



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

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

USAID, Jan 16-17, WDC

[The State of Food & Agriculture 2012](#)

IRPRI, Jan 22, 12:15-1:45 PM, WDC, Live webcast available

[Building NGO Capacity to Address Sexual Exploitation and Abuse](#)

InterAction, Various dates and locations in Jan and Feb

[AIDF Asia-Pacific](#)

Aid & International Development Forum, Jan 30-31, 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

[Cultivating Organisational Resilience](#)

InterHealth, Feb 5-6, Nairobi, Kenya

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

KIT Training Centre, Feb 18-March 1, Amsterdam

[Minimum Economic Recovery Standards: General Practitioner Training](#)

SEEP, Feb 25-26,

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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](#).

TOPS Micro Grant Program - Funding Ceiling to Increase

TOPS has recently received USAID approval to raise the ceiling amount on Micro Grants from \$20,000 to \$50,000. The primary focus will remain on capacity strengthening, but TOPS will also begin accepting proposals to conduct formative research. TOPS will soon issue new guidelines and a revised RFA. As before, proposals will be accepted on an open-ended, rolling calendar basis. The proposal process will resemble what was followed under the previous Micro Grant [RFA](#). In anticipation of the forthcoming RFA, potential applicants can begin to think about crafting concepts.

Join a Task Force

More than 65 organizations are currently represented in the FSN Network's seven Task Forces:

- Agriculture and Natural Resource Management
- Commodity Management
- Gender
- Knowledge Management and Program Learning
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Nutrition and Food Technology
- Social and Behavioral Change

The FSN Network Task Forces are vital mechanisms for innovation and knowledge sharing, consensus building around promising practices, and cross-organizational collaboration for improved guidance and tools. These groups are inclusive, stakeholder-driven and field-oriented and have a collaborative workspace on fsnnetwork.org. If you're interested in joining any Task Force, email info.fsn.network@gmail.com.

Positive Deviance/Hearth Survey Assessment

The CORE Group Nutrition Working Group, requests your participation in assessing the state of Positive Deviance/Hearth and its future use. The purpose of the 20-minute survey is to ascertain how PD/Hearth is currently used around the world. The survey, found at this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/pdhearth>, closes February 11 and is open to any project, or organization working on PD/Hearth. All levels

Bangkok, Thailand

[Savings Groups Conference](#)

Oxfam, March 4-5, Arlington, VA

[Meeting the Challenges of Food Security: Implementing the Green Food Project, Innovation, Biodiversity and Land Use](#)

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum, March 5, London

[Hidden Hunger-From Assessment to Solutions](#)

University of Hohenheim, March 6-9, Stuttgart, Germany

[Emergency Market Mapping and Analysis Toolkit Training](#)

Practical Action, Christian Aid, March 11-15, New Delhi, India

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

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

[Information and Communications Technologies for Development \(ICT4D\) Conference](#)

Catholic Relief Services, March 19-24, Accra, Ghana

Did You Know?

USAID/PPL's Office of Learning, Evaluation and Research has an [organizational learning speaker series](#). The lectures are open to the public, not just for USAID staff.

of an organization are encouraged to reply. Input from donors, host governments and others are welcome.

If you have and can share evaluation reports or other materials on your PD/Hearth activities please submit them directly to Jennifer Burns at jburns@counterpart.org.

A discussion on the findings will take place at the [CORE Group Spring Meeting](#) in April.

FSN Network Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

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

- [Commodity Management Task Force Meeting](#), January 28, 9:30 AM EST

Featured Information Resource: Integrating Sanitation into Services for People Living with HIV and AIDS

This publication by C-Change and WASHplus (FHI 360 with CARE and Winrock International as core partners) describes how to incorporate water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) into PEPFAR's adult and pediatric basic care packages (BCP). The resource identifies opportunities for WASH/PEPFAR Integration, potential in-country partners, and sanitation/WASH promotion materials, and explores possible sanitation programming within PEPFAR. For more information and to download a copy, visit fsnnetwork.org.

Job Postings

- [Knowledge Management Officer-Support to Online Communities, TOPS/FSN Network](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Sr. Research Program Coordinator](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University
- [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
- [MenEngage Global Coordinator](#) based in WDC with Promundo-US
- [Senior Gender Specialist](#) based in Jordan with International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)
- [Technical Advisor, Gender](#) based in Zimbabwe with CARE Zimbabwe
- [Senior Specialist Knowledge Management and Communications](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Gender Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist](#) based in WDC with QED Group

Funding and Other Opportunities

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Lessons Learned from 10 Years of Experience in Africa: Sharing Experiences in Food Fortification](#) from GAIN

[Gender Issues in Monitoring and Evaluation in Agriculture](#) from The World Bank

[Wildlife in a Changing Climate](#) from FAO

[Invisible Guardians- Women Manage Livestock Diversity](#) from FAO

[Pakistan-Priority Areas for Investment in the Agricultural Sector](#) from FAO

[Food Price Volatility in Africa: Has It Really Increased?](#) from IFPRI

Articles

[Nepal Focuses on Management of Wash Projects to Tackle Child Diarrhoea](#) from the Guardian

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.
- The [Trellis Fund](#) provides small-scale, in-country development organizations access to U.S. graduate student expertise, providing benefit to both the student and the in-country institutions. Organizations in 18 developing countries are invited to identify a horticultural problem facing local farmers and the type of expertise they seek in a U.S. graduate student. The organization will submit a project proposal with their intended objectives, activities, gender program and a \$2,000 budget by March 4, 2013 for consideration.
- The Population Reference Bureau is accepting applications for its International Programs Fellowship at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The Fellowship is a full-time position lasting for two years and will begin in summer 2013. 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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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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