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A Discussion on Community Resilience with Tim Frankenberger **December 11, 2013, 2:00 - 3:00 PM** **Plan International USA, 1255 23rd Street NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20037**

TOPS is sponsoring a discussion with Tim Frankenberger, President of TANGO International, on Wednesday, December 11th from 2:00 - 3:00 PM at Plan International USA in Washington DC.

Mr. Frankenberger will be speaking about a paper he authored:

Community Resilience: Conceptual Framework and Measurement - Feed the Future Learning Agenda

This paper is intended to inform the policies and practices of donors, implementing partners, NGOs, government and other stakeholders by establishing conceptual and measurement frameworks for community resilience. By identifying the specific elements of community resilience and the ways in which they interact, the paper clarifies the types of information that must be collected in order to adequately measure it. Perhaps most importantly, the frameworks enable identification of the key leverage points to focus on as part of a theory of change, and the interventions that should be included in programs aimed at enhancing community resilience.

The concept of community resilience presented in the paper is consistent with previous constructs of household resilience in that it acknowledges the central role of various livelihoods assets in enhancing resilience. The key difference between households and communities in relation to these assets is that when assessing community resilience, the focus is on collective or communal access to and use of such assets. As such, the paper asserts that community capacity for collective action to manage shocks and stresses is a key attribute distinguishing community resilience from resilience at the household level. To accurately measure resilience at the community level, the authors propose establishing complementary indices for five separate but inter-related dimensions of collective action. Taken together, these indices serve as reliable proxy measures of resilience processes and outcomes at the community level.

Mr. Frankenberger will speak for 30 minutes, followed by a 30-minute discussion.

Please RSVP to Julia Crowley at jcrowley@savechildren.org by Friday, December 6th.

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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