



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](#)

TOPS, USAID, Nov 13-15, WDC

### [Animal Source Foods and Child Cognitive Development: A USAID Success Story of University Research to Private Sector Implementation](#)

Agrilinks, USAID, Nov 14, 9:30-10:30 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

### [2013 Hunger Report Launch](#)

Bread for the World, Nov 19, 9:30-11 AM, WDC

### [Looking Back, Looking Forward: Gender Integration and Women's Empowerment at USAID](#)

USAID, Dec 4, 10-11:30 AM, WDC

### [World Breastfeeding Conference 2012](#)

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

### [Gender in Value Chains \(GVC\) Course](#)

KIT Training Centre, Jan 11- Feb 22, 2013, Amsterdam

### [Community-Based Natural Resource Management \(CBNRM\) Workshop](#)

USAID, Jan 16-17,

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There are many ways to participate in the FSN Network. Learn more about the FSN Network's task forces, technical knowledge sharing meetings and e-community [here](#). Visit our website [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org) and for daily news follow us on [Twitter @FSNnetwork](#) and like our [Facebook page](#).

## Winners of TOPS Program Improvement Awards Grants Announced

The TOPS Program Improvement Awards (PIA) small grants program offers the opportunity for Title II and food security/nutrition implementing organizations to access funds to conduct and/or document innovative, best practice-focused activities, operations research, or pilot programs to strengthen the quality and efficient, effective delivery of Title II-supported food security programs (maximum per award \$100,000). TOPS would like to congratulate the five winners of the first round of TOPS PIA grant awards. The awardees are:

- ACDI/VOCA
- CARE International
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- Opportunities Industrialization Centers International (OICI)
- Project Concern International (PCI)

To learn more about their individual programs, [click here](#). TOPS expects to issue an RFA for a second round of PIA grants in early 2013.

TOPS also has another grant program, the TOPS Micro Grant (Capacity Building) Program (maximum per award \$20,000), specifically aimed to support capacity building and skills development activities in food security and nutrition. Micro grants are awarded on a rolling basis and there is no deadline. For more information about the TOPS Micro Grant Program [click here](#).

## FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting in Washington, DC November 13-15: Last Day to Register and Other Meeting Details

Registration for next week's FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting closes today, November 9. [Click here](#) to register and to view the agenda.

Following the first day of the meeting, November 13, all attendees are invited to a social event at Beacon Bar and Grill from 5:30-7:30pm. For more information, including a map, [click here](#). Following the

2013, WDC

[Impact Evaluation of Population, Health & Nutrition Programs Workshop](#)

MEASURE Evaluation Project, USAID, March 18-30, 2013, New Delhi, India, Applications due Jan 25, 2013

#### Online Discussion

[Making the Food System Work for Women](#)

Oxfam, Nov 19-30

#### Did You Know?

A new tool from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, [ADAM](#) "Agricultural Development Assistance Mapping," gathers data from different databases to allow users to "analyse aid environments, set priorities for assistance, and formulate resource mobilization strategies."

#### New Publications, Guides & Tools

[An Update of The Neglected Crisis of Undernutrition: Evidence for Action](#) from UK's

Department for International Development

[The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2012](#) from FAO, IFAD, WFP

[Information and Communications for Development 2012: Maximizing Mobile](#) from The World Bank

#### Articles

[Violence Against Women is an Agriculture](#)

meeting, resources from the various sessions will be available at [fsnnetwork.org](#).

*A future FSN Network meeting will take place next year in Bangladesh. Tentative dates are end of April/beginning of May 2013. The actual dates will be formally announced in a future newsletter. Please reach out to the FSN Network meeting planning team at [fsnmeetings@gmail.com](mailto:fsnmeetings@gmail.com) if there are topic areas you would like to see on the Bangladesh agenda.*

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### Reminder: TOPS-Led Meeting to Discuss and Comment on List of Indicators for Title II Development Food Assistance

TOPS is holding a meeting to discuss comments on the [comprehensive list](#) of all Food for Peace (FFP) indicators - for baseline, final evaluation and annual monitoring. Please review the indicators and forward your comments to TOPS Monitoring and Evaluation Senior Specialist Arif Rashid at [arif@tangointernational.com](mailto:arif@tangointernational.com) by November 21, 2012. A meeting to discuss comments received will be held Monday, November 26, at 9 AM at Save the Children's Washington, DC office (2000 L Street, Suite 500). Alexandra Riboul from FFP will participate in the meeting. Please RSVP to Melissa Teuber at [mteuber@savechildren.org](mailto:mteuber@savechildren.org). A call-in option is also available.

For more information on the indicators and the meeting, including additional files, visit [fsnnetwork.org](#). Note that FFP has adopted Feed the Future's (FTF) framework, including FTF strategic objectives and intermediate results.

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### Ensuring the Sustainability of Program Impacts: Effectiveness of Title II Program Exit Strategies

The Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III Project (FANTA) is hosting a day-long stakeholder meeting where Tufts University will present the results of a multi-year study to investigate the factors that predict program sustainability after exit. The meeting will take place November 28, from 8:30 AM - 5 PM at the Marriott Hotel Courtyard Washington Embassy Row.

