



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

[Launch of IFPRI's 2013 Global Food Policy Report](#): IFPRI; March 12, 2014; WDC

[Innovator's Forum](#): Unite for Sight; March 14, 2014; New Haven, CT

[Minimum Economic Recovery Standards Training](#): SEEP; March 17 - 20, 2014; Manila, Philippines

[What Works, What Doesn't, and Why: A Discussion with Partners on Operational Issues with M&E](#): USAID, Society for International Development; March 18, 2014; WDC

[Webinar: Viable Economic Opportunities for Rural Youth](#): Making Cents International; March 18, 2014; Online

[SMART South Asia Survey Manager Training](#): SMART, ACF International, CDC; March 19 - 27, 2014; New Delhi, India

[ICT4D Conference](#): Catholic Relief Services; March 25 - 28, 2014; Nairobi, Kenya

[Webinar: Empowering Women in Agriculture: Maximizing Nutrition Gain](#): TOPS, SPRING; March 26, 2014; Online

[Borlaug Summit on](#)

## 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
- Access tools from our [resource library](#)
- Follow daily news from the FSN Network on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#)

## See Your Words Here!

The FSN Network News is a community newsletter, and we welcome your input. If you know of a relevant upcoming event, you're releasing a new publication, or you come across a cool article, send it our way for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter. We also look for new job openings, funding opportunities, and calls for input. Email submissions to [news@fsnnetwork.org](mailto:news@fsnnetwork.org).

## Webinar Series on Women's Empowerment and Men's Engagement

**First Webinar: Wednesday, March 26, 9:00 AM EDT**

TOPS and SPRING invite you to participate in a webinar series examining how a focus on gender can support improved nutrition through agriculture.

The series begins with "Empowering Women in Agriculture: Maximizing Nutrition Gain." Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

## Updated: FY 2014 Request for Applications for Title II Development Food Assistance Programs

USAID has released an amended Fiscal Year 2014 (FY 2014) Request for Applications (RFA) for Title II Development Food Assistance Programs in Burundi, Madagascar and Malawi. The country-specific information for Burundi and Madagascar has also been amended. The country specific information for Malawi remains unchanged.

These revisions have been made to reflect recent changes to FFP authorities as outlined in the Agricultural Act of 2014. The FY2014 Development Food Assistance Applications are due on Thursday, April 3rd by 11:59 AM EDT.

Learn more [here](#).

**Wheat for Food Security:**  
International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, Association for Agricultural Research and Experimentation of the State of Sonora; March 25 - 28, 2014; Ciudad Obregón, Mexico

**Consumer Behavior and Food Science Innovations for Optimal Nutrition:** The New York Academy of Sciences, The Sackler Institute for Nutrition Sciences; March 26, 2014; NYC

**Forum for Agriculture:**  
ELO, Syngenta; April 1, 2014; Brussels, Belgium

**Global Health Practitioner Conference Spring 2014:** CORE Group; May 5 - 9, 2014; Silver Spring, MD

**2020 Conference:** IFPRI; May 15 - 17, 2014; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**International Symposium on Understanding Moderate Malnutrition in Children for Effective Interventions:**  
International Atomic Energy Agency; May 26 - 29, 2014; Vienna, Austria

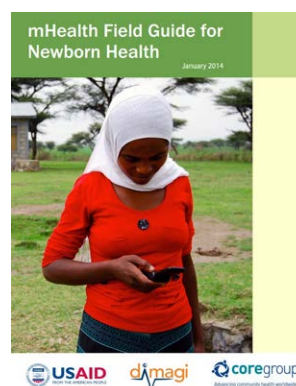
**Micronutrient Forum Global Conference:**  
Micronutrient Forum; June 2 - 6, 2014; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**4th Annual LCIRAH Research Conference:**  
Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health; June 3 - 4, 2014; London, England

**17th World Congress of Food Science and Technology:**

## Featured Information Resource: mHealth Field Guide for Newborn Health

This [guide](#) explains how mHealth serves newborn health through referral and tracking of mothers and infants, decision support for CHWs, CHW supervision, scheduling and tracking postpartum and postnatal visits, and teaching and counseling for mothers and families. Case studies are provided from Afghanistan, India, Malawi and Indonesia. Links to resources for planning, implementation and evaluation are included along with lessons learned across the case studies.



