



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

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

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

[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

[Cracking the Nut Africa: Improving Rural Livelihoods and Food Security](#)

Global Communities, AZMJ, USAID, Oct 14-16, 2013, Kigali, Rwanda

[Course: Agriculture Nutrition Linkages](#)

Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation, Nov 18 - 29, 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Did You Know?

Catholic Relief Services recently launched an e-mail notification system to keep you informed of new technical tools and

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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](#)

Program Review: Integrating Family Planning into Food Security and Nutrition Programs

The USAID-funded Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III Project (FANTA), managed by FHI 360, is conducting a program review with support from the Office of Population and Reproductive Health to identify promising practices for integration of family planning into food security and nutrition programs. The review will primarily focus on USAID-funded development (non-emergency) programs implemented over the past 10 years that have a family planning component and improve food security and/or nutrition. Do you work with or know of any such programs? If so, then please answer a few questions in this brief [online survey](#).

Have questions? Contact Reena Borwankar at rborwank@fhi360.org or (202) 884-8503.

Brown Bag Online Meeting: The HUG Your Baby Approach to Building Parenting and Caregiver Skills

The Social and Behavior Change Task Force and the Nutrition & Food Technology Task Force of the FSN Network would like to invite you to join us for an [online meeting](#) on the HUG Your Baby approach to building parenting and caregiver skills. This unique set of skills for preventing and solving problems around breastfeeding, sleeping, crying and attachment may lead to reduced rates of malnutrition and child abuse, and lower risk of maternal depression.

This meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 21**, from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (EDT)**.

For details on how to join this meeting from your computer, visit the www.fsnnetwork.org.

From the Online Community: How good innovations spread quickly

A [discussion](#) in the online community of the FSN Network looks into

resources that are added to their website. Learn more about the tools available on the CRS site and sign up to receive notifications when new tools are posted [here](#).

Articles

[Nutrition-sensitive Interventions and Programmes: How can they help to accelerate progress in improving maternal and child nutrition](#) from The Lancet

[Study finds that more nutrition pearl millet can meet full iron needs of children](#) from Harvest Plus

[Slow Ideas: Some innovations spread fast. How do you speed the ones that don't?](#) in The New Yorker

the conditions that allow good innovations to spread fast. The participants address ideas on behavior change outlined in a recent New Yorker article by Atul Gawande, including the idea that direct interpersonal communication with an individual multiple times increases the chance that they will adopt a new behavior. What do you think makes good innovations spread quickly in a food security context?

Read more and join the conversation on the www.fsnnetwork.org.

FSN Network Task Force Meetings

The global task forces of the FSN Network enable members from around the world to directly contribute their expertise in development in identifying and adapting crucial information, tools and methods that are responsive to stakeholder needs. Newcomers are welcome to attend the task force meeting below.

- [Social and Behavioral Change Task Force Meeting](#), Tuesday, August 20, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Featured Information Resource: Guide to Mobile Phone Based Beneficiary and Update Application

This guide to the ACIDI/VOCA mobile phone based beneficiary and update application offers guidance on how to set up and use an Android Smartphone with the application installed on it. This application can be used for mobile registration of health and agricultural beneficiaries and for making mobile updates during distribution events. Download the manual and the application from the www.fsnnetwork.org.

Job Postings

- [Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist-TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with TANGO International
- [Senior Knowledge Sharing Specialist-TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Senior Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist](#) based in NYC with The Hunger Project
- [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)
- [Enhanced Homestead Food Production Country Coordinator](#) based in Tanzania with Helen Keller International
- [Deputy Country Director, Programs](#) based in Guinea with Helen Keller International
- [Regional Program Officer, Vitamin A Supplementation](#) based in West Africa with Helen Keller International
- [Nutrition Advisor](#) based in WDC with FEWS NET
- [Community of Practice Coordinator \(Consultant\), Malaria and Child Survival Department](#) based in WDC with PSI
- [Nutrition Advisor](#) based in WDC with FEWS NET

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](#).

