



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, Aug. 26 - 30, 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[Improving Complementary Feeding in Rural Kenya: Barriers and Opportunities](#)

SecureNutrition, GAIN; Aug. 29, 2013, 12:30 - 2:00 PM, WDC

[Webinar: Getting to How: Improving Nutrition in Senegal through "Nutrition-led" Agriculture](#)

SPRING, USAID, NCBA CLUSA; Sept. 5, 2013, 9:00 - 10:30 AM, Online

[InnovATE Symposium](#)

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

Date Changed

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

InterAction, USAID; Sept. 19, 2013, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM, WDC

[Sustainable Intensification: The Pathway to Low Carbon Farming?](#)

Carbon Management Centre at Scotland's

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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](#)

New Report: Strengthening and Evaluating the Preventing Malnutrition in Children under 2 Approach in Guatemala

FANTA has released [findings](#) of a cluster-randomized trial in Guatemala of the Preventing Malnutrition in Children under 2 Approach (PM2A). PM2A is a food-assisted approach that targets health and nutrition interventions to all pregnant women, mothers of children 0-23 months, and children under 2 years in areas that are food-insecure. The [trial](#), carried out in the context of an ongoing USAID Food for Peace Title II development food assistance program, investigates the impact and cost-effectiveness of PM2A for preventing chronic malnutrition and the optimal size, composition, and duration of PM2A food rations.

Learn more about the PM2A approach [here](#).

From the Online Community: Barrier Analysis in Interventions for FGM and Antibiotic Compliance

A [discussion](#) in the online community of the FSN Network highlights several considerations for conducting barrier analysis (BA) studies for projects aimed at changing behaviors around (1) female genital mutilation (FGM) and (2) antibiotic use/compliance. The participants discuss how to interview on sensitive topics while introducing as little bias as possible, the challenges of designing surveys on sensitive topics, how to determine whether BA is the best tool, and other tools to consider in cases where the positive, promoted behavior rarely occurs.

Read more and join the discussion on the [FSN Network portal](#).

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

Rural College (SRUC),
Sept. 25 - 27, 2013,
Edinburgh, Scotland

[First International
Conference on Global
Food Security](#)

Elsevier, Sept. 29 - Oct.
2, 2013,
Noordwijkerhout, The
Netherlands

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

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

[CORE Group Fall
Meeting](#)

CORE Group, Oct 16-17,
2013, WDC

[Course: Agriculture
Nutrition Linkages](#)

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

**New Publications,
Guides & Tools**

[Nutrition Portal](#) from the
University of
Southampton

[DFID Evaluation Policy
2013](#) from Department
for International
Development

[Effect of Daily Iron
Supplementation on
Health in Children
Aged 4-23 Months](#)

from Lancet Global
Health

[ProPAN: Process for the
Promotion of Child
Feeding](#) from Pan
American Health
Organization

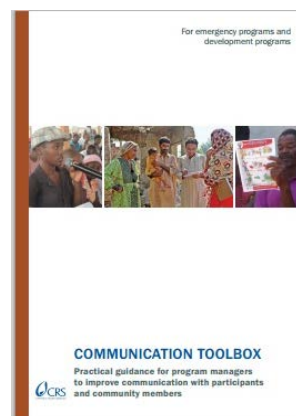
[West African Agriculture](#)

are responsive to stakeholder needs. Newcomers are welcome to attend the task force meeting below.

- [FSN Network Commodity Management Task Force Meeting](#),
Sept. 17, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT

Featured Information Resource: Communication Toolbox

The new [Communication Toolbox](#) from Catholic Relief Services offers practical guidance for program managers who want to communicate more effectively with program participants and community members. The tools are designed for emergency programs and development programs. The toolbox focuses on communicating about programs as a way to improve accountability to those communities. View the Communication Toolbox [here](#).



Stay informed when CRS releases new tools by signing up for the new e-mail notification system on the CRS site [here](#).

Job Postings

- [Senior Knowledge Sharing Specialist-TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist-TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with TANGO International
- [Senior Research Analyst](#) based in WDC with Fintrac
- [Household Food Consumption Indicators Study Data Analysis Consultancy](#) with FANTA/FHI360
- [Nutrition Advisor](#) based in WDC with FEWS NET
- [Community of Practice Coordinator \(Consultant\), Malaria and Child Survival Department](#) based in WDC with PSI
- [Vice President, Nutrition](#) based in United States with Helen Keller International
- [Africa Regional Program Manager, Enhanced Homestead Food Production \(EHFP\)](#) based in Dakar Senegal with Helen Keller International
- [Nutrition Manager](#) based in Mozambique with Concern Worldwide
- [Gender Equality Self-Assessment \(GESA\) Consultant](#) based in Toronto, Canada or Woking, Surrey, UK with Plan International
- [Technical Learning Advisor](#) based in Atlanta, Georgia with CARE

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](#).
- SecureNutrition, along with partners Save the Children and

[and Climate Change](#)
from International Food
Policy Research
Institute

[Preventing Postharvest
Loss Blog](#) from the
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign

Articles

[Home Gardens: Eat
What You Sow and
Sell the Surplus](#) from
The Guardian

[Making the Most of
Food Aid to Help
Prevent Child and
Maternal Deaths](#) from
*Global Health: Science
and Practice Journal*

[The 6 Domains of
Behavior Change: The
Missing Health System
Building Block](#) from
*Global Health: Science
and Practice Journal*

[The Long-Term
Forecast for Extreme
Weather](#) from IRIN

GAIN, launched the [Harvesting Nutrition](#) contest aiming to showcase projects from around the globe that have bridged gaps between agriculture, food security and nutrition. Winners in each of three categories will receive awards of \$5,000 and multimedia documentation.

- FANTA is conducting a program review with support from USAID's Office of Population and Reproductive Health to identify promising practices for the 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 (2003-present). Read more [here](#).
- The United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) has issued a call for contributors to this year's SCN News, a yearly peer-reviewed publication that focuses on selected topics in nutrition. This year's issue will focus on nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems. All proposed submissions must be received by September 6, 2013. See more details [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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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](#).



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