



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, WDC

[Designing for Behavior Change Workshop](#)

TOPS, March 12-17,
Silver Spring, MD

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

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

[Viewing Value Chain and Household Finance From a Demand Perspective](#)

USAID, Microlinks,
ACDI/VOCA, Feb 16, 9-10:30 AM, WDC,
Webinar option offered

[Tools for Mending Weak and Fractured Value Chains](#)

USAID, Microlinks, Feb 23, 9-10:30 AM, WDC,
Webinar option offered

[Workshop on Coverage Assessment Methods](#)

Valid International,
March 27-28 (for iNGOs), March 29-30 (for donors, funders, UN), Oxford, UK

Did You Know?

Feed the Future's [new website](#) went live with an improved platform.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

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

Resources from USAID's Resilience Meeting Online

Videos and presentations from the December 2011 USAID Resilience Workshop are [available online](#). The workshop "Enhancing Resilience in the Horn of Africa: An Evidence-based Summit on Strategies for Success" was held December 13 and 14, 2011. 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.

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

Registration is 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.

Speakers will include:

- Alice Tang, Associate Professor, Nutrition/Infection Unit, Tufts University School of Medicine, who will summarize the current evidence about the nutrition implications of HIV and of ART, and the effect of malnutrition on HIV outcomes.
- Mark Manary, Washington University Professor of Pediatrics and Founder of Project Peanut Butter (Malawi), who will present the evidence base for supplementary and therapeutic feeding for people living with HIV.
- Margaret Kyenka, COP of the recently concluded NuLife Project, who will be sharing the NuLife continuum of care and the approach that they established to assure quality in that work.
- Ram Shrestha, Senior Quality Improvement Advisor, Community Health and Nutrition of URC, who will share experience, process and tools used to assure quality in Kenya.

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

Food for Peace Seeking Video Footage and Photos

The Office of Food for Peace at USAID is seeking video footage of

[Insight: Nutrition and Brain Development in Early Life](#)

from Alive & Thrive

[Resolving the Food Crisis: Assessing Global Policy Reforms Since 2007](#)

from Global Development and Environment Institute and Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

[Livelihoods, Economic Strengthening and Child Protection in Western Uganda](#)

from Child Protection in Crisis

[Progress Report Accelerating the Scale-up of Food and Nutrition Actions](#)

from UN REACH

Articles

[Global hunger: do the figures add up?](#) from the Guardian's Poverty Matters Blog

[Mixed Messages on Prices and Food Security](#) from Science Magazine

[The role and influence of grandmothers on child nutrition: culturally designated advisors and caregivers](#) from Maternal and Child Nutrition

Job Postings

[Country Director](#) based in Tanzania with Global Service Corps

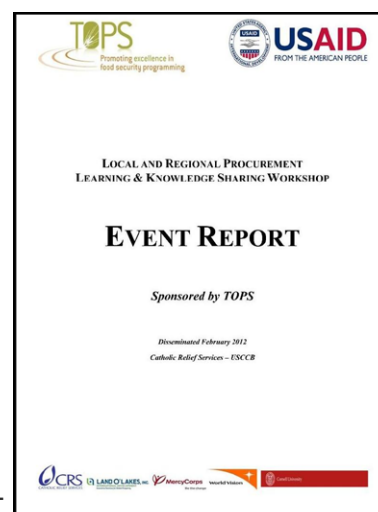
[Nutritionist for USAID/Office of FFP](#), PSC position based in WDC with USAID

FFP-funded programs in the field - both emergency and development. This spring, FFP will potentially pull together a short video of its programs - in-kind food aid, food voucher or cash transfer programs, and local/regional procurement programs - and would like to see what video footage is already available from the field through implementing partners. If you think you might have some quality footage, please contact Jessica Hartl at jhartl@usaid.gov or 1-202-712-4039.

Alternatively, if you don't have video footage, but have some great photos from the last 6-12 months you would like to share, please forward to Jessica Hartl as well. Deadline for submission is February 20, 2012.

Featured Information Resource: Local and Regional Procurement Learning & Knowledge Sharing Workshop Event Report

The TOPS micro-grant program funded a day-long workshop by the Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance in November 2011. During the workshop the Alliance members, Catholic Relief Services, Mercy Corps, World Vision, Land O'Lakes, and Cornell University, shared their experiences with LRP programs, as well as research and findings as to the effectiveness and challenges of such programs in addressing food insecurity. [This report](#) details the day's events. For more information on the TOPS micro-grants and how to apply, click [here](#).



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[Program Operations Specialist for USAID/Office of FFP](#), PSC position based in WDC with USAID

[Feed the Future Ghana Baseline Survey Coordinator](#) based in Ghana with Louisiana State University Agricultural Center

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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