FSNNetwork
Food Security and Nutrition Network

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

Time to Listen: Hearing People on the Receiving End of International Aid
Learning Lab, SID, USAID, Feb 13, 10-11 AM WDC, Webinar option available

Mycotoxins: Triple Threat to African Development
Abt Associates, Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, Woodrow Wilson International Center, Feb 14, 9 AM-5 PM, WDC

Gender in Value Chains (GVC) Course
KIT Training Centre, Feb 18-March 1, Amsterdam

Agriculture Extension and Advisory Services Under the New Normal of Climate Change
Agrilinks, USAID, Feb 20, 9:30-10:30 AM, WDC, Webinar opition available

Leading High Performing Project Teams
InsideNGO, Feb 22, Nairobi, Kenya

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:

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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 Program Welcomes New Staff

TOPS is pleased to announce the hiring of new staff members who together will enable TOPS to strengthen and expand its work in identifying, capturing, sharing, and strengthening capacity around promising practices in food security and nutrition program design and implementation.

- Caine A. Cortellino, Operations Manager, PVO Capacity Building, working through program prime Save the Children, ccortellino@savechildren.org
- Paulette Lee, Senior Specialist Communications & Documentation, also with Save the Children, plee@savechildren.org

Save the Date: March 6, Harnessing the Power of Cross-Sectoral Programming to Alleviate HIV and Food Insecurity

This learning meeting will provide practitioners and policymakers a forum for sharing sound practices for collaborating across health, nutrition, food security, economic strengthening and social protection programs to ensure the best possible outcomes for people living with HIV and food insecurity. The event will highlight nutrition, assessment, counseling and support (NACS) as an entry point to cross-sectoral programming. The meeting will take place at FHI 360, 1825 Connecticut Ave NW 8th floor in Washington, DC on March 6 from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM. More details will soon be available on Microlinks.

New Monetization Manual Now Live on USAID Website

Check out the new USAID Office of Food for Peace Title II Programs Monetization Manual, revised in fall 2012, which is now posted on the USAID website. This updated manual provides an overview and important principles for all monetizations, along with steps on planning a monetization and making a monitization sale. It can also be found with other tools on the Food Assistance Implementation Tools page.

USDA LRP Project Evaluation Report

General Practitioner Training
SEEP, Feb 25-26, Bangkok, Thailand

USAID Knowledge Management Expo
USAID, Feb 26, 9 AM-4:30 PM, WDC

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

Savings Groups: Programme Design and Implementation Management: Savings Groups: Management Information Systems
SaveAct, VSL Associates, April 8-13; April 15-19, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

Online Discussion

The evaluation report on the USDA Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement Pilot Project (USDA LRP Project) is now available on the Foreign Agricultural Service website. The pilot program was designed to evaluate the timeliness, cost and market impact of using LRP as a tool to respond to natural disasters and other food crises in developing countries.

Questions about the report should be directed to Jamie Fisher at jamie.fisher@fas.usda.gov.

Alternate Commodity Request Encouraged Due to Green Peas Shortage

Due to a current shortage of green peas (split and whole) in the U.S., Food for Peace strongly encourages Title II implementing partners to identify and request an alternate commodity. The U.S. Dry Pea and Lentil Council advises that the availability of green peas is not expected to improve until the next harvest begins in July/August of 2013. They also indicated that they do not anticipate any supply problems with yellow peas and lentils.

Please contact Greg Olson at 202-712-1187 or golson@usaid.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

USAID Requests Video Submissions

USAID invites you to showcase your work in using social media for development through video at their #Popcorn + International Development event on February 21, 2013. This is a special opportunity for you to amplify a program of which you are proud, or one that you feel deserves a louder voice. Please submit no later than February 13, 2013 one two-minute or less YouTube link (per organization) to socialmedia@usaid.gov. Your video should highlight a USAID-funded project or projects that use social media to further collective development goals. For more information, click here.

Featured Information Resource: Gender Analysis, Assessment, and Audit Manual & Toolkit

This toolkit, developed by ACDI/VOCA, provides guidance on how to conduct gender analysis studies, assessments and audits. The toolkit offers tools and methods for these studies, and guidance on how to operationalize a study from start to finish. Many of the tools presented, such as baseline studies or market assessments, can be easily integrated into other studies. For more information and to

download a copy, visit
fsnnetwork.org.

