



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

[Getting the Knack of NACS](#)

TOPS, CORE Group
Feb 22-23, 2012, WDC

[Designing for Behavior Change Workshop](#)

TOPS, March 12-17,
2012, Silver Spring, MD

[Online Discussion: How can women's land rights be secured?](#)

FAO's FSN Forum, Jan
23-Feb 5, 2012

[Is A Food Crisis Brewing in the Sahel?](#)

Partnership to Cut
Hunger and Poverty in
Africa, Woodrow Wilson
International Center for
Scholars Africa Program,
USAID/FEWS NET, Jan
25, 2012, 9 AM-12:30
PM, WDC

[Voucher Schemes for Enhanced Fertilizer Use: Lessons Learned and Policy Implications](#)

USAID, Agrilinks, Jan
25, 2012, 9:30-10:30
AM, RRB, WDC
Webinar option offered

[Emergence of Sustainability in a Complex System: Are Lessons From the Health Sector Applicable to Food Security?](#)

KDID, CEDARS, Jan 26,
2012, 9 AM-10:30 AM,
WDC Webinar option
available

[Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition Outcomes](#)

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

TOPS Designing for Behavior Change (DBC) Workshop for Program Backstops and Consultants, March 12-17, 2012

Staff members who would benefit from training in the new multisectoral version of DBC and consultants who would like training to lead DBC workshops are invited to apply to be participants at the TOPS DBC Workshop March 12-17, 2012 in Silver Spring, MD. Ag, NRM, or Health/Nutrition staff members who are fluent in English are encouraged to apply. Food and lodging at a retreat center will be covered by TOPS, and there is no workshop fee. Participants should be willing and able to take what they learn at this workshop and train others in their or other organizations. (Funds can be sought from the TOPS microgrants process for replication trainings at the country level.) If you would like to apply or propose participants for this workshop, please send an email to mdecoster@fh.org with the contact information for yourself (or for up to two staff members from your organization) by Monday, February 13, COB. Click [here](#) for more information.

Registration Open for Workshop on Nutrition Assessment, Counseling and Support (NACS) in the Context of HIV, February 22-23, 2012

Registration is now open for the TOPS and CORE Group technical meeting, Getting the Knack of NACS, to advance the state of the art on NACS in the context of HIV and beyond. This 2-day meeting will provide technical updates, review current evidence, share promising practice and experience, and facilitate in-depth discussion and analysis of selected themes for improved programming and a new research and advocacy agenda. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

Useful Resources on Integrating Agriculture and Nutrition - Call for Recommendations from the Community

The TOPS Agriculture Specialist and Nutrition and Food Technology Specialist both would like to highlight two useful documents suggesting ways in which projects can integrate agriculture and nutrition. USAID's

Workshop

ACDI/VOCA, Feb 2, 2012, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM, WDC

[Meeting the Challenges of Value Chain Development: A Learning Event](#)

USAID, ACDI/VOCA, Feb 7-8, 2012, WDC, The Newseum

[Global Health & Innovation Conference 2012](#)

Unite For Sight, April 21-22, 2012, New Haven, CT

[InterAction Forum 2012](#)

InterAction, April 30-May 2, 2012, Arlington, VA

Did You Know?

USAID has a [Global Health eLearning Center](#). The courses are free and available to all who are interested and include topics like data quality, nutrition, demographic and health surveys, and population, health and environment basics.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Measuring Food and Nutrition Security: what has been your experience? Summary and Brief](#) from the Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition

[Was the Global Food Crisis Really a Crisis? Simulations versus Self-Reporting](#) from IFPRI

[State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture \(SOLAW\)- Managing systems at risk](#) from at FAO

Infant and Young Child Nutrition Project (IYCN) fact sheet "[Achieving Nutritional Impact and Food Security through Agriculture](#)" summarizes ways agriculture projects can maximize nutrition and food security of women, children, and other vulnerable groups. IFPRI's 2020 Conference Brief 4 "[Value Chains for Nutrition](#)" gives examples and an overview of how to apply value-chain concepts to achieving nutrition goals. TOPS would like to hear from the community about other agriculture and nutrition tools you find most useful. Suggestions can be sent to nneumann@coregroupdc.org. Please include the title of the tool and the link to where it can be found online.

Request for Applications (RFA) for Title II Development Food Aid Programs for Haiti

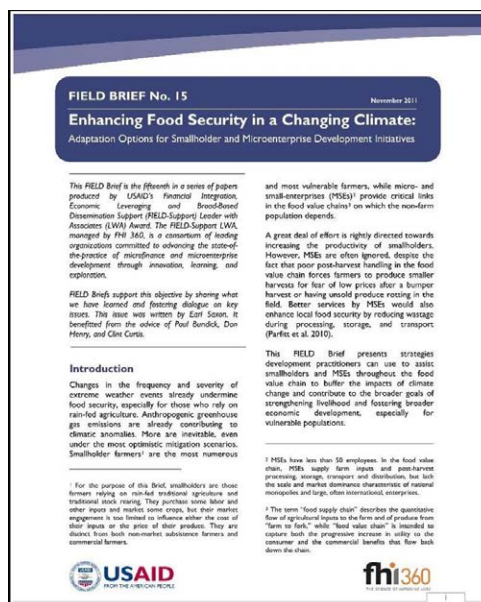
USAID's Office of Food for Peace has released the Year 2012 final RFA for Title II Development Food Aid Programs for [Haiti](#). Click [here](#) to read the final Haiti country-specific information and annex or [here](#) to read the Bellmon Estimation Study for Title II (BEST) for Haiti. The deadline to apply is April 19, 2012.

Training on Mycotoxin Determination Methods

The International Food Safety Training Laboratory is offering a 9-day hands-on laboratory training on the methods of determination of Mycotoxins in food. Mycotoxins are naturally occurring toxins produced by certain fungi growing on grains, nuts and other agricultural product. The extent of fungi growth is influenced by environmental factors during production, harvest and storage, but also varies by geographical location. This course will take place in mid-April 2012 in the IFSTL facility, at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. Click [here](#) for more information or contact the FDA.

Featured Information Resource: FIELD BRIEF 15: Adaptation Options for Smallholders to Enhance Food Security in a Changing Climate

This [FIELD Brief](#), written by FHI 360's climate change expert Dr. Earl Saxon, presents strategies development practitioners can use to assist smallholders and micro- and small-enterprises throughout the food value chain. These strategies help buffer the impacts of climate change and contribute to the broader goals of strengthening livelihoods and fostering broader economic development, especially for vulnerable populations. Saxon also presented on climate change adaptation at the FSN Network's Spring 2011 knowledge sharing meeting in Baltimore.



Articles

[Agriculture and Climate Change, Revisited](#) from the New York Times Green Blog

Job Postings

[Surge Response Food for Peace Officer](#) based in WDC with USAID

[USPSC Food for Peace Officer](#) based in WDC with USAID

[Deputy Project Director](#) based in Ghana with Grameen Foundation

[Population Health Environment Technical Advisor](#) based in WDC with CAMRIS International

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