The programs were assessed at the time of exit through two years after program shut down, using both qualitative methods and quantitative survey data. Four countries participated in the study: Bolivia, Honduras, India, and Kenya. Dr. Bea Rogers and Dr. Jennifer Coates will present the results of the study from each country and the conclusions and recommendations for the design of Title II development programs in the future. There will be time for questions and discussion.

Participation in the workshop is free, but registration is required. Please RSVP to <http://tiny.cc/snvgnw> before November 21.

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### Online Resources Related to the Office of Food for Peace

FFP is now using the new USAID.gov as their main website.

[and Economic Issue](#)

from Women Thrive  
Worldwide

[Learning to Bounce Back](#)

from New York Times

[Climate Change Could  
Alter Eating Habits](#)

from  
Voice of America

[Urban Poor Missing Out  
on Vital Nutrients](#)

from  
IRIN News

[Analysis: Do Subsidies  
Improve Nutrition?](#)

from  
IRIN News

Information on the transition site is no longer being updated. Please be sure to visit [www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/agriculture-and-food-security/food-assistance](http://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/agriculture-and-food-security/food-assistance) to access all current FFP information. A section-by-section breakout can be read [here](#), which explains where everything is located on the new site (including programs, quick facts, guidance, and resources), and any special exceptions that will remain on the transition site in the short term. Please note that any documents remaining on the old site will still be linked to from the new site. Therefore, navigating through the new USAID.gov is the best way to find the most-updated information.

Spend a few minutes navigating through the new site to get a feel for the new layout. Feel free to contact Jessica Hartl at [jhartl@usaid.gov](mailto:jhartl@usaid.gov) or Kate Oberholzer at [koberholzer@usaid.gov](mailto:koberholzer@usaid.gov) with any questions regarding the new site.

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## Featured Information Resource: Leveraging Municipal Government Support for Agricultural Value Chains in Nicaragua

This resource, from Catholic Relief Services (CRS), outlines their 4-phase strategy for creating a value-chain-friendly environment. Until recently, municipal governments in Nicaragua had not considered agricultural development to be part of their institutional mandate, making it difficult for small producers to competitively engage in agricultural value chains. CRS and its partners created the Alliance to Create Opportunities for Rural Development through Agroenterprise Relationships (ACORDAR) project in 2007. Since then, ACORDAR has helped more than 3,000 Nicaraguan farmers achieve a 98 percent increase in sales and a 117 percent increase in net income. For more information and to download a copy of the report, [click here](#).

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## Job Postings

- [Ecumenical Relations and Communications Coordinator](#) based in Japan with Asian Rural Institute
- [Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist](#) based in Iraq with International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)
- [Junior Specialist-Potato Storage](#) based in Bangladesh with Horticulture Collaborative Research Support Program
- [Technical Advisor, Growth Monitoring and Promotion, FANTA III Project \(Temporary\)](#) based in Madagascar with FHI 360
- [Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition Advocacy Specialist, FANTA III Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
- [Technical Officer III, Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition \(MCHN\), FANTA III Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
- [Nutrition and HIV Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, FANTA III Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
- [Video Production Manager](#) based in Phoenix, AZ with Food for the Hungry
- [Regional Nutrition Assessment, Counseling, and Support \(NACS\) Advisor for Eastern and Southern Africa \(Technical Advisor I\)](#) based in Africa with FHI 360
- [Research Project Director](#) based in WDC with George Washington University
- [International Development Fellows](#) with CRS
- [Leland International Hunger Fellows](#) with various organizations
- [Senior Gender Specialist](#) based in Malaysia with WorldFish

- [Post Doctoral Gender Specialists](#) based in Asia and/or Africa with WorldFish
- [Post Doctoral Impact and Evaluation Specialist](#) based in Malaysia with WorldFish
- [Development Communications Manager](#) based in Malaysia

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## Funding and Other Opportunities

- The Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) Secretariat invites humanitarian practitioners, academics, and other suitably qualified individuals and organisations to make proposals for presentations at the 28th Annual Meeting taking place in Washington, DC in the week of March 4, 2013 (date subject to final confirmation). See the [Call for presentations](#) for more details. Abstracts should be sent to [alnap@alnap.org](mailto:alnap@alnap.org) by Friday, November 16, 2012.
- InterAction is issuing a call for workshop proposals for Forum 2013 to be held April 29-May 1, 2013 at the Gateway Marriot in Crystal City, VA. [Attached here](#) is a Workshop Proposal Instructions & Worksheet. All proposals must be received at InterAction by November 15, 2012 via e-mail, to [workshop@interaction.org](mailto:workshop@interaction.org).
- The 8th Universities Fighting World Hunger Summit encourages submission of panel proposals, workshops, research posters, and visual & performing arts that emphasize the conference theme "Raise the Volume: Building Awareness, Advocacy and Action about Hunger." The summit will be held March 2-4, 2013 in Overland Park, Kansas. [Click here](#) for more information, including the proposal form. Submission deadline is November 19, 2012.

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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](mailto:commentsfsn@gmail.com).

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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](#).

