



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

[Workshop on Preventing Malnutrition In Children Under 2 Approach:](#)

FANTA, CRS, IFPRI, Mercy Corps, Food for Peace; Oct. 10, 2013, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM; WDC

[TOPS Meeting on Programmatic Elements within the PM2A Approach:](#)

TOPS, Oct. 11, 2013, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM; WDC

[The Art of Facilitation:](#)

Global Learning Partners; Oct. 10 - 11, 2013; Raleigh, NC

[CORE Group Fall Meeting:](#)

CORE Group, Oct. 16 - 17, 2013; WDC

[Multisectoral Anemia Partners Meeting:](#)

CORE Group, FANTA-3, MCHIP, SPRING; Oct. 18, 2013, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM; WDC

[Agricultural Resilience and Disaster Risk Management Training:](#)

TOPS, Oct. 21 - 24, 2013; Kampala, Uganda

[Minimum Economic Recovery Standards General Practitioner Training:](#)

SEEP Network, Oct. 29 - 30, 2013; WDC

[Course: Agriculture Nutrition Linkages:](#)

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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](#)

Knowledge Sharing Meeting Updates: Draft Agenda and Hotel/Visa Information

November 18 - 20, 2013
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

The fifth TOPS Food Security and Nutrition Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting offers implementers, donors, and researchers the opportunity to engage in peer learning, knowledge sharing, and networking around food security and nutrition program implementation in Francophone countries.

We are excited to share a draft agenda for the meeting, as well as hotel and travel information for your convenience.

[View the Draft Agenda.](#)

[View the Hotel and Travel Information.](#)

For more information or to register, click [here](#). ([En Francais](#))

Save the Date: Online Discussion on Commodity Packaging

October 21 - November 4, 2013

Following on the Food Aid Quality Review and Program Environmental Assessment on fumigation, FFP in conjunction with its partners is considering conducting a comprehensive packaging study focused on a scientific evaluation of current packaging and how new technologies can be incorporated to improve it. FFP is interested in hearing about the experiences of the Title II community to help inform the design of the packaging study.

Join us and other Title II implementers on the FSN Network Web portal for an online discussion about commodity packaging. This discussion will be open from October 21 to November 4, 2013.

We would like to hear about the most pressing issues that your organization faces with regard to the packaging, including its ability to

for Development Innovation, Nov. 18 - 29, 2013; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting](#): FSN Network, Nov. 18 - 20, 2013; Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

[Course on Food Security & Grain Storage](#): MASHAV, CINADCO, Agricultural Research Organization; Dec. 2 - 17, 2013; Tel Aviv, Israel

[Cracking the Nut Africa: Improving Rural Livelihoods and Food Security](#): Global Communities, AZMJ, USAID; Jan. 13 - 15, 2013, Kigali, Rwanda

[Practitioner Academy Community Health Learning Trip 2014](#): CORE Group, February 4 - 12, 2013; Jamkhed, India

Success Story

Learn how USAID's Nobo Jibon, or "New Life," program, implemented by Save the Children, helps Bangladeshis strengthen their production and marketing skills so they can start successful businesses and escape poverty.

Read the full story [here](#).

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2013](#) from FAO

[Disaster Risk Reduction and Livelihoods](#) from Feinstein International Center

stand up to environmental and storage conditions, its suitability for multimodal transportation, recyclability, and so on. View more information at www.fsnnetwork.org.

Featured Event: TOPS Agriculture and Drought Risk Management Training

October 21 - 24, 2013
Kampala, Uganda

This event will bring together Title II implementers and other stakeholders to learn and share practical solutions to enhance agricultural resilience and disaster risk management.

The four-day training will focus on four key areas affecting agricultural programs in the region (drought cycle management, behavior change approaches, post-harvest losses, and microfinance) while incorporating gender examples throughout.

The training event is by invitation only. If you are or know of technical implementers who would benefit from attending, please email TOPSAgriculture@gmail.com. Learn more at www.fsnnetwork.org.

