



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

[Cash Transfer Programs and HIV Prevention in sub-Saharan Africa](#)  
Center for Global Development, Dec 17, WDC

[Looking Back, Looking Forward: Gender Integration and Women's Empowerment at USAID](#)  
USAID, Jan 8, 1-2:30 PM, WDC

[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, 2013, WDC

[Building NGO Capacity to Address Sexual Exploitation and Abuse](#)  
InterAction, Various dates and locations in Jan and Feb 2013

[AIDF Asia-Pacific](#)  
Aid & International Development Forum, Jan 30-31, 2013, Bangkok

[Africa's Food Systems in 2035](#)  
The Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) at Stanford University, Feb 5, 3:30-6 PM, Stanford, CA

[Impact Evaluation of](#)

## FSN Network News

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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](#).

## USAID's Resilience Strategy

Earlier this month USAID released their first policy and program guidance on building resilience. They define resilience as the "ability of people, households, communities, countries, and systems to mitigate, adapt to and recover from shocks and stresses in a manner that reduces chronic vulnerability and facilitates inclusive growth." The guidance specifically focuses on areas where chronic poverty intersects with shocks and stresses to produce recurrent crises and undermine development gains. It emphasizes approaches that empower women and more effectively reduce gaps between males and females. [Click here](#) to read the guidance document. Visit [USAID's website](#) for more information, including a policy guidance briefer.

Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator for USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance spoke about resilience at the recent FSN Network Knowledge Sharing event in Washington, DC on November 13-15. [Click here](#) to hear her remarks.

## Featured Resource Library Topic: Vulnerability and Resilience

The FSN Network website, [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org), includes a resource library rich with technical tools and guides. This new feature highlights some areas of the library. In the wake of USAID's focus on resilience, the featured topic is [vulnerability and resilience](#).

This section includes a variety of resources to help organizations address resilience in project design and implementation. Some tools in this area are DFID's *Characteristics of a Disaster-Resilient Community*, World Vision and Save the Children's *Ending the Everyday Emergency: Resilience and Children in the Sahel*, FAO's *Measuring Resilience: A Concept Note on the Resilience Tool*, DFID's *From Vulnerability to Resilience: A Framework for Analysis and Action to Build Community Resilience*, and more.

The FSN Network welcomes additional tools, guides and resources from the community. Submit a resource on a variety of food security and nutrition topics on the [website](#).

## FANTA Event: Ensuring the Sustainability of Program

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

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

[Information and Communications Technologies for Development \(ICT4D\) Conference](#)

Catholic Relief Services, March 19-24, 2013, Ghana

**Online Discussion**

[Online Consultation on Hunger, Food and Nutrition Security](#)

FAO, WFP, Until Dec 21

[The Future of Agriculture: Debate the Experts](#)

Oxfam, Dec 10-21

**Did You Know?**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has created a [toolkit](#) on communications for food security personnel.

**New Publications, Guides & Tools**

[U.S. Agricultural Development Assistance and Food Aid: Programs and Issues](#) from AGree

[The Impact of a Health Insurance Programme in Kenya](#) from Microinsurance Innovation Facility

[The State of Food and Agriculture 2012 \(SOFA\)](#) from FAO

[Forced Migration Review No. 41: Preventing Displacement](#) from Forced Migration

**Impacts: Effectiveness of Title II Program Exit Strategies, February 7, 2013**

On February 7, 2013, the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III Project (FANTA) will host a day-long stakeholder meeting for Tufts University to present the results of a multi-year study to investigate the factors that predict program sustainability after exit. Four countries participated in the study: Bolivia, Honduras, India, and Kenya. The programs were assessed at the time of exit through two years after program shut down, using both qualitative methods and quantitative survey data. For more information, [click here](#). Participation in the workshop is free, but registration is required. Please RSVP to <http://tiny.cc/snvgnw> before January 28, 2013.

