



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

[Participatory Impact Pathways Analysis](#)

Learning Lab, USAID, SID, April 11, 10-11 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

[Savings Groups: Management Information Systems](#)

SaveAct, VSL Associates, April 15-19, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

[Cash, Food, or Vouchers? Evidence from Ecuador and Uganda](#)

LAC Nutrition Beam, SecureNutrition, Sustainable Agriculture Systems, Knowledge, & Institutions, April 18, 12:30-2 PM, Washington, DC

[Operations Research or CommCare Workshop](#)

CORE Group, April 22, 12:30-5 PM, Baltimore, MD

[CORE Group Spring Meeting 2013](#)

CORE Group, April 23-26, Baltimore, MD

[Forum 2013](#)

InterAction, April 29-May 1, Arlington, VA

[BetterEvaluation and the American Evaluation Association Coffee Break Webinars](#)

Tuesdays and Thursdays in May

FSN Network News

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There are many ways to participate in the FSN Network:

- Join an [online community](#) to share questions with peers
- Attend a technical [knowledge sharing meeting](#)
- Access tools from our [resource library](#)
- Follow daily news from the FSN Network on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#)

TOPS Micro Grants Revised and Enlarged

TOPS announces that it has revised and enlarged its Micro Grant small grant program to encourage greater flexibility in strengthening capacity for effective programming, which the Micro Grants are intended to support. TOPS has raised the ceiling from the original \$20,000 maximum award to \$50,000. The intent of the Micro Grant program is still to encourage innovative capacity strengthening activities for partners, and TOPS would encourage applicants to base their training budgets at around the original funding level. Additional funding would be available for assessment and documentation of promising practices, to contribute to gathering the evidence base for effective programming and future capacity building. To access the RFA document for description of the program and for instructions on applying, [click here](#).

Measuring Resilience for Food Security: Resources from TOPS Stakeholder Consultation Available

Last week, Tim Frankenberger, president of TANGO International, discussed the recent expert consultation on measuring resilience held by the Food and Agriculture Organization and World Food Programme in Rome. For more information and to download resources from this meeting, including a presentation and summary and background papers of the expert consultation, visit fsnnetwork.org.

From the Online Community: Does Volunteering Empower Women?

A discussion in the FSN Network [online community](#) explores whether providing women with volunteer opportunities in Care Group projects can serve as an intervention in itself. What do you think: does asking women to serve as a volunteer add an extra burden to their lives, or lead to their empowerment? What issues need to be considered when establishing volunteer opportunities for women? Read more and join the conversation in the [online community](#).

Join the Discussion: Key Tools and References for

[2013 Water for Food Global Conference](#)

Robert B. Daugherty
Water for Food Institute,
Bill & Melinda Gates
Foundation, May 5-
8, Lincoln, Nebraska

[Building Effective Inter-Organizational Partnerships: An Introduction](#)

InsideNGO, May 8,
9 AM-5 PM, WDC

[Assessing NGO Capacity: An Overview of Tools and Their Uses](#)

InsideNGO, May 9-10,
WDC

[International Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition](#)

FAO, May 13-15, Rome,
Italy

[International Conference Against Child Undernutrition](#)

UNICEF, May 14-15,
Paris, France

[The Cash Learning Partnership Level 2 Training](#)

The Cash Learning
Partnership, May 13-17,
WDC

[Cultivating Organisational Resilience](#)

Interhealth, May 16-17,
Nairobi, Kenya

[The Cash Learning Partnership Level 2 Training](#)

The Cash Learning
Partnership, May 20-25,
London

[Formación CaLP Nivel 2](#)

The Cash Learning
Partnership, May 20-25,
Guatemala

[Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations](#)

Implementing Agriculture Projects

Do you have one or two favorite references or tools that you use before, while, and after you implement an agriculture project? TOPS is developing 6 brief agricultural [technical guides](#) that will summarize key messages and highlight the best tools and must-read references in six areas:

- Conservation Agriculture
- Financial Planning for Farmers
- Farmer Field Schools
- Agroforestry
- Leveraging Agriculture for Improved Nutrition
- Group Facilitation and Persuasion Skills (for producers and marketing groups)

Share your ideas about which tools and references should be featured in the technical guides on the [FSN Network](#) today.

