth of an [IFPRI Discussion Paper](#).

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[A Toolkit on Collecting Gender & Assets Data in Qualitative & Quantitative Program Evaluations](#) from IFPRI and ILRI

[Gender and Health Data and Statistics: An Annotated Resource Guide](#) from MEASURE and WHO

[Food and Agriculture: The Future of Sustainability](#) from UNDESA

[Researchers Develop Food Aid Decision-Making Tool](#) from Cornell University's Chronicle

Featured Information Resource: Addendum to FANTA Sampling Guide by Robert Magnani (1997): Correction to Section 3.3.1 Determining the Number of Households That Need to be Contacted

FANTA has released an addendum to their 1997 *Sampling Guide*, which provides technical guidance to Food for Peace (FFP) Title II Awardees in their efforts to conduct baseline and final performance evaluation surveys. The *Addendum* (2012) provides an alternative approach to what would sometimes result in an underestimation of the number of households that need to be visited to obtain the required sample size on a specific target group (e.g., children under 5 years of age). The *Addendum* provides an approach that will result in a household sample size that is more likely to achieve the required sample size of children. The *Addendum* and accompanying *Sampling Guide* are available to download simultaneously [here](#).

Job Postings

- [Senior Agriculture Specialist](#) based in WDC with Mercy Corps/TOPS
- [USAID Office of Food for Peace Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor](#) based in WDC with USAID
- [PSC Position for Food for Peace Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist](#) based in Nairobi with USAID
- [Senior Specialist, Nutrition](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Junior Specialist - Regional Center Specialist](#) based in Davis, CA with Horticulture Collaborative Research Support Program
- [Evaluation Consultancy: Livelihoods & Child Protection](#) based in Haiti with Terre des Hommes
- [Technical Director, LIFT Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
- [Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist \(Technical Officer III\)](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
- [Social and Behavior Change \(SBC\) Manager- Nutrition](#) based in Chad with International Medical Corps

If you are not already on our e-mail list, sign-up [here](#). We welcome news of events, tools, trainings, country updates and other content from the broad FSN Network community. Please send any suggested content to commentsfsn@gmail.com.

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