



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

### [Preventing Postharvest Losses from Field to Market: A Food Security Imperative](#)

Agrilinks, USAID, March 27, 9:30-10:30 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

### [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, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

### [Cash, Food, or Vouchers? Evidence from Ecuador and Uganda](#)

LAC Nutrition Beam, SecureNutrition, Sustainable Agriculture Systems, Knowledge, & Institutions, April 18, 12:30-2 PM, Washington, DC

### [Operations Research or CommCare Workshop](#)

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

### [CORE Group Spring Meeting 2013](#)

## 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](#)

## Measuring Resilience for Food Security: TOPS April 2 Stakeholder Consultation

Resilience has recently emerged as a framework for improving regional and local capacity to deal with shocks. Recognized in new [USAID policy and program guidance](#), resilience approaches are seen as a potential means to reduce the scope and scale of humanitarian responses. Tim Frankenberger, president of TANGO International, will discuss the recent expert consultation on measuring resilience held by the Food and Agriculture Organization and World Food Programme in Rome.

TOPS is hosting this stakeholder consultation for all interested parties to learn more about progress in defining and operationalizing resilience measurement strategies. The session will be participatory, providing the implementing community the opportunity to contribute to the resilience conversation, policies, and practices, based on field experience, needs, and realities.

Please register in advance for the meeting with Melissa Teuber at [mteuber@savechildren.org](mailto:mteuber@savechildren.org). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at 1:00 PM, at the Save the Children office in Washington, DC, 2000 L St. NW, Suite 500. Remote access will be available.

## Save the Date: Care Groups Implementation Training, June 10-14

TOPS will be hosting a training based on the new guide, Care Groups: A Training Manual for Program Design and Implementation.

This training (the first in a series) is open to field and headquarters staff and consultants and will build participant capacity in the design, training, implementation and monitoring of Care Group programs, using the Care Group model. For more information on Care Groups, please visit [www.CareGroupInfo.org](http://www.CareGroupInfo.org).

The event will take place at Counterpart International's office in Arlington, VA. Space is limited to 25 people. We will begin accepting

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

#### [International Conference Against Child Undernutrition](#)

UNICEF, May 14-15, Paris, France

#### [The Cash Learning Partnership Level 2 Training](#)

The Cash Learning Partnership, May 13-17, WDC

#### [Cultivating Organisational Resilience](#)

Interhealth, May 16-17, Nairobi, Kenya

### Online Discussion

#### [Creating an Organizational Approach to Volunteer Management](#)

CHW Central, USAID

#### Did You Know?

[WaterAid](#) has recently launched a new US website with a variety of information sheets including one on [opportunities for integration water, sanitation & hygiene and HIV and AIDS](#).

### New Publications, Guides & Tools

applications on April 15.

## FSN Network Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

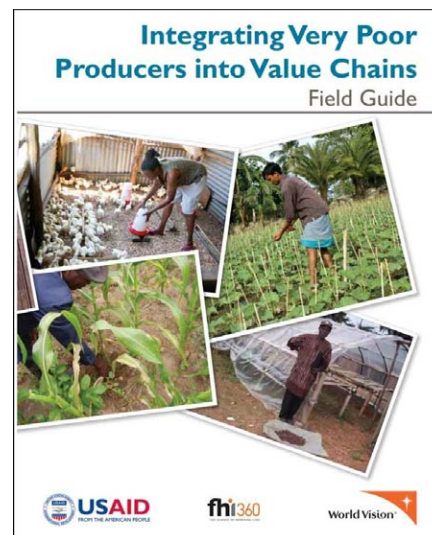
Newcomers are welcome to attend the following meeting. Click on the meeting name for more information:

- [Knowledge Management and Program Learning Task Force Meeting](#), April 8, 2-3:30 PM EST

## Featured Information Resource: Integrating Very Poor Producers into Value Chains

This guide, developed by FHI 360 and World Vision, provides the field-level practitioner with tools and applications to reach very poor households. The intended outcome of the resource is to have greater market engagement for those households through enterprise development activities.

The guide focuses on reaching the very poor, defined as those persons in the bottom half of the population below the nationally defined poverty line or those living on less than the purchasing power parity equivalent of \$1 per day. For more information and to download a copy, visit [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org).



### Job Postings

- [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
- [Part-time Health and Nutrition Coordinator](#) based in WDC with Food for the Hungry
- [Director of Food and Nutrition Security](#) based in WDC with PCI
- [Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition Advocacy Specialist, FANTA III Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
- [Senior Technical Advisor Nutrition Plus](#) based in Atlanta, GA with CARE
- [Technical Advisor-Nutrition](#) based in Atlanta, GA with CARE
- [Food Logistics Specialist](#) based in Portland, Oregon with Mercy Corps
- [Vice President of International Programs and IDEA Project](#)

[2012 Global Food Policy Report](#) from IFPRI

[Director](#) based in WDC with Population Reference Bureau

## Articles

[Reducing Child Global Undernutrition at Scale in Sofala Province, Mozambique. Using Care Group Volunteers to Communicate Health Messages to Mothers](#)  
from *Global Health: Science and Practice*

[Gender Relations are Changing Along with Climate](#) from *IRIN*

[Mixed Picture for Lesotho's Food Security](#)  
from *IRIN*

[Analysis: Rethinking Food Insecurity in Nepal's Karnali Region](#)  
from *IRIN*

[From Drought Policy to Reality](#) from *IRIN*

[Drought Response Requires Getting Development Right](#) from *IRIN*

## Funding and Other Opportunities

- 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 with grants of up to \$1 million that bring to scale cost-effective breakthrough solutions to humanitarian challenges. For more information, [click here](#). The deadline for Letter of Interest applications is April 12, 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 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.
- The USAID TRAction Project has released a Request for Applications for [empirical research](#) on water, sanitation, and hygiene. TRAction is also calling for applications for a smaller scale [desk review](#) of existing water, sanitation, and hygiene data. Both applications are due April 29, 2013.
- The University of California San Diego and World Wildlife Fund are launching a new international certificate program in Advanced Terrestrial Carbon Accounting. The certificate course will be held in August 2013 on the UC San Diego campus in southern California. Application information can be found [here](#). The deadline for applicants outside of the US who require a visa is April 15. US applicants have until June 15.

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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The FSN Network is being spearheaded by TOPS, a USAID/FFP funded program seeking to build the capacity of FFP grantees and other food security and nutrition implementers. The 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](#).



