FSNNetwork
Food Security and Nutrition Network

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

[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

[Building NGO Capacity to Address Sexual Exploitation and Abuse](#)
InterAction, Various dates and locations in Jan and Feb 2013

[AIDF Asia-Pacific](#)
Aid & International Development Forum, Jan 30-31, 2013, Bangkok

[Africa's Food Systems in 2035](#)
The Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) at Stanford University, Feb 5, 3:30-6 PM, Stanford, CA

[Savings Groups Conference](#)
Oxfam, March 4-5, Arlington, VA

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

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](#).

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year from the FSN Network

The FSN Network wishes you and yours a safe and happy holiday season. We've had an exciting year working with all of you to launch and strengthen collaborative efforts to improve food security and nutrition program implementation. We look forward to the coming year full of new and exciting endeavors and to your continued engagement and participation.

Thank you for your dedication and support. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

FFP FY 2013 RFA For Title II Development Food Assistance Programs in Haiti

The Office of Food for Peace thanks you for your comments, questions, and suggested edits concerning the Request for Applications (RFA) for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) Title II Development Food Assistance Programs and Haiti Country Specific Information. The revised materials are now available on the FFP website:

- [RFA, list of required annexes, budget template](#)
- [Country Specific Information for Haiti](#)

Note that for FY13 applications, FFP added annexes to the RFA, given the introduction and launch of the new FFP Management Information System (FFPMIS). Annexes include:

- Definitions - replaces information previously included in application templates that have been made redundant by FFPMIS
- Questions and Answers on Health and Nutrition Programming - updates last year's stand-alone document as an annex to the RFA and includes information specific to Haiti
- Gender: Title II Development Food Assistance Programs
- Selected Templates and Examples (DIP & IPTT) - integrates documents that were previously separate PDFs into the RFA

Food for Peace Management Information System

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

Information and Communications Technologies for Development (ICT4D) Conference
Catholic Relief Services, March 19-24, 2013, Ghana

Did You Know?

MEASURE DHS (Demographic and Health Surveys) has just released the MEASURE DHS mobile app, available for free now in iTunes (for Apple phones and tablets) and Google Play (for Android devices) stores.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

Impact Assessment: IFPRI 2020 conference "Leveraging Agriculture for Improving Nutrition and Health" from IFPRI

Shifting Sands Risk and Resilience among Refugee Youth in Cairo from Women's Refugee Commission

The Quiet Revolution in Staple Food Value Chains from Asian Development Bank, IFPRI

Branding and Agricultural Value Chains in Developing Countries from IFPRI

A Nation Under Threat: The Impacts of Climate Change on Human Rights and Forced Migration in Bangladesh from Environmental

The Office of Food for Peace is pleased to announce the launch of the Food for Peace Management Information System (FFPMIS), which will support proposal submissions, reporting, and program and financial management for all current and future Food for Peace programs. Title II development and emergency food assistance programs, Emergency Food Security Programs, and International Food Relief Partnership Programs will all be awarded and administered through FFPMIS.

Use of FFPMIS will be required for all submissions made on/after January 2, 2013.

Attached here is a user registration form, which is required for access to FFPMIS. Please return a signed copy of this form as soon as possible to ffpmis_support@devis.com. Your username and a temporary password will then be issued via email. If you signed a user registration form at a FFPMIS training earlier this fall, please note this in an email to ffpmis_support@devis.com requesting access to the system. We ask that each organization limit its request to five users; additional users may be approved in exceptional circumstances only.

A helpdesk is available via email at ffpmis_support@devis.com - note that the helpdesk contact information is different than what may have been provided previously. User guides and training videos can be found on the FSN Network website.

Featured Resource Library Topic: Social and Behavioral Change

The FSN Network website, fsnnetwork.org, includes a resource library rich with technical tools and guides. The Featured Resource Library Topic highlights some areas of the library. The feature topic this week is Social and Behavioral Change (SBC).

This section has a variety of SBC Task Force approved tools on topics such as Partnership Defined Quality, Care Groups and Barrier Analysis. The narrated presentations Principles of Persuasion explain how persuasion techniques can improve the effectiveness of food security, child survival and other community development work, as well as how the principles can be applied in your work.

The FSN Network welcomes additional tools, guides and resources from the community. Submit a resource on a variety of food security and nutrition topics on the website.

Featured Information Resource: Emergency Food Security & Livelihoods 48-hour Assessment Tool

The purpose of the 48-hour assessment tool is to obtain a quick understanding of the emergency food security and livelihood (EFSL) situation within the first few days after a rapid-onset disaster. Initially developed by Oxfam and further developed by the Emergency Capacity Building Project, this tool aims to support response teams to meet requirements in emergencies in the context of practical constraints that usually follow a rapid-onset crisis.The tool is independent of other multi-sectoral assessments and collects information only on EFSL.The results of this initial assessment can be used to inform the design of first phase responses, for the first 6 to 8

Justice Foundation

Articles

[Effective Development Requires Effective Communication](#) from the Guardian

[Empowering Women Through Economic Advocacy and Dialogue](#) from the Guardian

[Farming in Harsh Environments](#) from Al Jazeera

[Aid Policy: Communication Technologies Transform Relief and Development](#) from ReliefWeb

[How Africa's First Commodity Exchange Revolutionised Ethiopia's Economy](#) from the Guardian

weeks after the disaster occurred. For more information and to download the tool, visit the [FSN Network website](#).

Job Postings

- [Knowledge Management Officer-Support to Online Communities, TOPS/FSN Network](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Regional Technical Advisor (RTA) - Agriculture and Environment](#) based in East Africa with Catholic Relief Services
- [Consultancy](#) with United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN)
- [Agriculture & Nutrition Specialist](#) based in Arlington, VA with Helen Keller International
- [Sr. Research Program Coordinator](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University
- [Senior Specialist Knowledge Management and Communications](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Nutrition Security Expert](#) based in Ghana with FAO
- [Chief Technical Advisor](#) based in Ghana with FAO
- [Program Coordinator](#) based in Senegal with Counterpart International
- [Research Associate, Monitoring & Evaluation, FANTA III Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360

Funding and Other Opportunities

- Attendees are invited to submit proposals to present on Savings Groups in a designated Research or Programming session at the SG 2013 Savings Groups Conference. Presenters will be assigned a time slot on Monday March 4, 2013. Visit the [conference website](#) to download the request for proposals. All research session proposals must be submitted by January 22, 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.

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.

The FSN Network is being spearheaded by TOPS, a USAID/FFP funded program seeking to build the capacity of FFP grantees and other food security and nutrition implementers. The program is working to improve the quality of implementation through fostering collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing around food security and nutrition best practices. For more information about TOPS please click [here](#).

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