Transforming Social Norms to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls
Wikigender, Partners for Prevention, Breakthrough, End Violence Against Women, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Womankind Worldwide, Until Feb. 13

Using Online Platforms to Increase Access to Open Data and Share Best Practices of Monitoring Women's Land Rights
Land Portal, Wikigender, E-agriculture, AIMS, FSN Forum, Open-Development list, Until Feb 20
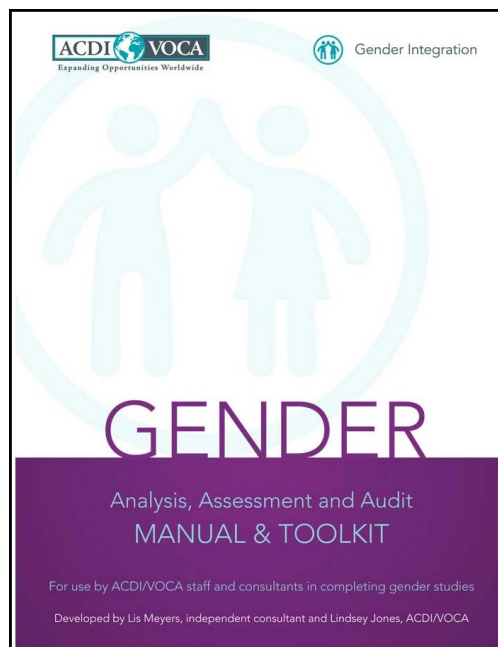
Did You Know?

World Vision has a Nutrition Centre of Expertise. The site has a variety of nutrition tools and resources.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

Advancing Agroforestry on the Policy Agenda from FAO

ICT Uses for Inclusive Agricultural Value

Job Postings

- Food Technologist based in WDC with USAID's Office of Food for Peace
- Chief of Party - Program Director, Women's Protection and Empowerment based in Democratic Republic of Congo with International Rescue Committee
- Associate Director for Women and Gender in International Development based in Blacksburg, VA with Virginia Tech
- Regional Nutrition Advisor based in Pretoria, South Africa with USAID
- 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 in Geneva, Switzerland with UNICEF
- Behavior Change and Communication Advisor based in Central America with URC-CHS
- Nutrition and Infectious Diseases Advisor (Technical Advisor I), FANTA III Project based in WDC with FHI 360
- Monitoring and Evaulation Director based in Haiti with Pathfinder International
- Communications & Business Development Officer with Together for Girls
- Executive Director, Berkeley Sustainable Food Systems Institute based in Berkeley, CA with University of California, Berkeley
- Food Security Research Fellow/Associate Research Fellow based in Singapore with the RSIS Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies
- Regional Human Resources Manager based in Nairobi, Kenya with Food for the Hungry
- Agriculture Specialist based in Myanmar with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Marketing Specialist based in Myanmar with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Nutrition-Agriculture Programmatic Consultancy based in Seattle, WA with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Program Manager based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with

Chains from FAO

Articles

The Global Farmland Rush from the *New York Times*

Beyond the Farm: Promoting Agribusiness as a Way Out of Poverty from the *Guardian*

New Versus Old Media: How Best to Get Information to Smallholder Farmers from the *Guardian*

How ICT Tools Are Improving Efficiency of Agricultural Development from the *Guardian*

How to Manage Post-Harvest Loss from the *Guardian*

Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA)
- **Technical Officer** based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA)
- **Agriculture and Food Security Technical Specialist** with World Vision International

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Funding and Other Opportunities

- 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 submissions 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 benefits 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 are invited for oral and poster presentations on various food security topics. Visit the conference website for more details. Abstract submission deadline is Friday, May 10, 2013.
- The U.S. Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security is a 2-week-long learning program for graduate students who are attending U.S. institutions and are interested in developing a holistic understanding of the conceptual challenges around global food security. The program will take place Tuesday, May 28 - Saturday, June 8, 2013. Click here for more information and to apply. The application deadline for the Summer 2013 institute is Monday, March 4, 2013.
- ACDI/VOCA's Service Learning Corps Program has three assignments scheduled to begin in May 2013. Two assignments are for Ag Communication and Marketing of Cooperative Learning and Information Centers (one in Paraguay and one in Kenya) and another assignment available in Kenya for Project Monitoring and Evaluation. For more information and to apply, click here.
- The 3rd LCIRAH Annual Conference aims at fostering collaboration between researchers and will offer workshops targeted to early career researchers. The Conference is welcoming submissions of research projects that explicitly draw

links between agriculture and health from both developing and developed countries. For more information and to apply, click here. The deadline for submission is Thursday, February 28, 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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