



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

[Release of USAID's Policy and Program Guidance on Building Resilience to Recurrent Crisis](#)

USAID, Dec 3,
2-3:30 PM, WDC

[Public-Private Partnerships Innovating to End Malnutrition](#)

IFPRI, Dec 4,
12:15-1:45 PM, WDC,
Live webcast available

[Policy Options to Enable Fertilizer Industry Growth](#)

Agrilinks, USAID, Dec 5,
9:30-11 AM, WDC,
Webinar option available

[Prioritizing Nutrition in Agriculture and Rural Development: Guiding Principles and the Momentum Behind Them](#)

SecureNutrition, World Bank, Dec 5,
12:30-2 PM, WDC

[Voices from Urban Africa: The Impact of Urban Growth on Children](#)

Save the Children, Dec 6, 9-11 AM, WDC

[Women's Leadership in SMEs: Islamic Contexts](#)

WLSME, USAID, Dec 7,
9-10:30 AM, WDC,
Webinar option available

[Harnessing Agricultural Innovation for Transformative Impact](#)

FSN Network News

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There are many ways to participate in the FSN Network. Learn more about the FSN Network's task forces, technical knowledge sharing meetings and e-community [here](#). Visit our website fsnnetwork.org and for daily news follow us on [Twitter @FSNnetwork](#) and like our [Facebook page](#).

Resources Available: FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting in Washington, DC November 13-15

Presentations, handouts and other resources from the FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting in Washington, DC November 13-15, 2012 are now available at fsnnetwork.org. The three-day meeting brought together grantees, donors, and researchers for peer learning, knowledge sharing, and networking around implementation strategies and practices for strengthened resilience and improved food security and nutrition outcomes. Session summaries, videos of the plenary sessions, and video interviews with selected participants will all be available in the coming weeks.

RSVP Due Today: Release of USAID's Policy and Program Guidance on Building Resilience to Recurrent Crisis

USAID will unveil their Policy and Program Guidance on Building Resilience to Recurrent Crisis on Monday, December 3.

Featured Speakers Include:

- Dr. Rajiv Shah, Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development
- Gayle Smith, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director at the National Security Council
- David Beckmann, President of Bread for the World
- Neal Keny-Guyer, CEO of Mercy Corps
- Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA)
- Carolyn Woo, President & CEO of Catholic Relief Services

RSVP directly to resilience@usaid.gov by November 30 if you are interested in attending. The event will take place at the Ronald Reagan Building, Amphitheater in Washington, DC from 2-3:30 PM. USAID advises attendees arrive no later than 1:30 pm to clear security.

FFP Announcement: Update on FFP Policy on Baseline and Final Evaluations of Title II Programs

In accordance with the USAID evaluation policy and FAFSA review findings, the Office of Food For Peace (FFP) has made a policy

IFPRI, Dec 7,
12:15-12:45 PM, WDC,
Live webcast available

[Looking Back, Looking Forward: Gender Integration and Women's Empowerment at USAID](#)

USAID, Jan 8,
1-2:30 PM, WDC

[Gender in Value Chains \(GVC\) Course](#)

KIT Training Centre,
Jan 11- Feb 22, 2013,
Amsterdam

[Community-Based Natural Resource Management \(CBNRM\) Workshop](#)

USAID, Jan 16-17,
2013, WDC

[Impact Evaluation of Population, Health & Nutrition Programs Workshop](#)

MEASURE Evaluation Project, USAID, March 18-30, 2013, New Delhi, India, Applications due Jan 25, 2013

Online Discussion

[Making the Food System Work for Women](#)

Oxfam, Nov 19-30

[#AskAg Twitter Chat: Making the Case for Investing in African Agriculture](#)

Agrilinks, USAID, Dec 6,
2-3 PM

[Do We Need a "Principles of Practice" for CHW Programming?](#)

CHW Central, USAID

Did You Know?

FHI 360 runs a site called [ProNUTRITION](#). It's an information resource that supports health care providers, community health workers, policy makers,

decision to outsource baseline and final evaluations of Title II programs to independent contractors. In that regard, it is FFP's full intention to outsource the baseline and final evaluations for any Title II development food assistance programs awarded during Fiscal Year 2013.

Due to current budget uncertainties, applicants for new Title II development food assistance programs should include the cost of baseline and final evaluations in their proposed budgets. Budgets will be adjusted and finalized as necessary in the final negotiation process with successful applicants. The Request for Applications for FY13 Development Food Assistance Programs can be found on the [FFP website](#).

FANTA Request: Solicitation of Data for Clarifying Relationships among Food Consumption Indicators Used in the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Scale

FANTA and FEWS NET have begun a research initiative, in collaboration with the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification's (IPC's) Global Support Unit, to investigate the relationship between several household food consumption indicators, including: food consumption score (FCS), household hunger scale score (HHS), household dietary diversity score (HDDS), household food insecurity access scale score (HFIAS), and coping strategies index (CSI). The goal of this study is to better understand how these indicator measures relate to one another, as well as to broader food insecurity severity measures, such as the IPC's Acute Food Insecurity Reference Table for Household Group Classification.

