



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

[Ag Sector Council Seminar: Are Farmers Willing to Pay for Drought Tolerant Rice?](#)  
Agrilinks; February 26, 2014; WDC & Online

[Webinar: What Is Needed for Monitoring Access to Adequate Nutritious Foods?](#)  
Ag2Nut, FSIN; February 27, 2014; Online

[Sustainable Microenterprise and Development Program:](#)  
The Carsey Institute/University of New Hampshire and Ghana Microfinance Institutions Network (GHAMFIN); March 10 - 21, 2014; Accra, Ghana

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

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

[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

[Borlaug Summit on Wheat for Food Security:](#)

## 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](#)

## Highlights from fsnnetwork.org

Are you taking full advantage of all available resources on the FSN Network online portal? Here are a couple areas we encourage you to utilize:

- **Event Resources** - We post summaries and presentations from the variety of trainings, meetings, and workshops that TOPS and the FSN Network host throughout the year, for example the [Francophone Knowledge Sharing Meeting](#) last November. View summaries and presentations from all events [here](#).
- **Newsletter Archive** - All past issues of the FSN Network newsletter dating back to 2011 are now available online. If you recently subscribed to the newsletter or you want to look back at older editions, click [here](#).

## RSVP for Commodity Tracking System Demonstrations and Consultation March 17 - 18, 2014

**USAID Washington Learning Center  
2231 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202**

The TOPS Commodity Management Team invites you to a meeting examining cutting-edge Commodity Tracking Systems (CTS) on March 17 - 18.

During the workshop, several PVOs implementing Title II programs on behalf of USAID's Office of Food for Peace will present their respective electronic commodity tracking systems. Participants will be able to familiarize themselves with the features and functionalities of the different systems. The presentations will be followed by a structured discussion on the pros and cons of standardizing such systems.

An agenda and directions to the Learning Center will follow. Anyone active in food security and commodity management is encouraged to attend this meeting. Seating capacity is limited, so to ensure that all organizations have the opportunity to participate, we may have to limit

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](#): International Union of

the number of participants from each organization.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Julia Crowley at [jcrowley@savechildren.org](mailto:jcrowley@savechildren.org) by February 27, 2014.

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## From the Online Community: Monitoring Environmental Safeguards for Development Food Assistance Programs

A [discussion](#) of the FSN Network online community looks at ways that food security and nutrition implementers have monitored environmental safeguards for their food assistance programs. Participants are sharing helpful tools and activities for monitoring the safeguards as well as the successes and challenges that they have faced.

This is the final online discussion in a [series](#) of discussions on the FSN Network online portal intended to foster conversation around methods for "greening" development food assistance programs. The TOPS Program will be pulling together the comments of participants of the online discussion and sharing them with the USAID/DCHA Bureau Environmental Officer.

Follow the discussion and add your voice at [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org).

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

Applications are due on Thursday, April 3rd by 11:59 AM EDT for Title II Development Food Assistance Programs in Burundi, Madagascar and Malawi. Click [here](#) to download the associated documents.

Please note that no FFP country backstop officers or field representatives should be contacted about information contained in the RFA materials. Direct all comments and inquiries to Juli Majernik at [jmajernik@usaid.gov](mailto:jmajernik@usaid.gov) with a copy to [FFPDocs@amexdc2.com](mailto:FFPDocs@amexdc2.com).

FFP technical experts relied on comments received from the food aid community as well as input from the June meeting with representatives of the Title II community hosted by TOPS concerning the FY 2013 RFA for several of the changes in this FY 2014 RFA.

Learn more on the USAID FFP [website](#).

