



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

### [Getting the Knack of NACS](#)

TOPS, CORE Group  
Feb 22-23, 2012, WDC  
Exact location TBD

### [Effective Team-Building for International Development Programs: Crisis Environments](#)

SID M&E Workgroup,  
IDEA, Jan 10, 2012, 12-2 PM, WDC

### [Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition Outcomes Workshop](#)

ACDI/VOCA, Feb 2, 2012, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM, WDC

### [Meeting the Challenges of Value Chain Development: A Learning Event](#)

USAID, ACDI/VOCA, Feb 7-8, WDC, The Newseum

### [Training on EMMA Toolkit](#)

EMMA, March 19-23, 2012, Kathmandu, Nepal

## Did You Know?

Food for Peace has a Food Aid Consultative Group listserv. Sign up by sending your name, title, organization, address, phone number, and email to [FACG@amexdc2.com](mailto:FACG@amexdc2.com).

## New Publications, Guides & Tools

[The United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and](#)

## FSN Network News

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There are many ways to participate in the FSN Network. To learn more about the FSN Network's task forces, technical knowledge sharing meetings and e-community click [here](#).

For daily news from the FSN Network follow us on [Twitter](#) @FSNnetwork

## Season's Greetings from the FSN Network

The FSN Network wishes you and yours a safe and happy holiday season. We've had an exciting year working with all of you to launch and strengthen collaborative efforts to improve food security and nutrition program implementation. We look forward to the coming year full of new and exciting endeavors and to your continued engagement and participation.

In preparation for the coming launch of the FSN Network web portal, we will be changing the service through which we send our biweekly newsletter. Later today you will receive a message directly from Constant Contact to legally notify you of your new subscription. It requires no action on your part. If you have any questions, please contact [commentsfsn@gmail.com](mailto:commentsfsn@gmail.com).

Thank you for your dedication and support. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

## Enhancing Resilience in the Horn of Africa

USAID hosted a workshop on "Enhancing Resilience in the Horn of Africa: An Evidence-based Summit on Strategies for Success" on December 13 and 14, 2011. The workshop, facilitated by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and TOPS, brought together more than 180 from the donor, implementer and academic communities to promote the sharing of lessons and research on building resilience to adverse shocks.

- Administrator Rajiv Shah addressed attendees the first day of the workshop. Watch his remarks [here](#).
- Nancy Lindborg, USAID's Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, wrote about the workshop in USAID's [Impactblog](#).
- Tom Murphy, Deputy Editor of PSI Healthy Lives, spoke with Lindborg at the event and wrote about it in his personal blog, [aviewfromthecave.com](#).

## Self-Assessment Tool for Social and Behavioral

## [Security](#)

### [Gender, Assets, and Agricultural Development Programs: A Conceptual Framework](#)

from CAPRI/IFPRI

### [Capacity building helps pastoral women transform impoverished communities in Ethiopia](#)

from the journal Science

### [A novel fortified blended flour, corn-soy blend "plus-plus," is not inferior to lipid-based ready-to-use supplementary foods for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition in Malawian children](#)

from The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition

## **Job Posting**

### [Research Associate](#)

based in DC or Boston with Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy

### [Chief of Party, MYAP](#)

based in Niger with Save the Children

### [Head of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Programmes](#)

based in London with Save the Children

## **Change Managers**

The SBC Task Force has created a Self-Assessment Tool for SBC Managers. Use of this tool will help your organization to better understand where staff members with roles in SBC need more capacity building. Forwarding the results to the SBC Task Force will help us to design SBC capacity-building events that will meet your needs. All information will be kept confidential. Download the tool [here](#).

## **Food for Peace Commodity Fact Sheet Template- Comments Requested**

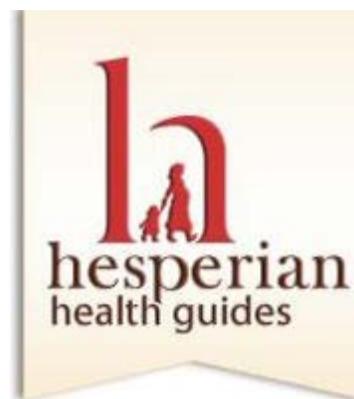
As part of the upcoming revisions to the Commodity Reference Guide, Food For Peace is in the process of creating a new template for the Commodity Fact Sheets. The layout has been reworked to include a section for commodity vendors to supply information, a section for program guidance in accordance with the Food Aid Quality Review (FAQR) recommendations and a link to the current Commodity and Ocean Freight Estimates, none of which are included in the current version. For a comparison, [click here to view the current fact sheet for cornmeal](#). In order to make the fact sheets as useful as possible send your feedback on the [new template](#) to [golson@usaid.gov](mailto:golson@usaid.gov) by Friday, January 20, 2012.

## **Featured Information Resource: Hesperian Digital Commons**

The Hesperian Foundation has created a new website for downloading development related images called the *Hesperian Digital Commons*. The website offers thousands of Hesperian's world-renowned illustrations.

Over the next few years, TOPS plans to partner with Hesperian to add more food security images from NGO behavior change materials from around the world.

You can enter the site and receive directions on how to use Hesperian's images by clicking [here](#). For a limited time, Hesperian is offering free registration.



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](#).