FANTA and FEWS NET are looking for organizations/institutions with which to collaborate on this research initiative, specifically, those willing to share data sets that include at least two of the indicators listed above. The [attached formal data solicitation](#) includes additional information regarding specific criteria for the data, as well as formatting and submission information.

Food Tasting of New Corn Soy Whey Blend (CSB 14), December 4

Global Food and Nutrition, Inc., as part of the FFP-funded Food Aid Quality Review, is seeking feedback on the sensory characteristics of two versions of the new updated, nutritionally improved Corn Soy Blend (known as Corn Soy Whey Blend or CSB14). This request for feedback is in anticipation of larger-scale production and procurement. The taste test of the two versions of CSWB/CSB14 will be held Tuesday, December 4 at Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE (two blocks east of the Eastern Market Metro) at 11:15 AM and 12:30 PM. Each session can accommodate up to 12 people and will last up to 30-40 minutes, including the tasting of the two products, a short questionnaire about each, and a brief preparation demo for those who are interested. Please RSVP to lauren@globafoodandnutrition.com by noon on Sunday, December 2.

Narrated Overview of TOPS Curriculum Development Summit Now Available

and program managers with current, relevant, and practical knowledge and tools for decision-making.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[USAID Youth in Development Policy](#) from USAID

[Evidence from the Frontlines of Climate Change: Loss and Damage to Communities Despite Coping and Adaptation](#) from Loss and Damage in Vulnerable Countries Initiative

[Networks for Prosperity: Connecting Development Knowledge Beyond 2015](#) from United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

[Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Technical Manual Version 2.0](#) from The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Global Partners

Articles

[Sustainable Cities Will Be More Resilient in Extreme Weather](#) from the Guardian

[A More Diverse Picture in Small-Scale Farming?](#) from the Guardian

[FAO Helps Somalis to Cash in on Livestock Waste](#) from ReliefWeb

[Climate Change: When Adaptation Does Not Work](#) from IRIN Global

In late September, TOPS hosted a training and knowledge sharing event for practitioners experienced in developing curricula or behavior promotion materials. The event aimed to help those working in food security improve their curricula design and behavior promotion materials and identify essential elements and key guidelines for design of materials. A narrated overview of the summit and additional information, including the final report and other resources, is now available [here](#).

FSN Network Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

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

- [Knowledge Management and Program Learning Task Force](#), December 7, 9-10:30 AM EST

Featured Information Resource: Child Safeguarding in Cash Transfer Programming

This tool, developed by Women's Refugee Commission, Child Protection in Crisis Task Force, Save the Children and the Cash Learning Project, seeks to make cash transfer programming more accountable to children, by giving guidance on how to prevent and respond to child protection incidents more effectively. It covers the full program cycle of preparation, planning, implementation, and monitoring. The tool covers all forms of cash transfer programming: conditional and unconditional cash grants, vouchers and cash-for-work, and while it applies specifically to emergency settings, it's also applicable to non-emergency settings. For more information and to download the resource, [click here](#).



Job Postings

- [Senior Specialist, Communications and Documentation, TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Knowledge Management Officer-Support to Online Communities](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Nutrition and HIV Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, FANTA III Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
- [Video Production Manager](#) based in Phoenix, AZ with Food for the Hungry
- [Regional Nutrition Assessment, Counseling, and Support \(NACS\) Advisor for Eastern and Southern Africa \(Technical Advisor I\)](#) based in Africa with FHI 360
- [Research Project Director](#) based in WDC with George Washington University
- [International Development Fellows](#) with CRS

- [Leland International Hunger Fellows](#) with various organizations
- [Regional Team Leader](#) based in West and East Africa with Cornell University
- [Norman E. Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program \(Borlaug LEAP\) Fellowship](#)
- [2013 Global Postharvest E-learning Training Program](#)
- [Executive Secretary](#) based in Rome with Global Horticulture Initiative
- [Maternal Child Health & Nutrition Programs Coordinator](#) based in WDC with Food for the Hungry
- [Nutrition Specialist, Food Security Unit](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services
- [Senior Program Officer for Online Learning](#) based in Bethesda, MD with Women's Learning Partnership
- [Gender Evaluation Specialist](#) based in WDC with ICRW

Funding and Other Opportunities

- Feed the Future Partnering for Innovation is requesting [Expressions of Interest](#) (EOI) from interested partners with whom to work with to achieve this objective of commercializing technologies for smallholder farmers. Private manufacturers, research and development institutes, universities, scientists, entrepreneurs, and other innovators are invited to submit EOIs that briefly explain a significant challenge to increasing food production and a proven technology that will address the challenge. EOIs are due January 31, 2013.
- A new solicitation entitled *Global Hunger and Food Security Research Strategy: Climate Resilience, Nutrition, and Policy* has been issued by USAID's Bureau of Food Security. The application due date has been extended to January 31, 2013. [Click here](#) for more information.
- This year the Hult Prize, a start-up accelerator for social entrepreneurship, focuses on the global food crisis. The global winner will receive \$1 million in start-up capital to launch their new social enterprise. College and university students are eligible. For more information, [click here](#).

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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