



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

[TOPS Designing for Behavior Change \(DBC\) Country Level Workshop](#)

TOPS, USAID, Aug 5-10. Alta Verapaz, Guatemala

[Drought Cycle Management and Participatory Rangeland Management Training](#)

TOPS, USAID, Aug 26-27, 29-30, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[Standing Meeting on Climate Change Adaptation](#)

USAID, July 18, 4-5:30 PM, WDC

[Scaling Agricultural Technologies: Bringing Research to Farmers and the Market](#)

Agrilinks, USAID, July 24, 9:30-11 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

[USAID Research on Effective Gender-Based Violence Interventions and Monitoring and Evaluation: Round Table Discussion with GBV and Protection Experts](#)

InterAction, USAID, Aug 22, 9 AM- 1 PM, WDC

[InnovATE Symposium](#)

Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education (InnovATE), Virginia Tech, USAID, Sept. 18-20, Fairfax, VA

Online Discussion

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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](#)

Save the Date: Food Assistance Commodity Management Workshop, October 7-11, Blantyre, Malawi

The Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Program is planning a Food Assistance Commodity Management Workshop in Blantyre, Malawi from October 7-11, 2013. The event is targeted to anyone who handles commodities associated with FFP Title II programs in Southern and Central Africa.

More information, including application procedures, topics and logistic information will be sent out in the coming weeks via your agency and program COPs. Further details can also be found at fsnnetwork.org.

Join an FSN Network Global Task Force

The FSN Network currently has seven global task forces that work as mechanisms for knowledge sharing, cross-organizational collaboration and consensus building in the following areas:

- Agriculture
- Commodity Management
- Gender
- Knowledge Management
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Nutrition and Food Technology
- Social and Behavioral Change

We welcome new Task Force members with experience in relevant topic areas who are willing to attend quarterly meetings (in-person or online). Members take on substantive roles to review, develop or adapt tools, technical reference materials or other deliverables relevant to food security and nutrition implementation. If interested in joining a Task Force, contact info.fsn.network@gmail.com.

Public Review of USAID Programmatic Environmental Assessment

[Nutrition-Enhancing Agriculture and Food Systems](#)

FAO, Until July 22

Did You Know?

The [Food, Agriculture and Rural Data.gov portal](#) allows farmers, scientists and policymakers to take advantage of the wealth of agricultural data produced by the United States, including from researchers, on the genomes of major food crops to produce varieties that are tailored to conditions in various countries.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[The Global Climate 2001-2010: A Decade of Climate Extremes](#) from World Meteorological Organization

Articles

[Food Insecurity Looms in Djibouti](#) from *IRIN*

[The Fuss Over Intensified Farming](#) from *IRIN*

[What are the Limits to Climate Change Adaptation?](#) from *IRIN*

[Sustainability Must be at Core of Development, Says EU](#) from *The Guardian*

Food for Peace and the Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO) for USAID/DCHA are offering a Public Review of the USAID Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Agricultural Commodity Protection by Phosphine Fumigation in Title II Food for Peace Programs.

The event will include a presentation and roundtable discussion on the Public Review Draft of this new PEA, including its purpose and key findings. Requirements for environment, health and safety protection for fumigation of Title II food commodities will be discussed, as well as the tools to support compliance, including templates for a Fumigation Mitigation Plan (FMP) and a Pesticide Evaluation Report and Safer Use Action Plan (PERSUAP).

When: 10 AM - 12 PM EDT, Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Where: 1717 H Street NW, 8th floor (USDA/USAID Africa Bureau shared space)

RSVP to Josh Habib of USAID's Global Environmental Management Support Project team at: Josh.Habib@cadmusgroup.com or 617.673.7155.

Resource Library Featured Topic: Water and Sanitation

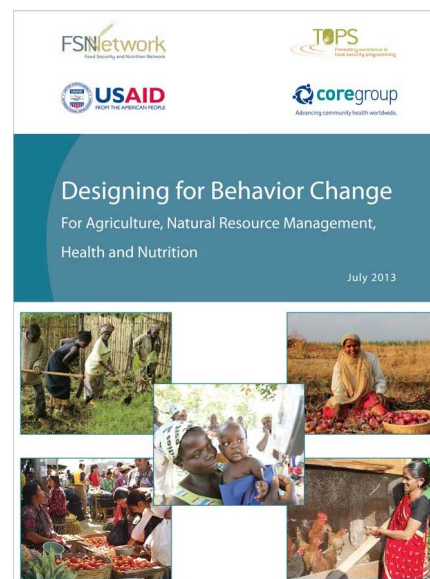
The FSN Network website, fsnnetwork.org, includes a resource library rich with technical tools and guides. The Featured Resource Library Topic this week is [Early Warning and Disaster Risk Reduction](#).

Resources in this topic include [Toward Resilience: A Guide to Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation](#) from the Emergency Capacity Building (ECB) Project, [Community Based Disaster Preparedness: A How-To Guide](#) by Catholic Relief Services and more.

The FSN Network welcomes you to share your tools, guides and resources with the community. View all the resource library topic areas and submit a resource on a food security and nutrition topic on the [website](#).

Featured Information Resource: Designing for Behavior Change: For Agriculture, Natural Resource Management, Health and Nutrition

This field-tested, six-day curriculum responds to community development program managers' and planners' need for a practical behavioral framework that strategically aids them in planning for maximum effectiveness. The DBC Framework was developed from the earlier BEHAVE Framework (developed by AED) by members of CORE Group's Social and Behavior Change (SBC) Working Group and the



Food Security and Nutrition Network SBC Task Force. The curriculum enables private voluntary organizations (PVOs) and partners to replicate the DBC workshops conducted with food security practitioners and CORE Group members in multiple countries and regions around the globe. The resource is designed to help train participants to apply the DBC Framework to improve development programming. It combines handouts and facilitator materials with easy-to-use training guidelines. This tool also helps practitioners to respond to FFP's new RFA guidance on identification of behavioral determinants and creation of a behavior change strategy in their programs. For more information and to download a copy, visit fsnnetwork.org. This is a FSN Network SBC Task Force recommended tool.

Job Postings

- [Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist-TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with TANGO International
- [Senior Knowledge Management Specialist-TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Communications Associate](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Agriculture Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
- [Associate Director, Food Security and Nutrition-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
- [HIV/Nutrition Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
- [Social and Behavior Change Communications Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
- [Global Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Advisor \(Gender\)](#) based in Oxford with Oxfam
- [Director, Food Systems](#) based in Minneapolis, Minnesota with Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- [Senior Program Associate, Agriculture Policy](#) based in Minneapolis, Minnesota with Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- [Senior Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist](#) based in NYC with The Hunger Project
- [Senior Nutrition Advisor](#) based in WDC with Global Health Fellows Program II
- [Research Positions for Food Security and Climate Change](#) based in Nanyang, Singapore with S. Rajaratnam School of

International Studies, Nanyang Technological University

- [Senior Gender Specialist](#) based in Kathmandu, Nepal with International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

Funding and Other Opportunities

- The TOPS Program has two types of grants available through its Small Grants Program: Micro Grants (maximum per award \$50,000) and Program Improvement Award (PIA) (maximum per award \$100,000). Both grants are awarded on a rolling basis. For more information, visit fsnnetwork.org.

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](#).

