



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

[seToolbelt Webinar: Social Enterprise & International Development](#)

USAID, seToolbelt, Jan 18, 2012, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST

[Online Certificate Course On Gender and Development Training](#)

Human Rights and Justice Group, Jan 18-Feb 17, 2012

Application deadline Jan 16

[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, 2012, WDC, The Newseum

[Training on EMMA Toolkit](#)

EMMA, March 19-23,

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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](#).

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TOPS/FSN Network Ethiopia Training and Knowledge Sharing Workshop

This summer TOPS and the FSN Network will be hosting a joint training and knowledge sharing workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for food security and nutrition grantees, donors, and researchers to engage in peer learning, knowledge sharing and networking around improved food aid implementation. If you'd like to help identify relevant content areas and presenters for the meeting, please contact Joan Whelan at jwhelan@coregroupdc.org.

Call for SBC Job Descriptions

The Social and Behavioral Change Task Force is planning to create a sample SBC Manager job description for use by organizations that plan to hire dedicated, field-based SBC staff for their food security programs. If your organization has a job description in English or French for an SBC Manager position which you have found to be helpful, please forward the job description to Tom Davis at tom.davis@fh.org for use by the SBC Task Force.

Quality Improvement and Verification Checklists Material Online

The TOPS Sr. Social and Behavior Change Specialist has packaged a set of materials on Quality Improvement and Verification Checklists (QIVCs) based on materials presented in the FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Workshop in Maputo, Mozambique. QIVCs provide a detailed check of development workers' performance on their key processes in order to monitor and improve their performance, identify "system problems," and to encourage them. QIVCs are being used in many countries throughout the world to improve key processes. View an online version of the training [here](#).

M&E Capacity Strengthening from USAID's MEASURE Evaluation Project

MEASURE Evaluation is holding a variety of monitoring and evaluation

2012, Kathmandu, Nepal

[InterAction Forum 2012](#)
InterAction, April 30-May 2, 2012, Arlington, VA

Did You Know?

USAID has established a new Office of Innovation and Development Alliances (IDEA). Learn more [here](#) or visit their [website](#).

New Publications, Guides, Tools & Videos

[Latest Findings from Randomized Evaluations of Microfinance](#) from CGAP, FAI, IPA and Poverty Action Lab

[Care That Counts: Applying Quality Standards to OVC Services in Kenya](#) from USAID Health Care Improvement Project

Job Postings

[Deputy Project Director](#) based in Ghana with Grameen Foundation

[Population Health Environment Technical Advisor](#) based in WDC with CAMRIS International

[MYAP Final Evaluation Nutrition and Health Consultant](#) based in Burundi with CRS

[Qualitative M&E Consultant](#) based in Madagascar with Land O'Lakes

(M&E) capacity strengthening opportunities in the coming weeks.

- Attend a [7-part webinar series](#) on data demand and use.
- Health teams involved with M&E of family planning and reproductive health activities in Anglophone countries can submit applications for a Virtual Leadership Development Program (VLDP). The program begins February 13, 2012 and concludes April 27, 2012. The application deadline is January 13, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).
- Teams working on gender-related aspects of M&E in health can apply for a VLDP starting March 12, 2012 and concluding June 15, 2012. The deadline for applications is February 3, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).

Featured Information Resource: Preventing Gender-based Violence, Building Livelihoods: Guidance and Tools for Improved Programming

The Women's Refugee Commission recently published guidance and tools to help practitioners design safe economic programs for displaced women. The guidance is based on WRC's experience training approximately 200 practitioners in six countries on designing economic interventions as a tool of GBV prevention, site visits to refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia and desk research. Click [here](#) to download the document. In addition, the WRC has developed an [e-learning tool](#) to help practitioners, policy makers and donors in the field and at headquarters gain a better understanding of how to mitigate the risk of GBV through safe and effective livelihood interventions.



Preventing Gender-based Violence, Building Livelihoods
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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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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](#).

