



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

[Food Security in an Urbanizing World](#)

Security and Sustainability Forum, Sept 5, 1:15-2:45 PM EST

[Empower and Thrive: Creating New Pathways for Development and Conservation](#)

CARE, WWF, Sept 11, WDC

[Training of Trainers](#)

InsideNGO, Sept 11-13, WDC

[12th Annual Global Health Mini-University](#)

USAID, George Washington University, Sept 14, 8AM-4:30PM, WDC

[Sustainable Microenterprise and Development Program Tanzania 2012](#)

Carsey Institute, Oct 15-26, Arusha, Tanzania Scholarships due Aug 24

## 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

### Save the Date: FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting in Washington, DC November 13-15

The FSN Network will be hosting a knowledge sharing workshop in Washington, DC November 13-15, 2012. The workshop is intended for food security and nutrition grantees, donors, and researchers to engage in peer learning, knowledge sharing and networking around improved food aid and food security implementation. Some of the planned topics include resilience, safety nets, agriculture-nutrition linkages, commodity management, and more. For further information on past knowledge sharing meetings, [click here](#).

### New Commodity Management Task Force to Launch September 27

The Commodity Management Task Force will be holding its inaugural meeting September 27 from 1:30-4:30 PM at Save the Children's DC office (2000 L Street, NW, Suite 500). This community of practitioners, composed of representatives from NGO Title II grantees and other stakeholders, will work to improve the quality of food aid commodity management. For more information, [click here](#). If you are interested in joining please contact B. K. De at [bkde@savechildren.org](mailto:bkde@savechildren.org).

### September 25: Stakeholder Meeting on FFP's Second Food Aid and Food Security Assessment

FANTA and TOPS will be hosting a second all-day in-person event for September 25 to disseminate the findings of FFP's Second Food Aid and Food Security Assessment (FAFSA-2), and invite stakeholder questions and comments. This will be a repeat of the stakeholder meeting held on July 24, and will address maternal child health and nutrition, HIV and water and sanitation, as well as agriculture, natural resource management, livelihoods and infrastructure. For registration and more information, including a draft agenda, [click here](#).

To enable dissemination to those unable to attend in-person, two remote events are being planned for October. Specific dates will be announced in a future issue of the newsletter.

### Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) Draft Request for Applications

[International Workshop on Geographic Information Systems \(GIS\) Applications in Public Health](#)

MEASURE Evaluation Project, USAID, Oct 8-12, New Delhi, India Applications due Sept 7

[World Breastfeeding Conference 2012](#)

International Baby Food Action Network, World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action, Dec 6-9, New Dehli, India

**Did You Know?**

The World Bank has launched a new [resource center](#) for gender equality data, with statistics, tools and reference materials covering employment, access to productive activities, education, health, public life and decision making, human rights, and demographic outcomes for women and girls.

**New Publications, Guides & Tools**

[Sustainable Diets and Biodiversity Book](#)

from FAO and Bioversity International

[The Poverty and Welfare Impacts of Climate Change: Quantifying the Effects. Identifying the Adaptation Strategies](#)

from The World Bank

[Integrating Gender in Care and Support of Vulnerable Children: A Guide for Program Designers and Implementers](#)

from FHI360\_

**Articles**

## (RFA) for Title II Programs

USAID's Office of Food for Peace has released the Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) [draft Request for Applications](#) (RFA) for Title II development food aid programs. The attachments for FY13 include the draft RFA itself along with [draft country-specific information for Zimbabwe](#).

