



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

[Best Practices, Lessons Learned, and Effective Tools in Knowledge Sharing for Food Security and Agriculture Programs](#)

USAID, Agrilinks, TOPS, March 20-22, Online

[Lessons Learned From Sequenced, Integrated Strategies of Economic Strengthening of the Poorest](#)

Microlinks, March 21, 9-10:30 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

[Impact Evaluation: NGO Perspectives](#)

InterAction, Rockefeller Foundation, March 21, 11 AM-12 PM EST, Online

[Innovations in Measuring Women's Empowerment](#)

IFPRI, March 21, 12:15-1:45 PM, WDC, Live webcast available

[World Bank Workshop on Food Security and Nutrition: From Measurement to Results](#)

March 22, 8:30 AM- 5:45 PM, WDC

[Market Aggregation: Facilitating "Game Changing" Opportunities in the Ukraine](#)

Agrilinks, March 22, 9-10 AM, WDC, Webinar

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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

Technical Capacity Strengthening Workshop, June 4-8, 2012: Nomination Process for Participants

The TOPS Program is seeking nominations for up to three participants from each PVO in each FFP-funded development or emergency food assistance project in the following countries: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. TOPS will select 50 final participants to sponsor from the full list of nominations to attend the Technical Capacity Strengthening Workshop, June 4-8, 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This workshop will precede the [FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting](#) June 11-13, 2012, which is open to any participants.

These workshops are designed to strengthen knowledge, skills, and implementing capacity of technical specialists working in FFP partner organizations. TOPS invites collaborating PVOs to nominate specialists in M&E, health, nutrition, agriculture and natural resources, social and behavior change, and other technical specialists in your project who may benefit from the training. For more information, on both meetings and the nominating process for the Technical Capacity Strengthening Workshop, [click here](#). All nominations must be submitted by April 15, 2012.

Q&A Amendment to the TOPS Small Grant (Program Improvement Awards) Program RFA

The TOPS Program has added an amendment to the TOPS Small Grant (Program Improvement Awards) Program. [This amendment](#) provides responses to the questions posed during the questioning period.

The PIA small grants program offers the opportunity for Title II and food security/nutrition implementing organizations to access funds to conduct and/or document innovative, best practice-focused activities, operations research, or pilot programs to strengthen the quality and efficient, effective delivery of Title II-supported food security programs (maximum per award \$100,000). For more information, and to view the RFA and supplementary materials, please [click here](#). Concept papers are due by March 26 and the full application is due April 23.

option available

[Strategic Agricultural and Food Shortage Solutions for Africa](#)

Intelligent Summits And Exhibitions, March 26-28, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

[Knowledge Sharing in Food Security and Agriculture: Improving Practice for Increased Impact](#)

USAID, Agrilinks, TOPS, MEAS Project, March 28, 9:30-10:30 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

[Building Effective Partnerships](#)

InsideNGO, April 18, 9 AM-5 PM, WDC

[Assessing NGO Capacity: An Overview of Tools & Applications](#)

InsideNGO, April 19-20, WDC

Did You Know?

The cast and producers of the film *The Hunger Games* are teaming up with United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and Feeding America to raise awareness about hunger with the launch of a video public service announcement and a [new website](#).

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Social Protection and Resilience to Climate and Disaster](#)

from the Institute of Development Studies

[Gender Equality: It's Your Business](#)

from Oxfam

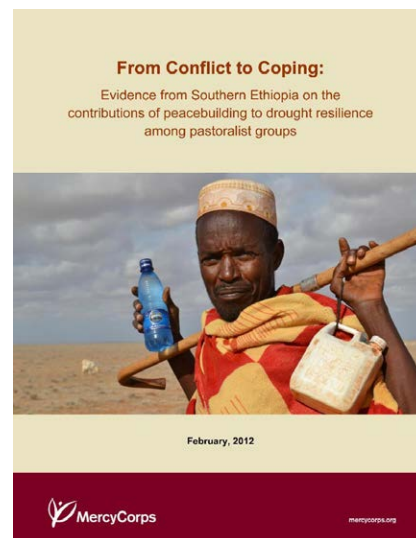
[Our Global Efforts to Prevent Malnutrition](#)

Save the Date: TOPS Workshop on Resilience Efforts in the PVO Community, April 25, 2012

The TOPS Program will host a workshop on April 25, 2012, at 20 F Street, NW, from 1-4 PM to discuss Title II Implementing Partners experiences in dealing with and working towards resilience to prevent and recover from shocks in Sub-Saharan Africa. Catholic Relief Services, Mercy Corps and World Vision will sit on a panel to set the stage for Q&A for the remainder of the afternoon. If interested in attending, please RSVP to Sierra Frischknecht at sfrischknecht@dc.mercycorps.org.

Featured Information Resource: From Conflict to Coping: Evidence from Southern Ethiopia on the Contributions of Peacebuilding to Drought Resilience Among Pastoralist Groups

[This report](#), created by Mercy Corps, explores the links between conflict and drought resilience among pastoralists in Southern Ethiopia. In mid-2011, Mercy Corps received anecdotal evidence from local officials that drought-affected communities that had benefited from Mercy Corps-supported peace processes were better able to cope in the face of the harsh conditions than other pastoralist groups in southern Ethiopia. The study sheds light on how peacebuilding programming can be done in a way that helps mitigate the effects of severe drought among pastoralists, and likely speed their recovery from them.



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[Days](#) from USAID's
Infant & Young Child
Nutrition Project

**Recorded Events and
Presentations**

[How to Evaluate
Interventions in Complex
Dynamic Environments](#)
from UNICEF, Michael
Quinn Patton

Job Postings

[Health and Nutrition
Director](#) based in Haiti
with ACDI/VOCA

[Food for Peace Officer with
USAID/Office of FFP.](#)
PSC position based in Niger
with USAID

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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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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