



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

[Capacity Development 2.0: Approaches and Innovations](#)

AIDSTAR-Two Project, USAID, March 13, 9-11 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

[Innovation for Food Security and Smallholder Livelihoods: The AgResults Initiative](#)

Center for Global Development, March 18, 4-5:30 PM, WDC

[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, 4-5:30 PM, WDC

[Maternal Anemia and Blood Loss at Childbirth - Findings from Zanzibar, Tanzania](#)

MCHIP, March 28, 12:30-2 PM, Online option available

[Savings Groups: Programme Design and Implementation Management: Savings Groups: Management Information Systems](#)

SaveAct, VSL Associates, April 8-13; April 15-19,

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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](#)

From the Online Community: Women, Children and the Impact of Alcohol Consumption

Is alcohol consumption among children, pregnant women and lactating mothers a challenge that you face in your work? An [online discussion](#) among members of the FSN Network is exploring the messages and approaches that can be used to tackle this issue in Uganda and other countries.

Join the conversation in the [online community](#).

USAID Climate Change Adaptation Plan

USAID is inviting public comments on the Agency Adaptation Plan which assesses climate change risks, vulnerabilities, and opportunities for USAID missions, programs, and operations; it identifies agency-level actions to understand and address climate change vulnerabilities.

All comments submitted on or before April 30, 2013 will be collected and addressed in future agency adaptation plans. [Click here](#) to view the plan and access the comment form.

Feel free to share this information with partners engaged in adaptation work. Questions should be directed to: climatechange@usaid.gov.

Presentations on FANTA/Tufts Exit Strategies Study Available

Presentations from the stakeholder meeting on results of the USAID/FFP-supported FANTA/Tufts Exit Strategies Study are now available [online](#). These show the preliminary findings of a multi-year study of the factors that predict program sustainability after exit. Four countries participated in the study: Bolivia, Honduras, India, and Kenya. The programs were assessed from the time of exit through two years after program shut-down, using both qualitative methods and quantitative survey data. The final report will be released later this year.

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

[Forum 2013](#)

InterAction, April 29-May 1, Arlington, VA

[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?

[aWhere](#) is a free, online weather dashboard displaying 3-5 years of National Aeronautics and Space Administration data for agriculture and development practitioners.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Response Analysis and Response Choice in Food Security Crises: A Roadmap](#) from Humanitarian Practice

FSN Network Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

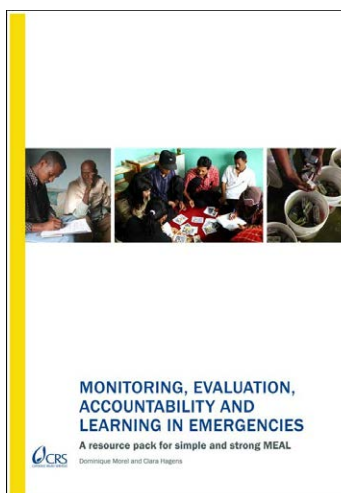
Newcomers are welcome to attend the following meeting. Click on the meeting name for more information:

- [Joint M&E and Ag/NRM Task Force Meeting](#), March 13, 9:30 AM-12 PM EST
- [Gender Task Force Meeting](#), March 21, 9:30-11 AM EST

Featured Information Resource: Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning in Emergencies: A Resource Pack for Simple and Strong MEAL

This resource pack, developed by Catholic Relief Services, offers practical advice on how to implement a system for monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning in emergencies. It provides, standards, guidance on conducting M&E in this context and on how to use the results to improve programs, as well as checklists, discussion guides, forms and other tools.

For more information and to download a copy, visit fsnnetwork.org.



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
- [Surge Program and Policy Coordination Officer](#) based in WDC with USAID's Office of Food for Peace
- [Agriculture and Rural Markets Advisor](#) based in Portland, OR with Mercy Corps
- [Regional Health Technical Advisor](#) based in East Africa with Catholic Relief Services
- [Agriculture & Nutrition Specialist](#) based in Arlington, VA with Helen Keller International
- [Nutrition Specialists](#) based in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia with ACDI/VOCA
- [Senior Development Nutritionist](#) based in WDC with International Medical Corps
- [Delivery Science and Quality Improvement Advisor, FANTA III Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
- [Health and Nutrition Coordinator](#) based in WDC with Food for the Hungry

Funding and Other Opportunities

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[A Tool for Gender-Sensitive Agriculture and Rural Development Policy and Programme Formulation](#) from FAO

Articles

[Hidden Hunger](#) from *The Economist*

[Making the Business Case for Sustainable Food](#) from *The Guardian*

[Increasing Financial Inclusion for the Underprivileged](#) from *The Guardian*

[How to Build Resilience in the Sahel](#) from *The Guardian*

[Building Communities: How Poor People are Unlocking Their Own Potential](#) from *The Guardian*

[Are Women the Secret Weapon in the Battle for Food Security?](#) from *The Guardian*

[The FAO Must Do More to Promote Food as a Basic Human Right](#) from *The Guardian*

[Getting Food Aid Right](#) from *IRIN*

[Five Food Issues to Watch Out For](#) from *IRIN*

[Middle East Food Security Tracking Tool Launched](#) from *IRIN*

[Despite Hype, Insurance Not Key to Resilience for Farmers](#) from *IRIN*

[Giving Communities a Voice in Resilience](#) from *IRIN*

- The USAID/DFID Humanitarian Innovation Initiative has been released as a new window of funding under the existing USAID Office of Development Innovation Ventures APS. The Humanitarian Innovation Window will support programs up to \$1 million that bring to scale cost-effective breakthrough innovations to humanitarian challenges. For more information, [click here](#). The deadline for Letter of Interest applications is April 12, 2013.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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, [visit their website](#). The deadline for submission is Monday, April 1, 2013.

[Understanding Resilience](#) from *IRIN*

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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