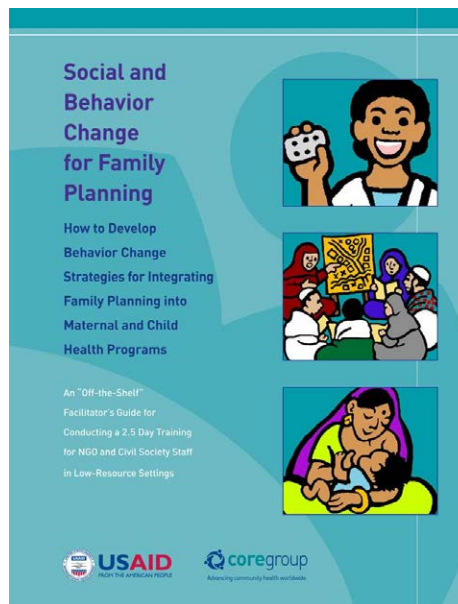
**FSN Network Task Force and Interest Group Meetings**

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

- [Care Groups Forward Interest Group Meeting](#), December 18, 9 AM EST
- [Agriculture Task Force Meeting](#), December 18, 10 AM EST

**Featured Information Resource: Social and Behavior Change for Family Planning: How to Develop Behavior Change Strategies for Integrating Family Planning into Maternal and Child Health Programs**

This tool, developed by CORE Group, is designed for use of local staff to run a two-and-a-half day training course that teaches the basics of "designing for behavior change." It serves as a starting point for addressing family planning by building skills and helping staff get started in social and behavior change. The concepts and tools can also be applied to other topics including maternal and child health, nutrition, infectious disease care and control, sanitation, and more. For more information and to download a copy, visit the [FSN Network website](#).



This manual is based on the 2008 [Designing for Behavior Change](#) manual. TOPS has been developing a comprehensive 6-day training manual which focuses on agriculture, natural resource management, health, and nutrition. The final version is forthcoming, but please contact Mary DeCoster at [mdecoster@fh.org](mailto:mdecoster@fh.org) if you would like to receive a draft copy.

Review, University of Oxford

[City Resilience in Africa: A Ten Essentials Pilot](#) from UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

[Global Forest Land-Use Change 1990-2005](#) from FAO

[World Report Winter 2012: Climate Change](#) from ACIDI/VOCA

### Recorded Events and Presentations

[Prioritizing Nutrition in Agriculture and Rural Development: Guiding Principles and the Momentum Behind Them](#) from SecureNutrition

### Articles

[Going Beyond Food Aid: The Challenge of Improving Nutrition](#) from the Guardian

[Pushing Food Security Up the Development Agenda](#) from the Guardian

[Farmers are the Ones Ploughing Money into Agriculture](#) from the Guardian

## Job Postings

- [Senior Specialist, Communications and Documentation, TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Knowledge Management Officer-Support to Online Communities, TOPS/FSN Network](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Regional Team Leader](#) based in West and East Africa with Cornell University
- [Norman E. Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program \(Borlaug LEAP\) Fellowship](#)
- [2013 Global Postharvest E-learning Training Program](#)
- [Executive Secretary](#) based in Rome with Global Horticulture Initiative
- [Maternal Child Health & Nutrition Programs Coordinator](#) based in WDC with Food for the Hungry
- [Nutrition Specialist, Food Security Unit](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services
- [Senior Program Officer for Online Learning](#) based in Bethesda, MD with Women's Learning Partnership
- [Regional Technical Advisor \(RTA\) - Agriculture and Environment](#) based in East Africa with Catholic Relief Services
- [Nutrition Coordinator](#) based in Chad with International Rescue Committee
- [Consultancy](#) with United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN)
- [Agriculture & Nutrition Specialist](#) based in Arlington, VA with Helen Keller International

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## Funding and Other Opportunities

- A new solicitation entitled *Global Hunger and Food Security Research Strategy: Climate Resilience, Nutrition, and Policy* has been issued by USAID's Bureau of Food Security. The application due date has been extended to January 31, 2013. [Click here](#) for more information.
- This year the Hult Prize, a start-up accelerator for social entrepreneurship, focuses on the global food crisis. The global winner will receive \$1 million in start-up capital to launch their new social enterprise. College and university students are eligible. For more information, [click here](#).

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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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