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

[Stakeholder Meeting on FFP's Second Food Aid and Food Security Assessment](#)
FANTA-III, TOPS, July 24, WDC

[Don't Just Borrow, Be the Bank: How Savings-Led Microfinance Can Make Food & Nutrition Security Programs More Sustainable](#)
 PCI, TOPS, Sept 19-21, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Applications due July 15

[Principles for Successfully Engaging with Lead Firms in Value Chain Development](#)
Carsey Institute, July 11, 11AM-12PM EST

[The Future of Microfinance in Africa](#)
SID, July 11, 12-1:30PM, WDC

[Understanding the Microfinance Market](#)
SEEP Network, Citi, July 19, 6-7:30PM, NYC

[Microinsurance Business Strategies for African Markets](#)
USB-ED, Cenfri, July 24-27, Cape Town, South Africa

[Standing Meeting on Climate Change Adaptation](#)

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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

Stakeholder Meeting on FFP's Second Food Aid and Food Security Assessment: July 24

FFP commissioned the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA) Project to undertake the second Food Aid and Food Security Assessment (FAFSA-2). The aim of FAFSA-2 was to document the overall achievements of Title II development programs during the period from Fiscal Years 2003-2009. The assessment, carried out by Roberta Van Haeften, Mary Ann Anderson, Herbert Caudill and Eamonn Kilmartin, examined 101 programs in 28 countries to identify approaches adopted and results achieved in principal Title II technical sectors along with promising practices, innovations, lessons learned, strengths, weaknesses, and constraints to achieving results.

FANTA-III in partnership with TOPS, are hosting a stakeholder meeting on July 24 from 9AM-5:30PM in Washington, DC to present the overall results, and invite community discussion on selected recommendations. Accommodation for remote participants will be announced at a later date. To register for the in-person event, please [click here](#).

Deadline Approaching: PCI's Small Savings-Big Impact Workshop, September 19-21, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

PCI, with funding from a TOPS micro grant, is organizing a three-day, practitioner-driven event 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. Rather than a PowerPoint presentation-dominated event, this forum will be a unique, practical, and hands-on experience, with energy and commitment visibly apparent among the mostly field-based participants.

Please see the application on [this page](#) if you are interested in participating. Applications are due July 15 to btbforum@pciglobal.org. For more information about the TOPS micro grant program [click here](#).

Eligible Uses of Section 202(e) and ITSH Funding

USAID, Aug 16, 4PM, WDC

Empower and Thrive: Creating New Pathways for Development and Conservation
CARE, WWF, Sept 11, WDC

Training of Trainers
InsideNGO, Sept 11-13, WDC

Sustainable Microenterprise and Development Program Tanzania 2012
Carsey Institute,Oct 15-26, Arusha, Tanzania
Scholarships due Aug 24

Did You Know?

The World Bank, along with other partners, has launched SecureNutrition, a knowledge platform working to bridge the operational knowledge gap between agriculture, food security, and nutrition.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

The State of the World Fisheries and Aquaculture from FAO

Impacts of Bioenergy on Food Security from FAO

Scaling Up in Agriculture, Rural Development, and Nutrition from IFPRI

Articles

The Effects of Household Food Production Strategies

Attached here please find Food for Peace Information Bulletin (FFPIB) 12-02, Eligible Uses of Section 202(e) and ITSH Funding. All FFPIBs can be found on the Food for Peace website at http://transition.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/ffp/ffpib.html.

FFPIB 12-02 updates FFPIB 11-01, clarifying the eligible uses of Section 202(e) funding in Public International Organization (PIO)- and Private Voluntary Organization (PVO)-run emergency programs. If you have any questions regarding the attached FFPIB, or the eligible uses of Section 202(e) or ITSH funding in your programs, please contact your Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR).

FSN Network Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

Newcomers are welcome to attend any of the following meetings. Click on the meeting name for more information:

- Care Groups Forward Interest Group Meeting, July 11, 2012, 11:30 AM EST
- Social and Behavioral Change Task Force Meeting, July 12, 2012, 10-11:30 AM EST
- Monitoring and Evaluation Task Force Meeting, July 25, 2012, 9:30AM EST

Featured Information Resource: Summary of the Way Forward Discussions from FSN Network's June East Africa Knowledge Sharing Meeting

At the June 11-13 FSN Network East Africa Knowledge Sharing meeting in Addis Ababa, TOPS asked participants in 26 different technical or management topics to consider the 'way forward' for the topic under discussion. Namely, what actions did the larger global food security community need to take to move this topic forward toward stronger and more effective implementation? Suggestions varied greatly by topic, and included recommended research agendas, policy changes, guidance and tools as well as additional stakeholder consultations, orientations, trainings or other workshops. To read the report consolidating participant suggestions, click here.

Job Postings

- 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
- Chief of Party based in Kenya with Fintrac
- Specialist II, Food Security Unit, Business Development based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services
- Nutrition Initiative Technical Assistance Consultancy based in Bangladesh with World Vision
- Solicitation for Applications for Advisory Services in Gender based in WDC with USAID
- Program Manager II - Central Africa Regional Business Development Advisor based in Democratic Republic of Congo with Catholic Relief Services
- Senior Technical Advisor - Water Supply Sanitation based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services
- Public Donor Liaison based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief

on the Health and Nutrition Outcomes of Women and Young Children from Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology

Services

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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