

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

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

28th ALNAP Meeting,

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action, WDC, March 5-7

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 1115, New Delhi, India

Information and
Communications
Technologies for
Development (ICT4D)
Conference
Catholic Relief Services,
March 19-24, Accra,
Ghana

Climate Risk
Management and
Adaptation to Climate
Change
USAID, March 21, 4-

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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.

FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting: Dhaka, Bangladesh, May 12-14

Concurrent sessions will feature practical implementation experience in agriculture, natural resource management, social and behavior change, gender integration, capacity strengthening, and partnership management. Prominent Bangladeshi speakers have been confirmed for plenary sessions:

- Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Development Programming: Sajedul Hasan, Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Bangkok
- The Role of Gender in Disaster Risk Reduction: Professor Mahbuba Nasreen, Director of the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, Dhaka University

USAID/Washington, the Bangladesh Mission and FFP-funded Shouhardo, Proshar and Nobo Jibon programs have provided critical input in the development of meeting content. TOPS also seeks input efforts funded by the Bureau of Food Security, the Gates Foundation, the European Community and more.

If your organization has a program being implemented in Bangladesh in an area relevant to improved food security outcomes, please let us know at fsnmeetings@gmail.com.

Join an Interest Group: Share Your Experience and Questions with Other Network Members

Join with your peers in the FSN Network to share your experience, seek recommendations and strengthen capacity in cross-cutting and emerging implementation areas. To start a discussion, choose an Interest Group below, log into the network and clicking the "Join" button in the sidebar.

- African Monitoring and Evaluation (AME)
- Care Groups Forward
- Designing for Behavior Change
- Nutrition and Agriculture Linkages in Africa Network (NALAN)
- Program-level Early Warning
- Réseau Intersectoriel pour le Changement de Comportement en Afrique Francophone (RICCAF)

5:30 PM, WDC

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

Operations Research Workshop

CORE Group, April 22, 12:30-5 PM, Baltimore, MD

CORE Group Spring Meeting 2013

CORE Group, April 23-26, Baltimore, MD

Assessing NGO
Capacity: An Overview
of Tools and Their Uses
InsideNGO, May 9-10,
WDC

International Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition FAO, May 13-15, Rome, Italy

Online Discussion

Payments for
Environmental Services
in Theory and Practice:
Lessons Learned and
Way Forward
FSN Forum, FAO, Until
March 18

Did You Know?

FRAMEweb is a peer-topeer network of Natural Resource Management practitioners with thousands participating in virtual discussions. Their website is also offered in three different languages.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

Interest groups are open to anyone. If there is a topic area on which you would like to exchange information, let us know at info.fsn.network@gmail.com.

From the Online Community: What Poverty Assessment Tools Do You Use?

A <u>Nutrition and Agriculture Linkages in Africa Interest Group discussion</u> is seeking users of household-level poverty assessment tools for feedback on their experience. Which tools do you find easiest to use? Which might be most appropriately adapted to use as a livelihood screening tool in clinical settings? Join the conversation and share what you know on the <u>FSN Network Portal</u>.

Harnessing the Power of Cross-Sectoral Programming to Alleviate HIV and Food Insecurity

FHI 360, USAID and The SEEP Network invite you to join a learning meeting for practitioners and policymakers to share sound practices to ensure the best possible outcomes for people with living with HIV/AIDS and food insecurity. Areas of collaboration to be considered will be health, nutrition, food security, economic strengthening, enterprise development and social protection. The event will highlight nutrition assessment, counseling and support as an entry point to cross-sectoral programming. The meeting will take place at FHI 360's office in Washington, DC on March 6 from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

For additional information and event registration, please <u>click here</u>.

FSN Network Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

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

 Social and Behavioral Change Task Force Meeting, February 27, 11:30 AM EST

Featured Information Resource: Toward Resilience: A Guide to Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation

This introductory resource is for staff of development and humanitarian organizations working with people whose lives and rights are threatened by disasters and climate change. It provides guidance on how to integrate disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into the program cycle, different sectors and various other contexts. This guide includes examples from practitioners' experiences that illustrate good practice and learning, and suggests tools and resources that practitioners find useful.

The guide is a product of the Emergency Capacity Building Project agencies, which include CARE International, Catholic Relief Services, Mercy Corps, Oxfam, Save the Children and World Vision International. For more information and to download a copy, visit fsnnetwork.org.

Children's Work in the Livestock Sector: Herding and Beyond from FAO

Toolkit on How to
Protect and Promote the
Nutrition of Mothers and
Children from The World
Bank

Improving Nutrition
Through Multisectoral
Approaches from The
World Bank, Department
for International
Development, Japan
Trust Fund for Scaling
Up Nutrition, Rapid
Social Response Trust
Fund

Articles

Bringing the Field to the Farmers: How Video is Transforming Agriculture from the Guardian

A Serious Food Crisis is Brewing in Haiti - Here's How to Stop It from the Guardian

Job Postings

- Program Analyst (Agriculture Development Specialist) based in WDC with USAID's Bureau for Food Security
- Management and Program Analyst (Food Security/Land Tenure)
 based in WDC with USAID's Bureau for Food Security
- Science Advisor (Aquaculture) based in WDC with USAID's Bureau for Food Security
- <u>Nutritionist</u> based in WDC with USAID's Country Strategy and Implementation Office (BFS/CSI)
- 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
- <u>Executive Director</u>, <u>Berkeley Sustainable Food Systems</u>
 <u>Institute</u> 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
- Nutrition-Agriculture Programmatic Consultancy based in Seattle, WA with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Agriculture and Food Security Technical Specialist with World Vision International
- Agriculture and Rural Markets Advisor based in Portland, OR with Mercy Corps

Funding and Other Opportunities

- FANTA is seeking agriculture and livelihoods consultants to develop a country-specific Food Security Country Framework (FSCF) for Malawi and Burma to guide Title II Awardees in upcoming proposal submissions for the Development Food Aid Program Awards in 2014. The consultant will participate in the framework development process, identifying and reviewing background documents, conducting consultations with key stakeholders both internationally and in-country, and be the lead writer of the final document. The consultancy is for approximately 80 days of LOE from now until September 30, 2013 and would involve 2-3 weeks travel in-country. For further information, contact Lesley Oot, loot@fhi360.org.
- 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 <u>Trellis Fund</u> 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.
- 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 <u>conference website</u> 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 Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health 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.
- The Rockefeller Foundation is seeking innovations that address challenges within the informal economy to improve livelihoods and reduce stresses on individuals, communities and regions. For more information and to apply, <u>visit their website</u>. The deadline for submission is Monday, April 1, 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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