



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

[Improving Nutrition in Food Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

World Bank, June 12, 9 AM - 6 PM, WDC

[New Insights on Lending to Women-Owned SMEs: USAID's Credit Guarantees and Technical Assistance](#)

Women's Leadership in Small & Medium Enterprises, USAID, June 12, 9-11 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

[Agriculture and Nutrition Global Learning and Evidence Exchange \(AgN-GLEE\)](#)

SPRING, USAID, June 18, 8 AM-5:30 PM, WDC, Webinar option available

[What Will It Take To Transform African Agriculture 2013-2030?](#)

Microlinks, USAID, June 20, 9-10:30 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

[Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations](#)

Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED), Université catholique de Louvain, July 1-12, Brussels, Belgium

[InnovATE Symposium](#)

Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education (InnovATE), Virginia Tech, USAID,

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There are many ways to participate in the FSN Network:

- Join an [online community](#) to share questions with peers
- Attend a technical [knowledge sharing meeting](#)
- Access tools from our [resource library](#)
- Follow daily news from the FSN Network on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#)

FY14 RFA Guidance: FFP Consultation Process, June 27

If you had the chance to help FFP design a better RFA, what input could you provide? What have you learned from your experience as implementers about how development food aid programs could be structured better? Are there opportunities for new responses that could bring lasting results? USAID's Office of Food for Peace has asked TOPS to engage the FSN Network community to answer just these questions.

We're planning a consultative workshop for June 27 from 9 AM - 1 PM EDT. In preparation, please let the [FY13 RFA Guidance](#) be your guide. What changes would your organization like to see? What improvements can you suggest? Please be on the lookout for more updates from Tim Ogborn who will be managing this consultation on behalf of TOPS. Register now with Julia Crowley at jcrowley@savechildren.org indicating whether you plan to attend in-person or remotely.

Save the Date: MARKit Training, July 17-19, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

CARE and CRS, on behalf of the Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance, will be hosting a Monitoring, Analysis and Response Kit (MARKit) Training in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. With funding from a TOPS Program Improvement Award grant, the three-day training helps support practitioners implementing food assistance programs to proactively monitor markets to ensure that their programs remain responsive to local market conditions. More information can be found on fsnnetwork.org. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Netzer, CARE Technical Advisor for Food Security and Nutrition, Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance Team, snetzer@care.org. Details on registration will follow soon.

For more information about the TOPS small grant program visit fsnnetwork.org.

Sept. 18-20, Fairfax, VA

Online Discussion

[E-consultation: Emerging Challenges for Food Security and Resilient Livelihoods in Small Island Developing States \(SIDS\)](#)

FAO, Until June 17

[E-Consultation: Examining Sustainable Intensification Research Priorities](#)

Agrilinks, USAID, June 18-19

[Social Protection to Protect and Promote Nutrition](#)

FSN Forum, FAO, Until June 24

Did You Know?

On June 6, [The Lancet](#) published a series of five papers featuring new data and policy recommendations on global nutrition. The papers are a follow-up to the Lancet's landmark 2008 series, which helped put nutrition on the global health and development agenda and identified the 1,000 days of a mother's pregnancy until her child's 2nd birthday as the priority window for impact.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies Through Sustainable Development](#)

from the United Nations

[The State of Food and Agriculture 2013](#) from FAO

TOPS Designing for Behavior Change (DBC) Country Level Workshop, August 5-10, Alta Verapaz, Guatemala

TOPS is planning a DBC Regional Workshop from August 5-10 in Alta Verapaz, Guatemala in collaboration with Mercy Corps in Guatemala. The workshop is intended for Spanish-speaking specialists in Health/Nutrition, Agriculture/Natural Resource Management, Social and Behavioral Change, or other program areas relevant to food security. We expect that participants will use what they learn at this workshop, share their results, and replicate the training with food security implementers both in their -- and partner -- organizations.

If you would like to apply or propose field staff participants for this workshop, please contact Clara Ramirez at cramirez@gt.mercycorps.org with the contact information of up to three field staff members per organization by July 1, 2013. For more information about the workshop, visit the [FSN Network website](#).

Webinar and Online Discussion: The Cost of Not Treating Depression in Food Security Programs: A New Frontier in Global Mental Health

TOPS and the FSN Network will be holding a webinar and online discussion on the treatment of depression in a food security context on Tuesday, June 25, from 1-2:30 PM EDT. Lena Verdeli, Columbia University, will discuss the findings of a study examining the efficacy of group interpersonal psychotherapy in treating depression. From a [recent meta-analysis](#), we now know that eliminating maternal depression could result in a 23-29% reduction in child stunting. The presentation will shed light on how food security professionals can better respond to the issue of depression and help close the treatment gap in places that have few mental health workers.

Join the online discussion after the event to share your thoughts and lingering questions. For more information, visit fsnnetwork.org.

Lena has previously [presented on this topic](#) at the FSN Network Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting in November 2012.

Join the Community of Practice: The Nexus Between WASH, Nutrition, and Feed the Future

Please join the new Community of Practice established to explore the nexus between WASH, nutrition, and Feed the Future. The goal of this COP is to address integrated programming opportunities, key issues and unanswered questions, new research outcomes, and best practices for the WASH/nutrition nexus.

The COP is open for membership and includes USAID, implementing organizations, researchers, funders, government agencies, and more. The COP is intended to be a clearinghouse for informative articles, events, recent studies, datasets, tools, indicators, and project information that would inform the community about best practices and integration strategies. The COP will plan to meet quarterly to consider an informative topic with a speaker, Q&A, and discussion. Please submit your contributions for the COP to Dan Campbell, the

facilitator, at dacampbell@fhi360.org.

