



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

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

[Making it Stick: Successes, Setbacks and Game-changers in Creating Gender-Integrated Institutions](#): SID-Washington Gender in Development Workgroup; Nov. 19, 2013; WDC

[IFPRI Policy Seminar - Beyond Gender Myths](#): IFPRI; Nov. 22, 2013; WDC

[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

[Food Security Discussion: Promising Practices by PVOs that Contributed to a Reduction in Child Stunting](#): TOPS; Dec. 5 - 6, 2013; WDC

[Frontiers in Agricultural](#)

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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](#)

Reminder: Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Draft Request for Applications (RFA) Due on Thursday, November 21, 2013

Click [here](#) to view the FY 2014 draft RFA for Title II Development Food Assistance Programs in Burundi, Madagascar and Malawi. The documents for FY 2014 include the draft RFA itself along with draft country-specific information for the three countries indicated (i.e., Burundi, Madagascar and Malawi).

As stated in the draft RFA, all comments and inquiries should be directed to Juli Majernik at jmajernik@usaid.gov with a copy to FFPDocs@amexdc2.com. Comments on the FY14 Draft RFA are due Thursday, November 21 by noon. Please do not wait until the last day to submit your consolidated comments and inquiries. FFP will provide a consolidated response to comments and inquiries on the drafts with the release of the finalized documents.

Commodity Management Tools Survey

The TOPS Program's Commodity Management (CM) Team is taking a look at the availability and quality of tools in food assistance programming, and we need your help! Having the most effective, proven tools for commodity management is one way that the PVO community can improve the effectiveness of its programs, and thus make the best use of US government and private resources. According to the Office of Food for Peace, any tool developed in conjunction with USAID-funded programming is non-proprietary and should be available to the broader food assistance implementing community. To ensure you have access to the best tools available, TOPS has issued an 8-question commodity management tools survey.

Click [here](#) to participate by Friday, November 22. The results will be shared as soon as the data has been processed. If you have any questions, please contact Caine Cortellino at ccortellino@savechildren.org.

[Sustainability: Studying the Protein Supply Chain to Improve Dietary](#)

[Quality](#): The New York Academy of Sciences, Dec. 12, 2013; NYC

[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; Jamshed, India

Did You Know?

2014 is the International Year of Family Planning. The goal of the 2014 IYFF is to re-position family farming at the center of agricultural, environmental and social policies in the national agendas. Learn more [here](#).

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Aflatoxins - Finding Solutions for Improved Food Safety](#) from IFPRI

[Synthesis of Guiding Principles on Agriculture Programming for Nutrition](#) from FAO

[Crowd-sourced Lessons about Scaling Seed Systems](#) from AgPartnerXChange

[Ghana Nutrition Assessment, Counseling, and Support \(NACS\) Training Materials for Facility-Based Service Providers](#) from FANTA

[Length of Growing](#)

Food Security Discussion: Promising Practices by PVOs that Contributed to a Reduction in Child Stunting

Thursday, December 5th (Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition)

Friday, December 6th (Agriculture and Natural Resource Management)

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; One Washington Circle Hotel, Washington DC

Please join us in December to discuss promising practices identified from final evaluation reports of Food for Peace-funded development assistance projects for further dialogue. The December 5th discussion will focus on maternal and child health and nutrition, and the December 6th discussion will focus on agriculture and natural resource management. Morning sessions will include a review of the promising practices, and afternoon sessions will examine key findings and recommendations from the FAFSA-2 report.

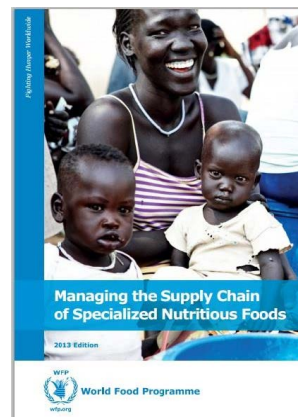
Learn more and RSVP [here](#).

Featured Information Resource: Managing the Supply Chain of Specialized Nutritious Foods

Specialized nutritious foods (SNF) are increasingly recognized as a viable and efficient component of programs to treat and prevent undernutrition.

This [publication](#) provides comprehensive guidance on supply chain management of SNF. Its purpose is to improve planning, procurement, and delivery of nutritious foods to beneficiaries; and to maintain the nutritional quality of SNF by promoting optimal control during transport, storage, stock management and distribution.

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
- [Food Security Advisor](#) based in WDC with CNFA
- [Food Security Analysts](#) based in WDC with FEWS NET
- Assistant or Associate Professor - Food Policy (School of Public Affairs) based in NYC with Baruch College
- [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
- [Vice President, Africa](#) based in Dakar, Senegal with Helen

[Period over Africa: Variability and Trends from 30 Years of NDVI Time Series](#) from World Agroforestry Centre

Articles

[Climate Change Seen Posing Risks to Food Supplies](#) from *The New York Times*

[Can US Farm Bill Satisfy Hunger for Reform?](#) from *The Guardian*

[Mauritania Warns of Locust Plague](#) from ReliefWeb

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 Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH) is accepting abstracts for its 4th annual research conference, to be held at Birkbeck College, London from June 3 - 4, 2014. The theme is agri-food policy and governance for nutrition and health. Abstracts must be submitted via email to LCIRAH@lids.bloomsbury.ac.uk by December 20, 2013. View detailed instructions [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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