



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

[40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World:](#)

The Howard G. Buffett Foundation, Oct. 28, 2013; Chicago, IL

[Making Agriculture Work for Nutrition:](#)

Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition, London International Development Centre; Oct. 29, 2013; Bloomsbury, UK

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

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

[ICT4Ag: The Digital Springboard for Inclusive Agriculture:](#)

The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation, Rwandan Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources; Nov. 4 - 8, 2013; Kigali, Rwanda

[Forces of Nature: The Power of Communities to Protect the Planet:](#)

National Geographic Society, Nov. 13, 2013; WDC

[USAID Workshop: Optimizing Your Success Stories:](#)

USAID, TOPS; Nov. 13, 2013; WDC

[Course: Agriculture Nutrition Linkages:](#)

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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:

Agenda Sneak Peek

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.

The Knowledge Sharing Meeting will include diverse sessions such as "Productivity and Climate Change: Sustainable land development and restoration," "Environmental Enteropathy, Stunting and Behavior Change," and "Social Resilience: Mental health and its impact on health and nutrition."

View the full agenda at fsnnetwork.org. ([En Français](#))

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

USAID Seeks Public Comment for Nutrition Strategy

USAID is in the process of developing a comprehensive Nutrition Strategy, in recognition of the essential role that nutrition plays in individuals' and countries' development. A technical working group, comprised of individuals across USAID, has developed a results framework and is seeking public comment. Download the draft framework [here](#), and please send your comments to nutritionstrategy2013@gmail.com by **COB on Monday, October 28**.

From the Online Community: Packaging of Title II Food Commodities

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

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

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

[Seed System Security Response: Awareness Raising Event](#): International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) and USAID Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance; Nov. 22, 2013; WDC

[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

Online Discussion

[What is the role of social relations and networks in household food security and nutrition?](#) from Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition

Did You Know?

Emergency Nutrition Network recently began publishing a magazine called Nutrition Exchange, which summarizes results of

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 other Title II implementers on the FSN Network Web portal to share the most pressing issues that your organization faces with regard to the packaging, including its ability to stand up to environmental and storage conditions, its suitability for multimodal transportation, recyclability, and so on.

Read more and join the discussion at fsnnetwork.org.

Suggestions Needed: Barrier Analysis Questionnaires

The TOPS project is creating a set of Barrier Analysis questionnaires to post in a public place for general use, adaptation, and reference. Barrier Analysis is a rapid assessment tool that can help organizations identify why a promoted behavior has low coverage or has not been adopted at all. To create the most relevant questionnaires, TOPS needs suggestions for behaviors you might like to use for BA studies in maternal and child health, nutrition, agriculture, WASH and/or gender.

Please send suggestions for specific behaviors to Bonnie Kittle at bonnieleekittle@hotmail.com.

Featured Event: Monitoring, Analysis and Response Kit (MARKit) Workshop November 13 - 15, 2013 Niamey, Niger

With funding from a TOPS PIA grant, CARE and CRS on behalf of the Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance are hosting the MARKit Training - a three-day training to support practitioners implementing food assistance programs to proactively monitor markets to ensure that their programs remain responsive to local market conditions.

Participants should be practitioners implementing food assistance programs (cash, vouchers, local procurement or trans-oceanic food aid) or working on food security monitoring systems. The presentations, discussions and activities for the workshop will be conducted in French.

View more information or see this announcement in French [here](#).

For more information about the TOPS Small Grants program, visit fsnnetwork.org.

Save the Date: Practitioner Academy Community Health Learning Trip February 4 - 12, 2013 Jamkhed, India

Join CORE Group for the second Community Health Learning Trip to visit the Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP) in Jamkhed, India. Founded by Drs. Raj and Mabelle Arole, CRHP/Jamkhed has

nutrition research and provides information on guides, tools and upcoming trainings. Nutrition Exchange is available in English, French and Arabic. View recent issues and more information [here](#).

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Managing the Supply Chain of Specialized Nutritious Foods](#) from World Food Programme

[Women and WASH Briefing Note](#) from WaterAid

[Participatory Methodology: Rapid Care Analysis](#) from Oxfam

[A Global Research Agenda for Nutrition Science](#) from The Sackler Institute for Nutrition Science

[Poverty, Malnutrition and Vulnerability in Mali](#) from World Bank

Articles

[Commentary - Go\(a\) Milk?](#) from Global Food for Thought

[How to Feed the World](#) from *The New York Times*

[GM Agriculture is Not the Answer to Seed Diversity - It's Part of the Problem](#) from *The Guardian*

[Time to Prevent Child Malnutrition in Sahel](#) from IRIN

been working among the rural poor and marginalized for over 40 years. This trip will increase your understanding of design, implementation and assessment of community health approaches: comprehensive integrated services, village health worker functionality, community group development, gender and equity, impact, and sustainability.

One CRHP project is establishing Farmers' Clubs, collectives of men, both land-owners and the landless, that come together to address environmental and agricultural needs such as: access to water, conservation and agricultural technology.

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

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 Behavior Change Task Force Meeting](#), October 28, 2013, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM EDT
- [Monitoring and Evaluation Task Force Meeting \(Field-based Members\)](#), October 29, 2013, 7:00 - 9:00 AM EDT
- [Monitoring and Evaluation Task Force Meeting \(WDC-based Members\)](#), October 30, 2013, 2:00 - 4:30 PM EDT
- [Agriculture Task Force Meeting](#), October 30, 2013, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT
- [Care Groups Forward Interest Group Meeting](#), November 7, 2013, 10:00 - 11:00 AM EST

Featured Information Resource: Quality Improvement and Verification Checklists

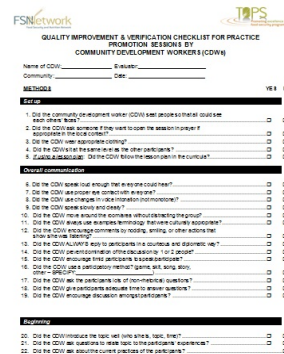
Quality Improvement and Verification Checklists (QIVCs) provide a detailed check of development workers to monitor and improve their performance, encourage them, and identify "system problems." QIVCs are used in many countries throughout the world to improve key processes. They provide an opportunity for positive monitoring while sharing a vision of what "perfect performance" looks like.

Download the checklists in English and French and view the online training module [here](#).

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
- [Vice President, Africa](#) based in Dakar, Senegal with Helen



Keller International

- [Social and Behaviour Change Communication Consultant](#), Mozambique based in Mozambique with World Food Programme
- [Consultant](#) based in Timor-Leste with CARE International
- [Country Director, Cambodia](#) based in Cambodia with Helen Keller International
- [Deputy Director, Awards and Compliance, Food Aid Programs](#) based in WDC with ACDI/VOCA
- [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

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.
- The University of Hyderabad is organizing the 12th Women's World Congress in Hyderabad, India from August 17 - 22, 2014. They are accepting proposals for papers, panels and workshops that engage with the Conference Theme "Gender in a Changing World" from an interdisciplinary perspective. Submit proposals by January 31, 2014 to academic@womensworld2014india.com. View more information [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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