



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

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

InterAction, Various dates and locations in Jan and Feb

[Developing Private Sector Input Supply Systems](#)

Agrilinks, USAID, Jan 30, 9:30-11 AM, WDC
Webinar option available

[AIDF Asia-Pacific](#)

Aid & International Development Forum, Jan 30-31, Bangkok

[Technology & Practice for Conservation Communications in Africa](#)

Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group, Feb 5, 9 AM-12 PM, Arlington, VA
Webinar option available

[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

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

KIT Training Centre, Feb 18-March 1, Amsterdam

[USAID Proposal Development: From RFA/RFP to Proposal](#)

InsideNGO, Feb 21-22, Nairobi, Kenya

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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](#).

Save the Date: FSN Network Bangladesh Stakeholder Knowledge Sharing Meeting May 12-15, 2013

After dialogue with Bangladesh-based stakeholders, including the USAID Mission, TOPS is planning its next large knowledge sharing meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh, May 12-15, 2013. Topics will address the key program approaches being used by development food assistance practitioners to strengthen food security in Bangladesh, while addressing strategies for improved linkages between programs and sectors, and with Feed the Future programs. To provide input or help plan sessions, please contact Joan Whelan at whelanfsn@gmail.com.

Agrilinks Coverage of the FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting in Washington, DC

Agrilinks has posted a variety of videos taken during the FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting held in Washington, DC November 13-15, 2012. The videos include interviews from a variety of speakers and attendees, including Joyce Luma with the World Food Programme, Mara Russell with Land O'Lakes International Development, Faheem Khan with CARE and more. For more information and to view the videos, visit the [Agrilinks website](#).

TOPS Commodity Management Workshops

TOPS recently held a 5-day Commodity Management Workshop in Guatemala. Eighteen participants gained a greater understanding of the food assistance supply chain, including ways to reduce losses. TOPS will be holding similar workshops in Niger, Uganda and other countries with Title II food assistance programming in the coming months. Participants will be selected via a collaborative process that includes input from the individual USAID country Missions, PVO leadership active in the training country or region and TOPS managers. Contact BK De at bkde@savechildren.org for more information on TOPS' commodity management work or to provide input on commodity management needs and potential responses through our stakeholder-driven Commodity Management Task Force.

Seeking Input for Workshop on PM2A

[Advancing the Field: Sharing Resources & Learning on Gender-Based Violence](#)

International Rescue Committee, UNICEF, Feb 22, 9 AM-3:30 PM, WDC

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

SEEP, Feb 25-26, 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

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

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

Online Discussion

[Gender GLEE e-Consultation](#)

USAID's Bureau for Food Security, Agrilinks, Jan 30-31

FANTA, CRS, IFPRI and Mercy Corps, with support from the USAID Office of Food for Peace, are organizing a one-day workshop on Preventing Malnutrition In Children Under 2 Approach (PM2A) programming and research for the Title II community, with a tentative date of April 18, 2013. The day will include presentations about the PM2A programs in Burundi and Guatemala, as well as research results from both programs. A panel discussion will address the topic of program-research partnerships. We invite your suggestions about useful and interesting topics for a second panel discussion within the theme of the workshop. Please send your suggestions to Zeina Maalouf-Manasseh at zmaalouf@fhi360.org.

FSN Network Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

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

- [Knowledge Management and Program Learning Task Force Meeting](#), February 1, 12-2 PM EST

Featured Information Resource: How Savings-Led Microfinance Can Make Food Security & Nutrition Programs More Sustainable

A TOPS micro-grant funded Project Concern International's 3-day capacity building workshop, "Don't Just Borrow, Be the Bank: How Savings-Led Microfinance Can Make Food & Nutrition Security Programs More Sustainable." The event, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, brought together 65 practitioners and other stakeholders from across Ethiopia and Eastern Africa to learn, share and brainstorm how savings group methodologies can augment, support or improve food assistance and nutrition programs. The [workshop report](#) includes links to presentations, videos and other resources. For more information on the TOPS grants program and how to apply, [click here](#).

Job Postings

- [Sr. Research Program Coordinator](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University
- [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
- [Chief of Party - Program Director, Women's Protection and Empowerment](#) based in Democratic Republic of Congo with International Resuce Committee
- [Associate Director for Women and Gender in International Development](#) based in Blacksburg, VA with Virginia Tech
- [Management and Program Analyst \(Gender and Youth Advisor\)](#) based in WDC with USAID
- [Regional Nutrition Advisor based in Pretoria, South Africa](#) with USAID

Did You Know?

FAO, in partnership with the World Bank's Safety Nets team, have produced an e-learning course on Social Safety Nets to help decision makers understand the role they can play in reducing poverty and food insecurity. [Register here](#) for the course and other food security courses in French, Spanish or English.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index \(WEAI\) Discussion Paper](#) from IFPRI

[Strategies and Priorities for African Agriculture](#) from IFPRI

[Country Representative/Health & Nutrition Manager](#) based in Liberia with PCI

- [Managing Director](#) based in WDC with PCI
- [Deputy Coordinator for the Gender-Based Violence Area of Responsibility](#) based om Geneva, Switzerland with UNICEF

Funding and Other Opportunities

- 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 Cracking the Nut Advisory Committee invites interested persons to submit proposals to present at the annual Cracking the Nut 2013 conference: Sustainable Sourcing for Agricultural Supply Chains. Proposal submission are due Friday, March 1, 2013. For more information, [click here](#).
- 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](#).
- The U.S. Department of State recently posted a solicitation announcement for a new GBV Emergency Response and Prevention funding opportunity. It is now online at [grantsolutions.gov](#) and is open to all applicants. [Click here](#) for more details. Due date for submissions is Friday, February 15, 2013.
- First International Conference on Global Food Security will take place September 29-October 2, 2013 in Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands. Abstracts for oral and poster presentations are invited on various food security topics. Visit the [conference website](#) for more details. Abstract submission deadline is Friday, May 10, 2013.

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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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](#).

