



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

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

[CORE Group Spring Meeting 2012](#)
April 30-May 4,
Wilmington, DE

[2012 International Food Aid & Development Conference](#)
USAID, USDA, May 7-9,
Kansas City, MO

[Measuring the 'Hard-to-Measure': Evaluating Youth Outcomes in a Peacebuilding Context](#)
Society for International Development, May 8,
12-1:30PM, WDC

[New Country and Region-Led Efforts and Partnerships for Enhancing Resilience and Building Growth in the Horn of Africa](#)
Agrilinks, USAID, May 10, 9-10:30 AM, WDC,
Webinar option available

[Analyzing Disrupted Health Systems](#)
CDC, IRC, Merlin, WHO,
June 18-29, Amsterdam,
Netherlands,
Applications due May 1

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

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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

FSN Network Web Portal Launched

The TOPS Program is pleased to announce the launch of their interactive webportal, fsnnetwork.org. The FSN Network web portal is the virtual home for the food security and nutrition implementing community. The site features work spaces for technical task forces, discussion forums by technical interest area and a comprehensive resource library of community information, tools, and methodologies. We welcome your submission of tools, guides and other resources, news of events, trainings and project updates, and your participation in online discussions.

Recording Available: Gender Task Force Sponsored Panel Discussion on Women's Empowerment Initiatives at USAID

In March 2012, USAID released both the [Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index](#) (WEAI) and the [Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy](#). The FSN Network Gender Task Force held a panel discussion on April 3 at Save the Children's DC office to explore what the new initiatives mean for implementing partners. Caren Grown, the Senior Gender Advisor at USAID, and Emily Hogue, Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist at USAID's Bureau for Food Security, sat on the panel and gave presentations. For more information and to access a recording of the event, [click here](#).

Featured Information Resource: Improving Resilience in Food Insecure Communities: Lessons from Implementers

The TOPS program sponsored a panel discussion April 25 drawing upon lessons learned by international NGOs working with communities to build resilience to drought and other shocks. Presentations from the event are [now online](#) and 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

June 4-8, WDC

[2012 US-Africa Forum: Farming Is A Business: Strengthening Linkages and Skills to Transform Africa's Food Systems](#)

Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, Joaquim Chissano Foundation, John A. Kufuor Foundation, June 11-12, WDC

[2012 US-Africa Infrastructure Conference](#)

Corporate Council on Africa, June 18-20, WDC

[Cracking the Nut 2012 Conference](#)

AZMJ, June 25-26, WDC

Did You Know?

There is a [knowledge series from FIELD-Support](#) (Financial Integration, Economic Leveraging, Broad-Based Dissemination and Support) related to economic strengthening, value chain development, microfinance, and other topics.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[2011 Global Food Policy Report](#) from IFPRI

[FAO Statistical Yearbook 2012 World Food and Agriculture](#) from FAO

[Improving Regional Fertilizer Markets in West Africa](#) from IFPRI

- [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

For more information and to download presentations from the event, [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
 - [PCI/Guatemala Food for Education Project External Mid-Term Evaluation Consultant](#) based in Guatemala with PCI
 - [Consultant for Baseline Survey](#) based in Sierra Leone with GOAL Sierra Leone
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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 commentsfsn@gmail.com.

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