



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

[Understanding the Poor's Decisions: A Forum on Using Lablike Field Experiments to Inform Policy](#): IFPRI, Nov. 8, 2013; WDC

[8th Annual IICA Day: Water to Feed the Land of the Americas](#): Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, Nov. 12, 2013, WDC

[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](#): Wageningen UR Centre 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

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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](#)

Workshop: Optimize Your Success Stories for USAID Wednesday, November 13, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Save the Children (2000 L Street NW, Washington DC) & Online

Do you know what makes a great success story? All of Food for Peace's partners can tell a great story, but the stories may not meet all the guidelines USAID and the Office of Food for Peace require for posting on USAID's Transforming Lives website.

Join representatives of other Title II implementing organizations and the Office of Food for Peace in-person in Washington DC or online for an interactive workshop to learn what makes a great story, to hear promising practices from other implementing organizations, and to better understand how you can match the stories you submit with USAID requirements.

Lunch will be provided. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Michelle Shapiro at mshapiro@coregroupdc.org. View more information [here](#).

FFPMIS Training for New Users

The Office of Food for Peace will be offering Food for Peace Management Information System (FFPMIS) training sessions for new FFPMIS users on December 6th and 18th. The trainings are specifically designed for users with no prior FFPMIS experience and will cover creating and submitting emergency and development applications in FFPMIS.

There will be two separate sessions, each covering the same material:

- December 6th from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- December 18th from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Current FFPMIS users who would like a refresher on how to create and submit emergency and development applications may be considered for the course, depending on space availability.

If you would like to register for training, please return this [form](#) to Nacasi Green at ngreen@usaid.gov by Wednesday, November 27th.

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

Today is the LAST day to contribute to "The Packaging of Title II Food Commodities" discussion at fsnnetwork.org.

Did You Know?

IFPRI launched Outcome Stories, a website highlighting progress achieved in areas such as building resiliency, facilitating markets, improving production, promoting nutrition, strengthening governance, and designing country strategies. View the website [here](#).

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Crisis in the Sahel: Possible Solutions and the Consequences of Inaction](#) from University of California, Berkely and African Institute for Development Policy

All trainings will take place at the Washington Learning Center at 2231 Crystal Drive in Arlington, VA. Additional logistical information will be provided in the registration confirmation. Please contact Nacasi Green with any training-related questions.

From the Online Community: How to Feed the World

A discussion in the online community of the FSN Network explores some of the ideas presented by *New York Times* columnist Mark Bittman in a recent article on embracing smallholder subsistence farming as part of the solution to food sustainability and food security. Read more and join the discussion at fsnnetwork.org.

FSN Network Task Force Meetings

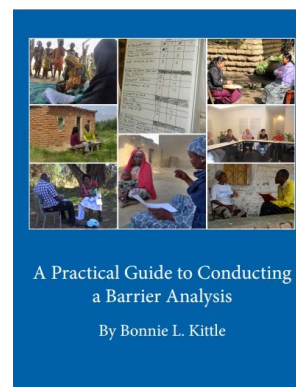
The global task forces of the FSN Network enable members from around the world to directly contribute their expertise in development in identifying and adapting crucial information, tools and methods that are responsive to stakeholder needs. Newcomers are welcome to attend the task force meeting below.

- [Care Groups Forward Interest Group Meeting](#), November 7, 2013, 10:00 - 11:00 AM EST

Featured Information Resource: A Practical Guide to Conducting a Barrier Analysis

This [training curriculum](#) builds skills to plan and carry out a Barrier Analysis survey. The practical, hands-on learning exercises help learners to answer the most common and frequently perplexing questions that arise during implementation.

The guide covers topics including new guidance on sampling, interviewing techniques, coding, tabulation and data use, and builds on the earlier BA manual written in 2004.



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
- [Nutritionist](#) based in Kigali, Rwanda with International Potato Center
- [Postdoctoral Fellow - Gender and Poverty](#) based in Colombo, Sri Lanka with International Water Management Institute
- [Livestock Development Office](#) based in Santiago, Chile with FAO
- [Program Director - WASH Result Program](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services
- [Deputy Director, Awards and Compliance, Food Aid Programs](#) based in WDC with ACDI/VOCA

[The Global Gender Gap Report 2013](#) from World Economic Forum

[Women's Empowerment and Nutrition: An Evidence Review](#) from IFPRI

[Seeds for Life: Scaling up Agro-Biodiversity](#) from Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance and The Gaia Foundation

[Resilience, Food Security Dynamics, and Poverty Traps in Northern Ethiopia](#) from Feinstein International Center

[Use of Care Groups in Emergency and Post-Emergency Settings](#) from Food for the Hungry

Articles

[Tracking Nutritional Changes in an Urbanising World Beyond 2015](#) from *The Lancet*

[Plant Clinics Take Root in Uganda](#) from IRIN

[Ethiopia's Poor Turn to the Humble Potato in Quest for Food Security](#) from *The Guardian*

- [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

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 SUN Movement Multi-Partner Trust Fund is now accepting proposals to support civil society organizations to mobilize in-country and globally to contribute to realizing SUN commitments and demonstrating results. Proposals cannot exceed the overall amount of \$300,000 each over a period of up to 24 months. The submission deadline is November 11, 2013. View more information [here](#).
- Applications are now being accepted for next year's Global Small-scale Postharvest E-learning Program, being launched in January 2014 by The Postharvest Education Foundation. The postharvest training program will be offered for up to 50 young horticultural professionals currently working in developing countries over a period of 14 months during 2014-15. [Applications](#) are due by December 31, 2013. Learn more [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](#).

