



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

[TOPS Curriculum Development Summit](#)

Sept 26, WDC

[TOPS Designing for Behavior Change Regional Workshop](#)

Sept 29- Oct 4, Barisal, Bangladesh

[Food Security in an Urbanizing World](#)

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

[Farm to Fork: the Role of Food Processing in Creating Markets and Reducing Losses for Smallholder Farmers in Africa](#)

Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, Purdue University's International Food Technology Center, Bread for the World, Sept 7, 9-11:30AM, WDC

[Development &](#)

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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

TOPS Curriculum Development Summit, September 26, Washington, DC

TOPS will be hosting a training and knowledge sharing event for practitioners with experience in developing curricula or educational materials Wednesday, September 26, 2012 in Washington, DC at the Save the Children office. The meeting will also be available remotely via the Internet or phone.

Due to space limitations, TOPS is soliciting nominations for those interested in attending. Every attempt will be made to ensure equitable access to slots for the widest number of organizations. If you would like to nominate yourself or others to attend (in person), please provide information on your nominees at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QLZTGCR>

For more information about the meeting, visit the [FSN Network website](#).

TOPS Designing for Behavior Change (DBC) Regional Workshop, September 29-October 4, Barisal, Bangladesh

TOPS is planning a DBC Regional Workshop from September 29 to October 4 in Barisal, Bangladesh in collaboration with Save the Children in Bangladesh. If you have Health/Nutrition or Agriculture /Natural Resource Management staff who are fluent in English and would like to attend this training, we would like to hear from you. Participants should be willing to take what they learn at this workshop and train other food security implementers in their organization or region.

If you would like to propose field staff participants for this workshop, please send Golam Mothabbir, golam.mothabbir@savethechildren.org with the contact information of up to three field staff members per organization by September 7, 2012. For more information about the workshop, visit the [FSN Network website](#).

Session Summaries from the June 2012 FSN Network East Africa Knowledge Sharing Meeting Available

[Sustainability: Nothing About Us Without Us](#)

Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group, CARE-WWF Alliance, Sept 10, WDC

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

CARE, WWF, Sept 11, WDC, 9AM-6:15PM

[Training of Trainers](#)

InsideNGO, Sept 11-13, WDC

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

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

[10th International Course on Public Health in Complex Emergencies](#)

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Sept 17-29, Bangkok, Thailand

[C-Change End of Project Event](#)

FHI 360, USAID, Sept 19, 9AM-5PM, 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 8-12, New Delhi, India Applications due Sept 7

[2nd Regional Course on Nutrition in Emergencies](#)

Asian Disaster

Summaries of the plenary and concurrent sessions from the FSN Network East Africa Knowledge Sharing Meeting that was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia June 11-13, 2012 have been posted to the FSN Network site. They summarize the proceedings of the individual sessions and highlight some of the main discussion points and key questions that were brought up during the knowledge sharing meeting. These summaries, along with other resources from the meeting, can be found online at the FSN Network Portal and viewed by clicking on [this link](#).

Summary of Commodity Management Online Discussion

The FSN Network's first online discussion was recently held on the subject of commodity management. This discussion provided an opportunity for field practitioners based in different countries to discuss challenges, best practices and capacity gaps in commodity management. They also talked about what priority issues could be covered in future commodity management trainings. A summary of their discussion can be viewed on the [FSN Network website](#).

If commodity management is a topic that interests you, the **Commodity Management Task Force will be holding its inaugural meeting on September 27 from 1:30-4:30 PM EST** at Save the Children's DC office (2000 L Street, NW Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036). For more information [click here](#).

The FSN Network is interested in hearing ideas for future discussion topics. Please send suggestions to commentsfsn@gmail.com.

New Development Experience Clearinghouse (DEC) Launched

USAID's [Development Experience Clearinghouse](#) (DEC) has been redesigned and has improved search capabilities. Submitting project-related documentation to the DEC is required under the [ADS Chapter 540](#). The DEC is also an excellent resource for access of results and lessons from more than 50 years of USAID development experience.

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:

- [Joint SBC - Gender Task Force Meeting](#), September 7, 2012, 11:30 AM EST
- [Agriculture Task Force Meeting](#), September 21, 2012, 10 AM EST
- [Commodity Management Task Force Meeting Launch](#), September 27, 2012, 1:30 PM EST

Featured Information Resource: Enhancing Resilience in the Horn of Africa: Synthesis of an Evidence Based Workshop

Last December, USAID hosted a workshop on "Enhancing Resilience

Preparedness Center,
Oct 8-19, Bangkok,
Thailand

[DC-Based Designing for Behavior Change \(DBC\) Training](#)

Oct 15-19, Arlington, VA

[World Breastfeeding Conference 2012](#)

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

Did You Know?

Vietnam's National Assembly voted to extend paid maternity leave from four to six months and banned advertising on breast milk substitutes for children up to 24 months. [Learn more](#) from the Gates Foundation and Alive & Thrive.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Current and Planned Research on Agriculture for Improved Nutrition: A Mapping and a Gap Analysis](#) from DFID, LCIRAH, the University of Aberdeen

[Water for Wealth and Food Security](#)

from International Water Management Institute, FAO, iDE, IFPRI, Stockholm Environment Institute

Articles

[Food Shortages Could Force World into Vegetarianism. Warn Scientists](#)

from The Guardian

[Why Partnering With](#)

in the Horn of Africa: An Evidence-based Summit on Strategies for Success." The workshop, facilitated by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and TOPS, brought together more than 180 participants from the donor, implementer and academic communities to promote the sharing of lessons and research on building resilience to adverse shocks. The newly published resource, [Enhancing Resilience in the Horn of Africa: Synthesis of an Evidence Based Workshop](#), provides key messages from the workshop and provides evidence-based strategies that were highlighted to inform future programming of humanitarian and development assistance efforts. Find this report and other resources from the meeting [here](#).

Job Postings

- [Program Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator](#) based in WDC with Food for the Hungry
 - [Senior Communications Specialist](#) based in WDC with IFPRI/HarvestPlus
 - [Chief of Party, Philippines](#) with ACDI/VOCA
 - [Nutrition/Public Health Specialist](#) based in Ghana with BroadReach Healthcare
 - [Delivery Science and Quality Improvement Advisor \(Technical Advisor I\), FANTA III Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
 - [Senior Appointment in Nutrition-Sensitive Development](#) based in London with The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)
 - [Advisor, Asia Livelihoods](#) based in WDC (Asia will be considered) with Save the Children
 - [Food Security Analyst](#) based in WDC with Chemonics
 - [Social and Behavior Change \(SBC\) Manager- Nutrition](#) based in Chad with International Medical Corps
 - [Food Technologist](#) based in WDC with USAID/FFP
 - [Consultant, Livestock Team](#) based in Seattle, WA with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
 - [Food Security Analyst](#) based in WDC with Chemonics
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[NGOs for Water Stewardship Makes Business Sense](#)

from The Guardian

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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