

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.



## **FSN Network News**

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## **Important Announcements**

## Save the Date: FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia June 11-13

The FSN Network will be hosting a knowledge sharing workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on June 11-13, 2012. The workshop is intended for food security and nutrition grantees, donors, and researchers to engage in peer learning, knowledge sharing and networking around improved food aid and food security implementation. Session topics will address programming and implementation realities in Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, northern Kenya, northern Uganda, and Somalia, though practitioners from across the globe are welcome to attend. For more information on past knowledge sharing meetings click the following links: FSN Network Spring 2011 in Baltimore and FSN Network 2011 Fall Meeting in Maputo. TOPS will also be offering a byinvitation-only training workshop in the week prior to the Addis knowledge sharing workshop. More details to come.

## Invitation to Participate in USAID's DCHA Guidance Development Initiative

USAID's DCHA Bureau would like your participation in the development of operational guidance and training materials on: 1) Incorporation of environmental and social sustainability indicators and considerations into Development Food Aid Program design, monitoring and evaluation (DM&E) systems, and; 2) Budgeting for environmental mitigation and monitoring actions that respond to IEE conditions.

In the coming weeks, the Global Environmental Management Support (GEMS) team will distribute a short questionnaire to gather input on challenges and lessons learned related to current environmental M&E and budgeting processes. The GEMS team will also carry out short in-country visits to selected countries to incorporate field level input on these critical topics. For more information on the DCHA Guidance Development Initiative and a projected timeline, click <a href="here">here</a>. To learn more <a href="GEMS">GEMS</a>, click here.

If you are not already on our e-mail list, sign-up <a href="mailto:here">here</a>. We welcome news of events, tools, trainings, country updates and other content from the broad FSN Network community. Please send any suggested content to <a href="mailto:commentsfsn@gmail.com">commentsfsn@gmail.com</a>.

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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 <a href="here">here</a>.





