



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

[FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting](#), June 11-13, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[Improving Resilience in Food Insecure Communities: Lessons from Implementers](#)  
TOPS, April 25, WDC, 1-4 PM

[Growing Food: New Places, New Technologies](#)  
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), April 17, 9 AM- 5 PM, WDC, Webcast available

[Building Effective Partnerships](#)  
InsideNGO, April 18, 9 AM-5 PM, WDC

[Standing Meeting on Climate Change Adaptation](#)  
USAID, April 19, 4PM, WDC

[Assessing NGO Capacity: An Overview of Tools & Applications](#)  
InsideNGO, April 19-20, WDC

[Money on the Move: Payments and Money Transfer Behavior of African Households](#)  
Microlinks, USAID, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, April 23, 4-5:30 PM, WDC, Webinar option available

[Experimental](#)

## 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

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### Deadline Extended: Nominations for Technical Capacity Strengthening Workshop, June 4-8, 2012

The deadline for nominations to the Technical Capacity Strengthening Workshop has been extended. The new deadline is April 30. The TOPS Program is seeking nominations for up to three participants from each PVO in each FFP-funded development or emergency food assistance project in the following countries: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. TOPS will select 50 final participants to sponsor from the full list of nominations to attend the Technical Capacity Strengthening Workshop, June 4-8, 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This workshop will precede the FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting June 11-13, 2012, which is open to any participants. For more information, on both meetings and the nominating process for the Technical Capacity Strengthening Workshop, [click here](#).

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### Speakers Announced for Event: Improving Resilience in Food Insecure Communities: Lessons from Implementers, April 25, 2012

The TOPS program is sponsoring a panel discussion drawing upon lessons learned by international NGOs working with communities to build resilience to drought and other shocks. Presentations include:

- From Conflict to Coping: Evidence from Southern Ethiopia on the contributions of peacebuilding to drought resilience among pastoralist groups by Jon Kurtz, Mercy Corps
- The Role of Diversification in Improving Resilience by Kristi Ladd, ACDI/VOCA
- If it's a Safety Net, is it Resilient? by Mara Russell, Land O'Lakes

Brief presentations will be followed by Q&A and a round-table discussion on how best to set and measure resilience targets. The event will take place at 20 F Street, NW, from 1-4 PM. If interested in attending, please RSVP to Sierra Frischknecht at [sfrischknecht@dc.mercycorps.org](mailto:sfrischknecht@dc.mercycorps.org).

[Approaches to Understanding Market Segmentation Strategies for New Agricultural Technologies](#)

Agrilinks, USAID, IFPRI, April 25, 9:30-10:30 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

[Working in Complex Systems: The Rubber Value Chain in Indonesia](#)

Microlinks, USAID, Managing Systems for Wellness, April 26, 9-10 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

[InterAction Forum 2012](#)

April 30-May 2, 2012, Arlington, VA

[CORE Group Spring Meeting 2012](#)

April 30-May 4, Wilmington, DE

[SEEP Training in Measuring Financial Performance of Microfinance Institutions](#)

June 4-8, WDC

[Analyzing Disrupted Health Systems](#)

CDC, IRC, Merlin, WHO, June 18-29, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Applications due May 1

### Did You Know?

FAO has a food security and nutrition [e-learning center](#) with courses and training materials.

### New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Engaging Men to Prevent Gender-Based Violence: A Multi-Country Intervention and Impact Evaluation Study](#)

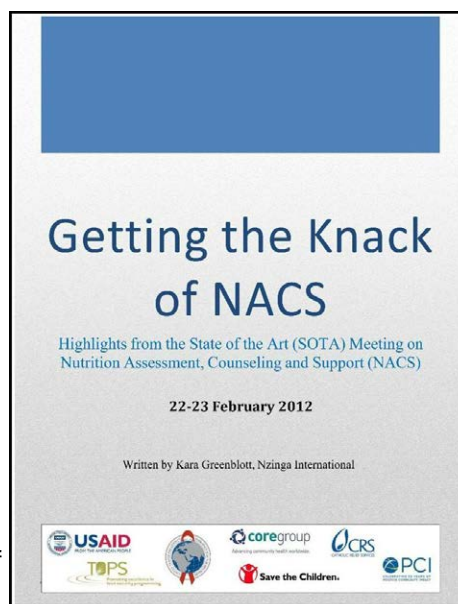
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## Food for Peace Seeks Input on Micronutrient Fortification Program Information Bulletin

USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) is seeking comments on a draft FFP Information Bulletin (FFPIB) establishing a Micronutrient Fortification Program as authorized by the Food for Peace Act. The purpose of this program is to assist developing countries in correcting micronutrient dietary deficiencies among vulnerable segments of their populations; encourage the fortification of grains and other commodities; and provide the necessary micronutrient premix for the fortification of grains and other commodities during overseas milling or at point of use when possible. A copy of draft FFPIB 12-01 can be accessed [here](#). Please send your comments or questions on this draft FFPIB to [facg@amexdc2.com](mailto:facg@amexdc2.com) no later than COB April 25, 2012.

### Featured Information Resource: Getting the Knack of NACS

The meeting report and other materials from the TOPS micro grant program funded State of the Art (SOTA) Meeting on Nutrition Assessment, Counseling and Support (NACS) are [now online](#). The two-day "Getting the Knack of NACS" event, held in February, aimed to provide an overview of current thinking and predominant issues surrounding the design, implementation and evaluation of NACS programming. More than 100 participants from 48 organizations attended the event put on by Catholic Relief Services and the CORE Group HIV/AIDS and Nutrition Working Groups. For more information about the meeting and to read the report, [click here](#). For more information on the TOPS micro-grants and how to apply, [click here](#).



### Job Postings

- [Health and Nutrition Director](#) based in Haiti with ACDI/VOCA
- [Specialist II, Food Security Unit - Business Development](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services
- [Sr. Technical Specialist, Agriculture and Livelihoods](#) based in Arlington, VA with Counterpart International

Resource Centre, the  
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Trust Fund

[Unleashing Agriculture's  
Potential for Improved  
Nutrition and Health in  
Malawi](#) from IFPRI, Irish  
Aid, Malawi Ministry of  
Agriculture and Food  
Security, USAID

[Achieving Food Security  
in the Face of Climate  
Change](#) from CGIAR

[Life in Town: Migration  
from rural Karamoja to  
Moroto and Mbale](#) from  
Feinstein International  
Center, Save the  
Children, Tufts University

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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](#).