Find more tools and references for implementers at [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org).

## Job Postings

- [Extreme Poverty Online Technical Discussion Working Group Facilitator](#) based in WDC with The QED Group
- [Senior Gender Specialist](#) based in Amman, Jordan with ICARDA
- [Final Evaluation Consultancy](#) based in Burundi with CRS
- [Program Manager, The Sackler Institute for Nutrition Science](#) based in NYC with The New York Academy of Sciences
- [Sustainable Agriculture Manager, Water Program](#) based in Boston with Ceres
- [Gender-Based Violence Consultant](#) based in WDC with InterAction
- [Head of Nutritional Impact Assessment Project](#) based in Paris with ACF International
- [Technical Advisor, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Risk Management](#) based in WDC with PCI
- [Associate Technical Advisor, HA and DRR](#) based in WDC with PCI
- [Video Production for Cooperative Development Training](#) based in Ethiopia with ACIDI/VOCA
- [Content Development for Cooperative Development Training](#) based in Kenya with ACIDI/VOCA
- [Chief of Party, Alive & Thrive Project, Ethiopia](#) based in Ethiopia with FHI 360

## Funding and Other Opportunities

- [Apply for a grant](#) through the TOPS Small Grants Program - **Awarded on a rolling basis.** The two types of grants include Micro Grants (maximum per award \$50,000) and Program Improvement Award (PIA) (maximum per award \$100,000).
- [Submit a presentation idea](#) for the IGAD Summit on Drought Resilience - **Due by March 12, 2014.** Civil society have been invited to participate in a special session at the summit, the IDDRSI Forum, on March 25, 2014. Return the form to Aude Galli at [aude.galli@ifrc.org](mailto:aude.galli@ifrc.org).
- [Submit a proposal](#) to The Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration - **Due by March 21, 2014.** The Bureau is

International Union of Food Science and Technology; August 17 - 21, 2014; Montreal, Canada

### Online Discussion

[Open Discussion on the Political Outcome Document of the ICN2](#) from Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition

### New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Every Child's Potential: Integrating Nutrition and Early Childhood Development Interventions](#) from Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences

[The World Health Organization's Global Target for Reducing Childhood Stunting by 2025: Rationale and Proposed Actions](#) from Maternal & Child Nutrition

[Baby Behavior Video](#) from UC Davis Human Lactation Center (Username: hlcvisitor, Password: Sleepybaby!)

[The Gender Advantage: Women on the Front Line of Climate Change](#) from IFAD

### Articles

[Under Chronic Stress, Niger Farmers Are Losing Ground](#) from IRIN

[Unravelling Zimbabwe's "Food Crisis"](#) from IRIN

[Emerging from Crisis, Mali Braces for Hunger](#) from IRIN

seeking proposals for a project to design and implement a strategic visioning process around preventing and responding to gender based violence (GBV) in emergencies.

- [Submit an application for the 2014 Milead Fellows Program - Due March 14, 2014](#). This long-term leadership development program identifies, develops and promotes emerging young African women (ages 19 - 25) to attain and thrive in leadership in their community and Africa as a whole.
- [Apply for a graduate scholarship with the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture \(RUFORUM\) - Due by March 30, 2014](#). The scholarships will support training of students in a Master's Degree Program in Research Methods hosted at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) in Kenya for the 2014/2015 academic year.
- [Submit an abstract for the 6th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference - Due by March 31, 2014](#). The presenting author is expected to attend the conference and present the paper as poster or oral presentation. The conference will take place July 21 - 25, 2014 in Accra, Ghana.

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### Calls for Input

- USAID's Leveraging Economic Opportunities (LEO) project is looking for brief examples of push/pull approaches to inclusive market development. Project examples (500 words or less) should be submitted no later than March 31, 2014. Click [here](#) for additional background and guidelines for submission.
  - The Office of Science and Technology at USAID is leading an Agency-wide effort to develop a research policy. USAID is looking for additional suggestions and feedback from implementing partners by 5:00 PM EDT on March 14th, 2014. Learn more [here](#).
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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 [news@fsnnetwork.org](mailto:news@fsnnetwork.org).

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