

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**

Don't Just Borrow, Be the Bank: How Savings-Led Microfinance Can Make Food & Nutrition Security Programs More Sustainable PCI, TOPS, Sept 19-21, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Stakeholder Meeting on FFP's Second Food Aid and Food Security Assessment FANTA-III, TOPS, Sept 25, WDC

Standing Meeting on Climate Change Adaptation USAID, Aug 16, 4 PM, WDC

Empower and Thrive: Creating New Pathways for Development and Conservation CARE, WWF, Sept 11, WDC

<u>Training of Trainers</u> InsideNGO, Sept 11-13, WDC

Sustainable Microenterprise and Development Program Tanzania 2012 Carsey Institute,Oct 15-26, Arusha, Tanzania Scholarships due Aug 24

International Workshop on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Applications in Public Health MEASURE Evaluation Project, USAID, Oct 8-

## **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 ecommunity click <u>here</u>. For daily news from the FSN Network follow us on **Twitter** @FSNnetwork

## **TOPS Program Welcomes New Staff**

TOPS is pleased to announce the hire of new staff members who together will enable TOPS to strengthen or expand its work in identifying, capturing, and sharing of promising practices in agriculture/natural resource management and commodity management, as well as in the management of its small grants program.

- Andrea Mottram, Senior Agriculture Specialist, working through program partner Mercy Corps, <u>amottram@hq.mercycorps.org</u>
- Birendra Kumar De, Senior Commodity Management Specialist, working through program prime Save the Children, <u>bkumarde@savechildren.org</u>
- Fitih Wedajeneh, Small Grants Manager, also with Save the Children, <a href="mailto:fwedajeneh@savechildren.org">fwedajeneh@savechildren.org</a>

## **TOPS Survey on Curricula & Educational Materials Development**

If you or someone in your organization works to develop curricula or educational materials such as flip charts or counseling materials, TOPS would like your help with <u>this survey</u>.

TOPS is considering hosting a training and knowledge sharing event and would like to assess demand. The results of the survey will be used to identify essential elements and key guidelines for design of curricula and educational materials and to identify topics and people for a potential knowledge sharing meeting among NGOs working in food security.

## PCI Seeks Presenters and Participants: Small Savings-Big Impact Workshop, September 19-21, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

PCI, with funding from a TOPS micro grant, is organizing the "Be the Bank" Forum - Small Savings, Big Impact, to build the capacity of participants to implement cost-effective and locally viable practices to reduce food insecurity through the implementation of successful "Village Savings and Loan" (VSL) methodologies. PCI still welcomes TOPS Program Welcomes New Staff, TOPS Survey, PCI Seeks Presenters and Participants, Featured Information Resource and more

12, New Delhi, India Applications due Sept 7

### Did You Know?

The Institute of Development Studies runs a <u>global hub</u> on community-led total sanitation which includes research papers, relevant news and events and many other materials.

#### New Publications, Guides & Tools

Strategies and Priorities for African Agriculture from IFPRI

Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM): A Decision Tool for Emergencies from CMAM Forum

Transitioning of Care and Other Services for Adolescents Living with HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa from AIDSTAR-One

ELRHA Guide to Constructing Effective Partnerships from Enhancing Learning & Research for Humanitarian Assistance

Summary Document: Agricultural Innovation Systems and Family Farming - An FAO Email Conference June, 2012 from FAO

Measuring Success Toolkit: Using Data for Health Program Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation from Measurement, Learning & Evaluation Project for the Urban Reproductive Health Initiative applications for presentation at the September workshop. The organization also invites you to attend as a workshop participant. If you would like to attend without presenting please RSVP to: <u>btbforum@pciglobal.org</u>. <u>Click here</u> to learn more.

# Stakeholder Input Invited on Food Security and Nutrition Security Terminology

The UN policy forum dedicated to food security (Committee on Food Security) has drafted a paper, Coming to Terms with Terminology, on use of terminology around 'food security,' 'nutrition security', 'food and nutrition security,' and 'food security and nutrition.' The UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN) is now inviting input and reaction to the terminology options outlined in the paper. Responses will be consolidated by the UN SCN and included in the review process of the paper.

For more information and to contribute to the discussion, please <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

## Coverage Monitoring Network (CMN) Project Officially Launched

The new Coverage Monitoring Network (CMN) project offers technical support to emergency nutrition programs worldwide in the design, implementation and analysis of coverage assessments. The project offers technical advisors at no cost to partners, whose contribution is expected on all logistical/practical costs of these assessments. Nutrition organizations are invited to contact the project at the earliest possible convenience indicating the location of their assessment and preferred dates between September 2012 and December 2013. Please address requests for technical support to Saul Guerrero by email at s.guerrero@actionagainsthunger.org.

#### FSN Network Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

Newcomers are welcome to attend any of the following meetings. Click on the meeting name for more information:

• Monitoring and Evaluation Task Force Meeting with the fieldbased members, August 10, 2012, 8 AM EST

## Featured Information Resource: Information Sharing Forum on Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) Launched

The new website <u>CMAM Forum</u> aims to provide a robust informationsharing mechanism that expands the knowledge base on management of acute malnutrition for improved health outcomes for vulnerable populations. Visitors to the site will find information on training, tools, and other updates, while members can contribute to the ongoing research agenda, comment on technical briefs and engage with other members. Resources are welcome and can be sent to <u>cmamforum@gmail.com</u>.

## **Job Postings**

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 <u>Assistant Professor, Urban Food Production and Post-Harvest</u> Livelihoods, Economic Strengthening, Child Handling based in Manhattan, KS with Kansas State University <u>Knowledge and Learning Specialist</u> based in WDC with QED Protection and Well-Being in Western Group Uganda from Columbia Senior Nutritionist based in Uganda with Concern Worldwide • SPRING Project Director based in Rosslyn, VA with JSI University Mailman • Senior Technical Advisor, Environmental Health (WASH) based School of Public Health, in Kenya with International Rescue Committee the Child Protection in Environmental Health Coordinator based in Yemen with Crisis Learning Network, International Rescue Committee the Western Uganda Bantwana Program, <u>Country Director</u> based in Nigeria with Micronutrient Initiative Women's Refugee • Advisor, Monitoring and Evaluation based in Uganda with Samaritan's Purse Commission Technical Advisor- Emergency Food & Nutrition Security based Measuring Success of in Atlanta, GA with CARE Youth Livelihood Senior Food Security and Nutrition Experts based worldwide Interventions: A Practical with CARE Guide to Monitoring and <u>Chief of Party-SHOUHARDO II</u> based in Bangladesh with Evaluation from Global CARE Nutrition Officer on Dietary Assessments based in Rome with Partnership for Youth Employment, The World FAO Bank, The Youth Project Coordinator based in Sierra Leone with FAO • <u>M&E Specialist</u> based in Arlington, VA with Counterpart Employment Network, Understanding Children's International • Associate based in Sacramento, CA or Philadelphia, PA with Work Programme, Committee on Sustainability Assessment International Youth <u>Chief of Party - Food Security - DRC</u> based in Democratic Foundation Republic of the Congo with Mercy Corps 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. The TOPS Program was made possible by the generous support and contribution of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The contents of this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views of USAID or the United States Government. 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.





