



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

### [Drought Cycle Management and Participatory Rangeland Management Training](#)

TOPS, USAID, Aug 26-27, 29-30, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

### [USAID Research on Effective Gender-Based Violence Interventions and Monitoring and Evaluation: Round Table Discussion with GBV and Protection Experts](#)

InterAction, USAID, Aug 22, 9 AM- 1 PM, WDC

### [InnovATE Symposium](#)

Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education (InnovATE), Virginia Tech, USAID, Sept. 18-20, Fairfax, VA

### [Cracking the Nut Africa: Improving Rural Livelihoods and Food Security](#)

Global Communities, AZMJ, USAID, Oct 14-16, 2013, Kigali, Rwanda

### [Course: Agriculture Nutrition Linkages](#)

Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation, Nov 18 - 29, 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## Did You Know?

[ADS Chapter 205](#) was released in mid-July and serves as a guide to implement policies and strategies in the field

## FSN Network News

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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](#)

## Final Report from the FY14 RFA Guidance: FFP Consultation Process

USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) asked TOPS to facilitate a consultation with the PVO implementing community to solicit feedback to improve future Multi Year Development Food Assistance Programs Request for Applications (RFA) and country guidance. This consultation culminated in a half-day workshop where the PVO community provided feedback on the RFA and related processes to help improve the design and implementation of food security programs with FFP. The [final report](#) contains the agreed recommendations to FFP, an agreed follow-up plan, plus all the documentation from that workshop. For more information, visit [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org).

To provide further comments email Tim Ogborn at [tim.ogborn@gmail.com](mailto:tim.ogborn@gmail.com).

## Event: Market Tools and Analysis - Latest Developments, August 1 in Washington, DC

With funding from a TOPS Program Improvement Award grant, the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) and The Local Regional Procurement (LRP) Learning Alliance are holding a discussion on market analysis and new tools.

As a result of the growing consensus on the key role of markets in humanitarian interventions in recent years, several different tools and guidelines have been developed to assist and guide humanitarian organizations in market assessment. The most recent tools include IFRC's RAM: Rapid Assessment of Markets and MAG: Market Assessment Guidance, CaLP's Minimum Requirements in Market Analysis (MR) and the LRP Learning Alliance's MARKit: Monitoring, Analysis and Response Kit. Attendees will be asked to contribute to a discussion of the tools, integration and design of a roadmap for programmatic adoption. Please RSVP to [cgbender@actionagainsthunger.org](mailto:cgbender@actionagainsthunger.org). For more information about the event, visit [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org).

For more information about the TOPS small grant program visit

and in Washington, D.C. to promote gender equality across the Program Cycle. This chapter is based on the USAID Policy on Gender Equality and Female Empowerment and applies to all bureaus and missions.

### **New Publications, Guides & Tools**

[Cocoa Tool Kit Resources \(Spanish\)](#) from Lutheran World Relief

[International Food Security Assessment 2013-2023](#) from United States Department of Agriculture

[Gender Equality and Food Security-Women's Empowerment as a Tool against Hunger](#) from Asian Development Bank

### **Articles**

[Analysis: The Future of Food Aid](#) from *IRIN*

[What Women Farmers Want to Know](#) from Thomson Reuters Foundation

[A New Tool to Tackle Hidden Hunger](#) from Thomson Reuters Foundation

[Africa: Technology and Innovation Aim at Greater Food Security](#) from *AllAfrica*

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## **For Public Comment: Draft of Fumigation PEA**

The Public Review Draft of the "Programmatic Environmental Assessment: Commodity Protection by Phosphine Fumigation in USAID Food Aid Programs" is available for comment. The Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and associated tools have been developed under the Global Environmental Management Support Project (GEMS) for USAID's Office of Food for Peace and its partners.

Upon finalization of the PEA, uniform environmental, health and safety requirements for Title II food commodity fumigation will come into effect. These requirements strongly support fumigation efficacy.

Title II partners are particularly encouraged to review the following Tools Annexes

- Annex T-1: Phosphine Fumigation Compliance Guide for Title II partners
- T-2: Pesticide Evaluation Report and Safer Use Action Plan (PERSUAP) Template
- T-3: Fumigation Mitigation Plan (FMP) Template

The stakeholder review period runs through Friday, August 30, 2013. Please see public review drafts and comment instructions at: <http://www.usaidgems.org/fumigationpea.htm>

For questions, please contact Josh Habib at [joshhabib@cadmusgroup.com](mailto:joshhabib@cadmusgroup.com).

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## **From the Online Community: Building Sustainability into Care Groups Projects**

A [discussion](#) on the FSN Network online community is looking for examples of how others have built sustainability into Care Group projects. Do you work with Care Groups? Do you have ideas on how to ensure that Care Group activities carry forward after the project ends? Read more and [join the discussion](#) on the FSN Network Web portal.

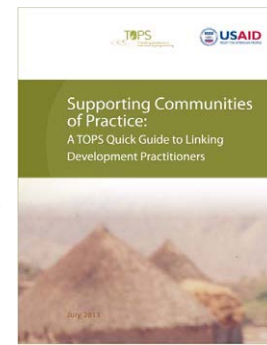
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## **Featured Information Resource: Quick Guides to Linking Development Practitioners**

*Designing Participatory Meetings and Brownbags and Supporting Communities of Practice* are a series of quick guides produced by the Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Program to improve knowledge sharing and program learning by development practitioners. The first guide focuses on identifying appropriate formats and approaches for presentations, group discussions and problem solving sessions that will maximize peer-to-peer learning and agenda-setting for the future. The second guide focuses on key steps that will help foster



a community of practice that is responsive to member needs, opportunities, and expertise, and activities that will foster peer learning, sharing, and positive action around common development interests and practices. For more information and to download the resources in this series, visit [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org).




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## Job Postings

- [Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist-TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with TANGO International
- [Senior Knowledge Sharing Specialist-TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [HIV/Nutrition Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
- [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
- [Senior Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist](#) based in NYC with The Hunger Project
- [Research Positions for Food Security and Climate Change](#) based in Nanyang, Singapore with S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University
- [Senior Gender Specialist](#) based in Kathmandu, Nepal with International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- [Enhanced Homestead Food Production Country Coordinator](#) based in Tanzania with Helen Keller International
- [Deputy Country Director, Programs](#) based in Guinea with Helen Keller International
- [Regional Program Officer, Vitamin A Supplementation](#) based in West Africa with Helen Keller International

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## Funding and Other Opportunities

- The TOPS Program has two types of grants available through its Small Grants Program: Micro Grants (maximum per award \$50,000) and Program Improvement Award (PIA) (maximum per award \$100,000). Both grants are awarded on a rolling basis. For more information, visit [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org).
- SecureNutrition, along with partners Save the Children and GAIN, launched the [Harvesting Nutrition](#) contest aiming to showcase projects from around the globe that have bridged gaps between agriculture, food security and nutrition. Winners in each of three categories will receive awards of \$5,000 and multimedia documentation.

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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](mailto:commentsfsn@gmail.com).

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