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## FSN Network Task Force & Discussion Group Meetings

The **Global Task Forces** of the FSN Network enable members from around the world to directly contribute their expertise in development toward identifying and adapting crucial information, tools and methods that are responsive to stakeholder needs. **Discussion Groups** allow field-based practitioners to connect online to share experiences, seek recommendations, and strengthen capacity in cross-cutting and emerging implementation areas. *Newcomers are welcome to attend the meeting below.*

- [Agriculture Task Force Meeting](#), February 26, 2014, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

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

### Calls for Input

[Study on Use of Research Results on Integrated Agriculture and Nutrition Programming by International Non-Governmental Organizations \(INGOs\)](#) from TANGO International

[Use of Vegetable Seed in Humanitarian Response](#) from Seed Programs International

### Did You Know?

Feed the Future has hosted two Scaling Agricultural Technologies GLEEs (Global Learning and Evidence Exchanges) on scaling up adoption and use of agricultural technologies. View resources and presentations from the Scaling GLEEs on the [Agrilinks website](#).

### New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Sphere for Assessments](#) from The Sphere Project

[Cash Transfer Methodology Guide](#) from Mercy Corps

[Rebuilding West Africa's Food Potential: Policies and Market Incentives for Smallholder-inclusive Food Value Chain](#) from FAO

[Taking Knowledge for Health the Extra Mile: Participatory Evaluation of a Mobile Phone](#)

## Featured Information Resource: Institutional Strengthening Guide

The [Institutional Strengthening Guide](#) is intended to serve as a reference for organizations wishing to develop or improve existing institutional strengthening systems and processes. The Guide presents principles, minimum standards and best practices, business processes, references and tools deemed important for effective, efficient, and sustainable organizations.

The Guide, also available in Arabic, French, Portuguese and Spanish, consists of ten chapters that cover the key functional areas of most organizations. Each chapter (and indeed each step and process within each chapter) can be used as a stand-alone document.

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



## Job Postings

- [Food Security & Resilience Program Manager - Haiti](#) based in Haiti with Mercy Corps
- [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
- [Gender Advisor, Rise Program](#) based in DRC with Mercy Corps
- [Nutrition Advisor](#) based in Mozambique with Concern Worldwide
- [Technical Advisor, Gender](#) based in WDC with PCI
- [Advisor, Infant and Young Child Nutrition \(IYCN\), Social and Behavior Change Communication \(SBCC\), SPRING Project](#) based in Rosslyn, Virginia with Save the Children
- [Head of Nutrition and Health Department](#) based in Sierra Leone with ACF International
- [Head of Nutrition and Health Department](#) based in Bangladesh with ACF International
- [Deputy Director of Nutrition](#) based in WDC with ACIDI/VOCA
- [Community Mobilisation Advisor](#) with International Medical Corps

## Funding and Other Opportunities

[Intervention for Community Health Workers in Malawi](#) from Global Health: Science and Practice

#### Articles

[Inside the Politics of Breastfeeding Promotion](#) from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

[aWhere 2.0 Enables Evidence-based Decision Making in Global Development](#) from Agrilinks

[Has Africa's Focus on Farming Borne Fruit?](#) from The Guardian

[Ugandans and Pork: A Story That Needs Telling](#) from ILRI News

[Villages Flooded as Heavy Rains Weaken Zimbabwe Dam](#) from IRIN

- [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 manuscript](#) to the **Journal of Research in Peace, Gender and Development (JRPGD) - Ongoing**. The JRPGD is a multidisciplinary peer-reviewed journal committed to furthering original research on peace, gender and development studies, including conflict resolution, global issues, disarmament, gender equality, anti-discrimination/racism, global citizenship, leadership and policymaking, civic responsibility, human rights, social justice, cultural diversity etc. JRPGD publishes original articles, brief reports, letters to editor and reviews.
- [Apply to enroll](#) in the **mHealth - Mobile Phones for Public Health online course - Discount rate before February 28**. TechChange and the mHealth Alliance are offering this four-week online certificate course, which will run from March 31st to April 25th. The course will examine how mobile technologies are revolutionizing approaches to patient care and management, point-of-care support for health workers, health education, diagnostics, and supply chain management and logistics.
- [Submit a nomination](#) for the **World Food Prize - Due May 1, 2014**. The World Food Prize is awarded for a specific, exceptionally significant, individual achievement at any point along the full range of the food production and distribution chain. Any academic institution, private or public organization, or governmental unit may submit a nomination.

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@fsnetwork.org](mailto:news@fsnetwork.org).

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