



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](#), June 11-13, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[Approaches to Building Food Security Policy Analysis Capacity in Developing Countries](#), Agrilinks, IFPRI, Michigan State University, March 13, 9:30-11:30 AM, WDC, RRB

[C-Change: Improving Effectiveness and Sustainability of Social and Behavior Change Communication for Health and Development](#) SID, March 14, WDC

[Young People, Farming & Food Conference](#) Future Agricultures Consortium, Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research (ISSER), March 19-21, Accra, Ghana

[Best Practices, Lessons Learned, and Effective Tools in Knowledge Sharing for Food Security and Agriculture Programs](#) USAID, Agrilinks, TOPS, March 20-22, Online

[Strategic Agricultural and Food Shortage Solutions for Africa](#) Intelligent Summits And Exhibitions, March 26-28, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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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

Request for Applications (RFA): TOPS Small Grant (Program Improvement Awards) Program

The TOPS Program is pleased to announce the launch of the TOPS Small Grant (Program Improvement Awards) Program. This 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.

For details on proposal submission guidelines, timing, subject areas, and review criteria, please see the [attached RFA](#). For supplementary materials for the RFA, please contact Rana Olwan at rolwan@savechildren.org.

Questions regarding the submission of the technical proposal and the application package should be submitted no later than March 12, 2012 to provide sufficient time to address the questions and submit the questions and answers as an amendment to this RFA. Please contact Mark Fritzler at mfritzler@savechildren.org and Rana Olwan at rolwan@savechildren.org. Concept papers are due by March 26 and the full application is due April 23.

M&E Training Workshop Summary: Burkina Faso, February 20-25

The TOPS Program hosted a week-long monitoring and evaluation (M&E) training workshop in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, February 20-25. Thirty participants from 15 organizations in nine Francophone countries participated. The workshop was designed to improve skills in developing M&E plans and qualitative analysis. M&E Specialists from TOPS and USAID Food for Peace co-facilitated the workshop. For more information or to join the FSN Network M&E Task Force, contact Arif Rashid at arif@tangointernational.com.

USAID, Agrilinks Forum: Best Practices, Lessons Learned, and Effective Tools in Knowledge Sharing for Food Security and Agriculture Programs

[Building Effective Partnerships](#)

InsideNGO, April 18, 9 AM-5 PM, WDC

[Assessing NGO Capacity: An Overview of Tools & Applications](#)

InsideNGO, April 19-20, WDC

[CORE Group Spring Meeting 2012](#)

April 30-May 4, Wilmington, DE

[Agriculture in Transition: Analysis, Design and Management of Sustainable Farming Systems](#)

Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation, April 30-May 11, Wageningen, The Netherlands

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

USAID's MEASURE Evaluation Project, May 21-June 1, Pretoria, South Africa, **Applications Due March 18**

Did You Know?

TOPS consortium member, TANGO International, is a partner on a new [Master's in Development Practice degree program](#) (MDP) at The University of Arizona.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Bringing Agriculture to the Table: How Agriculture and Food Can Play a Role in Preventing Chronic Disease](#) from the Chicago Council on Global Affairs

[A Food Composition Table for Central and](#)

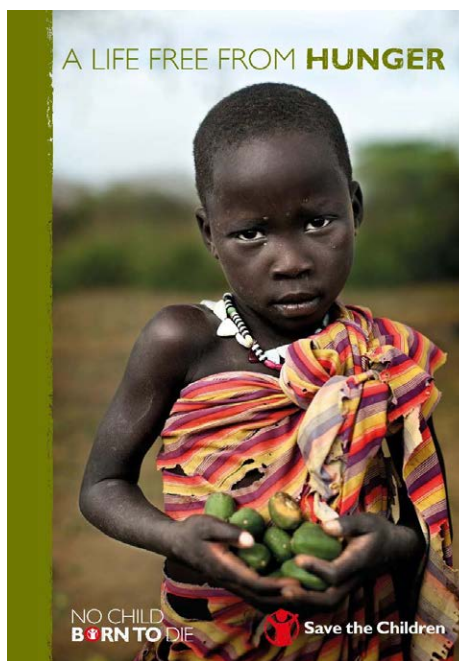
Join a diverse group of donors, food security technical experts, and knowledge management professionals for a three day online discussion on knowledge sharing for food security and agriculture programs March 20-22, 2012. This forum, co-facilitated by TOPS, will focus on key aspects of knowledge sharing, including current practices, challenges and lessons learned, effective tools, and next steps. The concept of knowledge management will be made accessible through the exploration of current innovative approaches in knowledge capture, dissemination, and application for food security and agriculture programs. For more information, click [here](#).

Reminder: Food for Peace Terminology Change

A friendly reminder from FFP that the phrases "multi-year assistance programs (MYAPs)" and "single-year assistance programs (SYAPs)" will no longer be used. FFP updated its terminology last year to "development food assistance programs" and "emergency food assistance programs". This change was made to better reflect what is being done on the ground.

Featured Information Resource: A Life Free from Hunger: Tackling Child Malnutrition

[This report](#), created by Save the Children, analyses the causes of malnutrition, focusing on chronic malnutrition and stunting in children. It identifies direct and indirect interventions that have proven to be effective, like exclusive breastfeeding, micronutrient supplementation, to introducing social protection programs, and adapting agricultural production to meet the nutritional needs of children. The report also examines political factors that contribute to the global burden of hunger and malnutrition.



[Eastern Uganda](#) from HarvestPlus

Job Postings

[Senior Technical Advisor for Agriculture and the Environment](#) based in Baltimore, MD with CRS

[Technical Director, LIFT Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360

[M&E Officer](#) based in the US with Counterpart International

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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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](#).