Food For Peace Management Information System (FFPMIS) Update

Given the introduction of the new Food for Peace Management Information System (FFPMIS), FFP has updated the Annual Results Report (ARR) guidance. FFPMIS has been upgraded to include two new modules: ARR and Standardized Annual Program Questionnaire (SAPQ). These new modules are designed to allow for easier and complete reporting on Title II awardees' activities.

Note that AARs for FY 2013 are due on November 4, 2013.

Questions on the ARR and SAPQ may be directed to AMEX International Inc. at ffpdocs@amexdc2.com. Questions related to individual awards and performance should be directed to the respective FFP Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR).

Learn more [here](#).

From the Online Community: Sustaining Behavior Change Among Women in Conservative Communities

One member of the FSN Network is looking for ideas on how to sustain behavior change around the use of latrines and handwashing among women in conservative communities. Participants discuss Community Led Total Sanitation and other approaches to sustaining behavior change in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Chad and elsewhere.

Read more and join the online discussion at 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

[An Agroforestry for Field Practitioners](#) from World Agroforestry Centre

[Designing Appropriate Complementary Feeding Recommendations: Tools for Programmatic Action](#) from *Maternal and Child Nutrition*

[Feed the Future Agricultural Indicators Guide](#) from Feed the Future

[Sorghum Seed Quality as Affected by Variety, Harvesting Stage and Fertilizer Application in Bomet County of Kenya](#) from *African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development*

Articles

[In Kenya, Climate Change to Create New Breadbaskets](#) from IRIN

[Three Global Health Successes That I Witnessed Firsthand](#) from *The New York Times*

[Fight Chronic Disease, Boost Economies: 4 Growing Opportunities in Nutrition](#) from *Forbes*

[Can the B-word Beat Malnutrition?](#) from IRIN

[Cloning Food Security in Zimbabwe](#) from IRIN

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

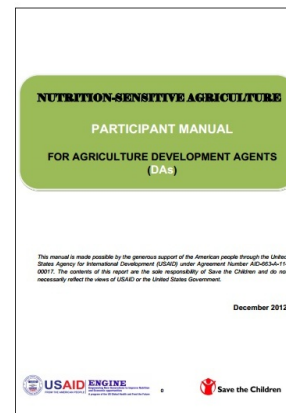
- [FSN Network Monitoring and Evaluation Task Force Meeting \(Field-based Members\)](#), October 29, 2013, 7:00 - 9:00 AM EDT
- [FSN Network Monitoring and Evaluation Task Force Meeting \(WDC-based Members\)](#), October 30, 2013, 2:00 - 4:30 PM EDT

Featured Information Resource: Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture for Agriculture Development Agents

These [participant and trainer manuals](#) aim at building the knowledge and skill of development agents in nutrition-sensitive agriculture so that they can promote agricultural and other related practices that maximize nutritional benefits.

NOTE: These tools are in the process of being updated, so check back soon for the newest versions.

Find more tools and references for implementers at www.fsnnetwork.org.



Job Postings

- [Senior Knowledge Sharing Specialist-TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Deputy Director, Awards and Compliance, Food Aid Programs](#) based in WDC with ACDI/VOCA
- [DRC Gender Assessment Consultant](#) based in DRC with Mercy Corps
- [Monitoring & Evaluation Advisor](#) based in Portland with Mercy Corps
- [Monitoring and Evaluation Director](#) based in Kenya with One Acre Fund
- [Agriculture Value Chain Specialist](#) for Malawi based in Malawi with International Potato Center
- [Agriculture Value Chain Specialist for Kenya](#) based in Kenya with International Potato Center
- [Senior Specialist, Food Assistance](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Chief of Party - Agriculture](#) based in Nigeria with Catholic Relief Services
- [Household Food Consumption Indicators Study Data Analysis Consultancy](#) based in WDC with Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III Project (FANTA)/FHI360
- [Senior Technical Advisor, Suaahara - Integrated Nutrition Program \(INP\)](#) based in Nepal with Helen Keller International
- [Technical Advisor for Emergency Food and Nutrition](#) based in Atlanta with CARE
- [LIFT II Technical Director](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
- [Technical Advisor I, Food Security & Livelihoods](#) based in WDC with FHI 360

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 extended the deadline for submissions to their [Harvesting Nutrition contest](#) until December 1, 2013. The contest aims 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.

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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