Sign up at the [USAID Learning Lab](#) and from the list of groups find "Community of Practice: The Nexus between WASH, Nutrition, and Feed the Future."

[Leaping & Learning: Linking Smallholders to Markets](#) from DFID, Agriculture for Impact, Overseas Development Institute, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

[Business Solutions for African Smallholder Farmers to Address Food Security and Nutrition](#) from Agriculture for Impact, ACDI/VOCA, Farm Africa, FANRPAN, Once Acre Fund, Self Help Africa, SNV, TechnoServe, Twin and Twin Trading

Articles

[Towards the End of Poverty](#) from *The Economist*

[Developing Countries See Hidden Cost in Food Price Hikes](#) from *IRIN*

[Timor-Leste Farmers Need Seed Support](#) from *IRIN*

[Hunger Drives Hunt for Gold in South Sudan's East](#) from *IRIN*

[U.S. Senate Largely Rebuffs Obama Plan for Food-Aid Reform](#) from *Reuters*

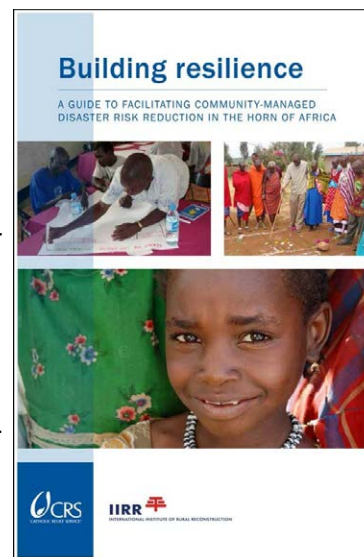
[Can Market Solutions Unlock Africa's Agricultural Potential?](#) from *Thomson Reuters Foundation*

[Climate Adaptation Policy Crucial to Easing Conflict](#) from *Thomson Reuters Foundation*

[Here Comes the Sun: Kenya Farmers Texted Weather Forecasts - Video](#) from *The Guardian*

Featured Information Resource: Building Resilience: A Guide to Facilitating Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction in the Horn of Africa

This manual, developed by Catholic Relief Services and International Institute of Rural Reconstruction, describes how to help communities implement disaster risk reduction activities. The guide equips you to be a Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CM-DRR) field practitioner by providing the basic facilitation skills needed to help communities reduce disaster risk through a participatory and people-centered process. It was written for development workers and community-based organizations in the Horn of Africa, but practitioners can use it to implement activities around the world. For more information and to download a copy, visit fsnnetwork.org.



Job Postings

- [Senior Knowledge Management Specialist-TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Agriculture Officer](#) based in WDC with Mercy Corps
- [Technical Advisor - Livestock and Food Security](#) based in Portland, Oregon with Mercy Corps
- [Consultant, Micronutrient Powders \(MNP\) Community of Practice Coordinator](#) based in WDC with PSI
- [Senior Program Manager - Economic Empowerment](#) based in WDC with Vital Voices Global Partnership
- [Agriculture & Nutrition Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Helen Keller International
- [Food Security & Nutrition Manager-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Helen Keller International
- [Research Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Helen Keller International
- [Agriculture & Nutrition Specialist](#) based in Arlington, VA with Helen Keller International
- [Agriculture Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
- [Associate Director, Food Security and Nutrition-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
- [HIV/Nutrition Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
- [Social and Behavior Change Communications Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
- [Public Donor Liaison](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services

[How Lack of Food Security is Failing a Starving World](#) from *The Guardian*

[How Progressive is the Push to Eradicate Extreme Poverty?](#) from *The Guardian*

- [Consultant, WASH-Nutrition](#) based in India with UNICEF
- [Global Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Advisor \(Gender\)](#) based in Oxford with Oxfam
- [Director, Food Systems](#) based in Minneapolis, Minnesota with Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- [Senior Program Associate, Agriculture Policy](#) based in Minneapolis, Minnesota with Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- [Consultant-Global Nutrition Cluster Coordination](#) with International Medical Corps

Funding and Other Opportunities

- TOPS Micro Grant program is intended to encourage innovative capacity strengthening activities for partners as well as assessment and documentation of promising practices, to contribute to gathering the evidence base for effective programming and future capacity building. The grants, up to \$50,000, can be applied for on a rolling basis. To access the RFA document for description of the program and for instructions on applying, [click here](#).
- The [GSMA mWomen Programme](#) aims to accelerate the use of mobile technology to achieve positive social and economic outcomes for resource-poor women. Concept notes for the GSMA mWomen Innovation Fund grants for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are due Wednesday, June 12, 2013. For more information and necessary materials, [click here](#). Please write to mWomengrants@gsma.com if you intend to submit a concept note, or have any questions.
- The University of California San Diego and World Wildlife Fund are launching a new international certificate program in Advanced Terrestrial Carbon Accounting. The certificate course will be held in August 2013 on the UC San Diego campus in southern California. Application information can be found [here](#). The deadline for applicants outside of the US who require a visa was April 15. US applicants have until June 15.
- Applications are invited for an AHRC-funded PhD working on food distribution networks between 1920 and 1975. This studentship is one of eight fully-funded awards made by the newly-established Collaborative Doctoral Partnership managed by the Science Museum Group. Applications should be sent by June 12, 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](#).