As a draft this guidance is subject to change, and all potential applicants are strongly advised to wait for final guidance before starting to work on an application. Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant, and all preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

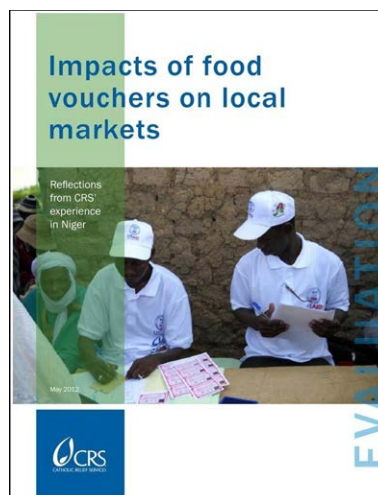
- USAID reserves the right to adjust the number of awards and funding levels.
- The FY 2010 Proposal Guidance and Program Policies, as well as other research and guidance documents, along with the FY12 RFA, remain on the website as references and resources.
- All comments and inquiries should be directed to Juli Majernik at [jmajernik@usaid.gov](mailto:jmajernik@usaid.gov) with a copy to [facg@amexdc2.com](mailto:facg@amexdc2.com).

FFP will provide a consolidated response to comments and inquiries on the draft materials with the finalized materials. Comments on the FY13 draft RFA are due Monday, September 17, 2012.

All documents will soon be available on the USAID FFP website. Please share this information with your staff and colleagues.

## Featured Information Resource: Impacts of Food Vouchers on Local Markets: Reflections From CRS' Experience in Niger

Food vouchers, as well as Local and Regional Procurement programs, are assuming greater importance as alternatives to traditional food aid. Catholic Relief Services commissioned a study to analyze the effects of food vouchers and procurement programs in Project ADVANCE, which CRS implemented in Niger between August and October 2010. The lessons from this experience were taken into account in the design of a food voucher program in 2011 in the same area. For more information and to download the document, [click here](#).



## Job Postings

- [SPRING Project Director](#) based in Rosslyn, VA with JSI
- [SPRING Project Coordinator](#) based in Rosslyn, VA with JSI
- [Senior Technical Advisor, Environmental Health \(WASH\)](#) based in Kenya with International Rescue Committee
- [Environmental Health Coordinator](#) based in Yemen with International Rescue Committee

[What the Farm Bill Means for US Food Aid](#)  
from Devex

[Fighting Depression. One Village at a Time](#)  
from The New York Times Opinionator

[Maternal Depression and Early Childhood Growth in Developing Countries: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis](#)  
from the World Health Organization

[FOOD: How Bad is the Crisis?](#)  
from IRIN

[Action Must Be Taken Now to Prevent an Ever-Worsening Cycle of Hunger](#)  
from The Guardian's Poverty Matters Blog

[Introduction of  \$\beta\$ -Carotene-Rich Orange Sweet Potato in Rural Uganda Results in Increased Vitamin A Intakes among Children and Women and Improved Vitamin A Status among Children](#)  
from The Journal of Nutrition

- [Country Director](#) based in Nigeria with Micronutrient Initiative
- [Advisor, Monitoring and Evaluation](#) based in Uganda with Samaritan's Purse
- [Technical Advisor- Emergency Food & Nutrition Security](#) based in Atlanta, GA with CARE
- [Senior Food Security and Nutrition Experts](#) based worldwide with CARE
- [Chief of Party-SHOUHARDO II](#) based in Bangladesh with CARE
- [Nutrition Officer on Dietary Assessments](#) based in Rome with FAO
- [Project Coordinator](#) based in Sierra Leone with FAO
- [M&E Specialist](#) based in Arlington, VA with Counterpart International
- [Associate](#) based in Sacramento, CA or Philadelphia, PA with Committee on Sustainability Assessment
- [Chief of Party - Food Security - DRC](#) based in Democratic Republic of the Congo with Mercy Corps
- [Director of Programs](#) based in Thailand with WOCAN
- [Senior Communications Specialist](#) based in WDC with IFPRI/HarvestPlus
- [Chief of Party, Philippines](#) with ACDI/VOCA
- [Nutritionist](#) based in WDC with USAID's Bureau for Food Security
- [Management and Program Analyst \(Food Security/Land Tenure\)](#) based in WDC with USAID's Bureau for Food Security
- [Nutrition/Public Health Specialist](#) based in Ghana with BroadReach Healthcare

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