Food Security and Nutrition Items of Interest at the CORE Group Spring Meeting 2013

CORE Group's annual spring community health meeting is scheduled for the week of April 22 in Baltimore, Maryland. This year's theme, Capacity Strengthening for Global Health, will feature a number of cross-cutting issues, including a half-day practical workshop on operations research, and sessions on capacity strengthening techniques and measurement, new approaches for understanding local context, as well as sustainability, from both the health (CEDARS Center) and food security (Tufts' Exit Strategies) perspectives. Technical sessions will address a number of community health and nutrition topics relevant to the FSN Network such as Care Group innovations, environmental enteropathy, maternal mental health, and many more. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

FSN Network Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

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

- [Knowledge Management and Program Learning Task Force Meeting](#), April 9, 2-3:30 PM EST
- [Care Groups Forward Interest Group Meeting](#), April 18, 1-2:30 PM EST

Featured Information Resource: CRS Guide to Working with Volunteers

This document, developed by Catholic Relief Services, is intended to provide information for country program staff and others who work with or who are planning to work with volunteers in their programs. It is not meant to be prescriptive, but rather to be a guide which is to be adapted to

Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED),
Université catholique de Louvain, July 1-12,
Brussels, Belgium

Online Discussion

[Creating an Organizational Approach to Volunteer Management](#)

CHW Central, USAID

Did You Know?

Sahar Alnouri of Mercy Corps gave a Tedx Talk on the importance of true gender integration in programming. Watch the video clip [here](#).

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security](#)
from FAO

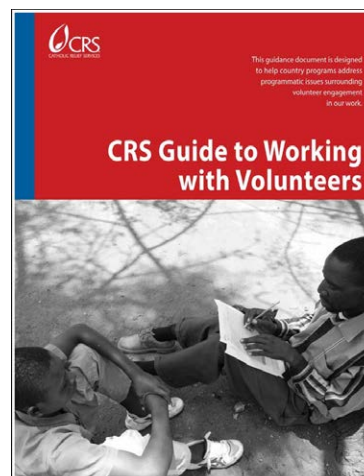
[West African Agriculture and Climate Change](#)
from IFPRI

[Preventing Postharvest Loss Seminar Event Resources](#) from Agrilinks, USAID

Articles

[Position of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: Nutrition Security in Developing Nations: Sustainable Food, Water, and Health](#)
from Journal of the

local contexts. Individuals may want to reference the document when preparing new project proposals involving volunteers. For more information and to download a copy, visit fsnetwork.org.



Job Postings

- [Surge Program and Policy Coordination Officer](#) based in WDC with USAID
- [Consultant on Resilient Food Systems and Agroecology](#) with Mercy Corps
- [Director of Food and Nutrition Security](#) based in WDC with PCI
- [Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition Advocacy Specialist, FANTA III Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
- [Senior Technical Advisor Nutrition Plus](#) based in Atlanta, GA with CARE
- [Technical Advisor-Nutrition](#) based in Atlanta, GA with CARE
- [Food Logistics Specialist](#) based in Portland, Oregon with Mercy Corps
- [Vice President of International Programs and IDEA Project Director](#) based in WDC with Population Reference Bureau
- [Technical Advisor, Nutrition and Infectious Diseases, FANTA III Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
- [Senior Field Researcher - Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy](#) based in Boston, MA/Burkina Faso with Tufts University
- [Senior Program Associate - Gender and Men as Partners \(MAP\)](#) based in WDC with EngenderHealth
- [Food Security Project Manager](#) based in Afghanistan with Medair
- [Scientist, Nutrition & Biodiversity](#) based in Rome with Bioversity International
- [Portfolio Manager NWAFFD](#) based in Ghana with IFDC

Funding and Other Opportunities

- The USAID/DFID Humanitarian Innovation Initiative has been released as a new window of funding under the existing USAID Office of Development Innovation Ventures APS. The Humanitarian Innovation Window will support programs with grants of up to \$1 million that bring to scale cost-effective breakthrough solutions to humanitarian challenges. For more information, [click here](#). The deadline for Letter of Interest applications is April 12, 2013.
- First International Conference on Global Food Security will take place September 29-October 2, 2013 in Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands. Abstracts are invited for oral and poster

Academy of Nutrition
and Dietetics

[A Political War Brews
Over 'Food For Peace'
Aid Program](#) from NPR

[Put Disability on the
Food Security Agenda](#)
from
The Guardian

[School Meals - As Good
for Farmers As They Are
for Children?](#) from
The Guardian

[How Agroforestry
Schemes Can Improve
Food Security in
Developing Countries](#)
from The Guardian

[Ecological Methods Can
Help Solve Food
Insecurity Issues](#) from
The Guardian

presentations on various food security topics. Visit the [conference website](#) for more details. Abstract submission deadline is Friday, May 10, 2013.

- The USAID TRAction Project has released a Request for Applications for [empirical research](#) on water, sanitation, and hygiene. TRAction is also calling for applications for a smaller scale [desk review](#) of existing water, sanitation, and hygiene data. Both applications are due April 29, 2013.
- The University of California San Diego and World Wildlife Fund are launching a new international certificate program in Advanced Terrestrial Carbon Accounting. The certificate course will be held in August 2013 on the UC San Diego campus in southern California. Application information can be found [here](#). The deadline for applicants outside of the US who require a visa is April 15. US applicants have until June 15.

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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