



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

[Local Food Security, Global Markets Reception](#)

Millennium Challenge Corporation, Global Harvest Initiative, May 1, 5:30-7:30 PM, WDC

[Policymakers' Responses to Food Price Crises](#)

IFPRI, May 2, 3:30-5 PM, WDC, Live webcast available

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays in May

[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

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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](#)

Building Adaptive Capacity and Resilience of Agricultural-based Livelihoods

On May 15, TOPS will host a presentation by Tim Frankenberger, President of Tango International, to discuss the effect of shocks on agricultural-based livelihoods and how these livelihoods can adapt to climate change. He will emphasize the strengthening of adaptive capacity of agricultural and livestock-based livelihood systems, as well as the role of social capital in managing risk. This session is a follow-up to a [previous presentation](#) by Frankenberger examining characteristics of community resilience and community adaptive capacity, as well as the challenges of identifying effective tools for measuring resilience.

The presentation will be held in the Save the Children office in Washington, DC, 2000 L St. NW, Suite 500, Wednesday, May 15, 2013, from 1 - 3 PM. If you would like to attend, please RSVP Melissa Teuber, mteuber@savechildren.org.

From the Online Community: Is Your Favorite Tool On This List?

Don't be left out! Share your favorite reference or tool for implementing an agriculture project with the FSN Network's Agriculture Task Force today. We're looking for the best tools and must-read references to feature in our technical guides 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 and browse the list of tools collected so far on the [FSN Network](#).

[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, UK

[Capacitación CaLP Nivel
2](#)

The Cash Learning
Partnership, May 20-25,
Ciudad de Guatemala,
Guatemala

[Assessing Public Health
in Emergency Situations](#)

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

Did You Know?

A University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign
based initiative, [Scientific
Animations Without
Borders SM](#), focuses on
the development of
animations that can be
used to educate people
around the world on
scientifically backed
techniques, including
post-harvest losses, soil
testing, malaria
prevention and more,

**Now Accepting Applications: Care Groups
Implementation Training, June 10-14, Arlington, VA**

TOPS, in collaboration with Counterpart International, is pleased to announce a Care Groups Implementation Training Workshop June 10-14, 2013.

This training, the first in a series, will build capacity in the design, implementation and monitoring of Care Group programs, using the Care Group model. (For more information on Care Groups, please see www.CareGroupInfo.org.)

The event will take place at Counterpart International's office in Arlington, VA, and is open to field and headquarters staff and consultants. Space is limited to 25 people. There is no charge to attend this training. However, participants or their organizations will need to cover their own travel, lodging, meals and other costs.

TOPS aims to bring together a mix of participants from multiple food security implementing organizations as well as consultants. Participants should be willing and able to share what they learn at this workshop to train their colleagues and partners in Care Groups Implementation.

For more information on this workshop and how to apply or nominate participants from your organization please visit fsnnetwork.org.

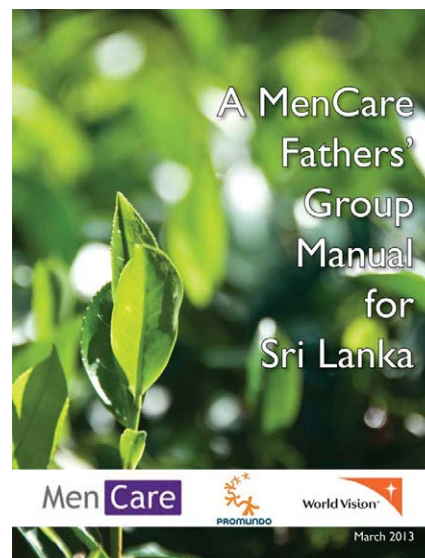
**Extension of Submission Deadline - 2013 IFRP
Request for Applications**

The submission deadline for all Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) grant applications has been extended to May 20, 2013, at 12 PM (E.D.T.).

The FY 2013 IFRP Request for Applications (RFA) can be accessed at Grants.gov and on the [USAID website](#). All questions and/or requests for additional information regarding the 2013 IFRP RFA should be sent to the following e-mail address: IFRP@amexdc2.com.

**Featured Information Resource: A MenCare Fathers'
Group Manual for Sri Lanka**

This manual, developed by World Vision, Promundo and MenCare, contains tested group education modules intended for fathers and their partners, most often spouses, in the plantation region (or tea estates). The purpose of this manual is to promote gender equality within the home and children's healthy development and overall well-being. This tool offers a series of tested activities and group discussions that provide a strong foundation for addressing and transforming norms within families, communities, and



New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Improving Child Nutrition: The Achievable Imperative for Global Progress](#) from UNICEF

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

Articles

[Millions Face Starvation as World Warms. Say Scientists](#) from the *Guardian*

[How Africa Can Solve Its Food Crisis by Growing More Crops Sustainably](#) from the *Guardian*

[Climate change: How a Warming World is a Threat to Our Food Supplies](#) from the *Guardian*

masculinity. For more information and to download the tool, visit fsnetwork.org.

Job Postings

- [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
- [Scientist, Nutrition & Biodiversity](#) based in Rome with Bioversity International
- [Portfolio Manager NWAFFD](#) based in Ghana with IFDC
- [Deputy Country Director, Programs](#) based in Burkina Faso with Helen Keller International
- [Agricultural Inputs Value Chain Adviser](#) based in Tblisi, Georgia with IFDC
- [Sr. Program Development Officer](#) based in Arlington, VA with Counterpart International

Funding and Other Opportunities

- The [GSMA mWomen Programme](#) aims to accelerate the use of mobile technology to achieve positive social and economic outcomes for resource-poor women. Concept notes for the GSMA mWomen Innovation Fund grants for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are due Wednesday, June 12, 2013. For more information and necessary materials, [click here](#). Please write to mWomengrants@gsma.com if you intend to submit a concept note, or have any questions.
- 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 presentations on various food security topics. Visit the [conference website](#) for more details. Abstract submission deadline is Friday, May 10, 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.

- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry for the development of a consortium with both agricultural and nutrition expertise, with the mandate of "Improving Nutrition Outcomes through Optimized Agricultural Interventions" in Africa. This grant opportunity is open until June 7, 2013 at 9 AM Pacific Standard Time. Full descriptions of the grant opportunity and application instructions are available [here](#).

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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