



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

[Food Security](#)

[Discussion: Promising Practices by PVOs that Contributed to a](#)

[Reduction in Child](#)

[Stunting](#): TOPS; Dec. 5 - 6, 2013; WDC

[Fair Festival](#)

[2013](#): Kurante, Plan International USA, TechChange; Dec. 5, 2013; WDC

[ECHO International Agriculture Conference](#):

ECHO, Dec. 10 - 12, 2013; Fort Myers, Florida

[Freshwater Conservation and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene \(WASH\) Integration Guidelines: A Framework for Implementation in sub-Saharan Africa](#):

Conservation International, The Nature Conservancy, USAID; Dec. 11, 2013; WDC

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

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

[Seeds of Change: Leveraging Community Video for Agriculture and Nutrition Behavior Change in South Asia](#)

[and Sub-Saharan Africa](#): SPRING, Digital Green; Dec. 17, 2013; Online

[Cracking the Nut Africa](#):

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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](#)

Integrated FFP MIS PREP Training for Current FFP Awardees

Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Friday, January 10, 2014, 9:00 AM - 5:00PM

Washington Learning Center, 2231 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA

The Office of Food for Peace will be offering integrated PREP training for current Food For Peace awardees on January 8 and 10, 2014. This training will address how to create and submit a quality PREP, how to enter your PREP into the Food for Peace Management Information System (FFPMIS), and how to account for the shift from implementation year to fiscal year when submitting your PREP in FFPMIS. The training will also discuss key components of a quality PREP and common questions regarding the PREP cycle.

The targeted audience is staff who will be entering PREPs into FFPMIS, but the training is also open to other staff involved in the PREP process. Partners are not limited in the number of staff that can attend the training, but space is limited so please register early for one of the two training sessions, each of which covers the same material.

If you would like to register for training, please complete this [survey](#) by Friday, December 27, 2013.

Additional logistical information will be provided in the registration confirmation. Please contact Haley Adams at haadams@usaid.gov with any training-related questions.

RUSF/ RUTF Stakeholder Meeting

Tuesday, December 10th, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

USDA South Building, Washington DC

The Office of Food For Peace will be holding a RUSF (Ready-to-use Supplementary Foods)/ RUTF (Ready-to-use Therapeutic Foods) stakeholders meeting on December 10, 2013 in Washington, D.C. The objective of the meeting is to discuss current issues related to the specifications and procurement of both products. We strongly encourage you to participate in person, but will have a

[Improving Rural Livelihoods and Food Security:](#) Global

Communities, AZMJ, USAID; Jan. 13 - 15, 2013, Kigali, Rwanda

[2014 SMART Survey Manager Training:](#)

Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transitions (SMART), Jan. 27 - 31, 2014; WDC

[Global Forum for Innovations in](#)

[Agriculture:](#) City of Abu Dhabi; Feb. 3 - 5, 2014; Abu Dhabi, UAE

[Practitioner Academy Community Health Learning Trip 2014:](#)

CORE Group, February 4 - 12, 2013; Jamkhed, India

[Building Resilience through Innovation Borlaug Summit on Wheat for Food Security:](#)

International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, Association for Agricultural Research and Experimentation of the State of Sonora; Mar. 25 - 28, 2014; Ciudad Obregón, Mexico

[4th Annual LCIRAH Research Conference:](#)

Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health, June 3 - 4, 2014; London, England

Online Discussion

[Scarcity: Why Having So Little Means So Much](#)

from FSN Network

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[What Really Matters for Resilience?](#) from Mercy Corps

teleconference line set up, along with video conference capabilities where we are able to do so. More details will be provided in a follow up to this email.

In order to create an agenda, please provide input on the topics you would like to discuss by completing this [form](#) and submitting it to Greg Olson at golson@usaid.gov.

Please RSVP to Greg Olson at golson@usaid.gov.

Registration Extended for FFPMIS Training

Friday, December 6, 2013, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Washington Learning Center, 2231 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA

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. Both sessions will cover the same material.

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 one of these training days, please return this [form](#) to Nacasi Green at ngreen@usaid.gov.

Additional logistical information will be provided in the registration confirmation. Please contact Nacasi Green with any training-related questions.

Web Event: Integrating Gender and Social and Behavioral Change into Ag-Nutrition Programs

Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 9:00AM (EST); 2:00PM (GMT); 5:00PM (EAT)

The Nutrition and Agriculture Linkages in Africa Network (NALAN) discussion group of the FSN Network is hosting a Web event to discuss approaches for integrating gender and social and behavioral change into nutrition-sensitive agricultural programs. Participants will hear examples of how HKI and Food for the Hungry have approached integration through their work in Bangladesh and Sub-Saharan Africa. The presentations will be followed by time for question and answer and discussion.

This call is open to all members of NALAN who have completed the member survey. If you are interested in attending this call and/or interested in joining NALAN, please contact Patrick Coonan at coonanfsn@gmail.com.

If you are a NALAN member that needs to complete the member survey, you can access it [here](#).

Featured Information Resource: Global Food Security: The Critical Role of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

(WASH)

[Access for All Volume 2: What Factors Influence Access to Community-based Treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition?](#) from Coverage Monitoring Network

[The Biofortification Prioritization Index](#) from HarvestPlus

[Up in Smoke? Agricultural Commercialization, Rising Food Prices and Stunting in Malawi](#) from World Bank

[Confronting Crisis: Transforming lives through improved resilience](#) from Concern Worldwide

[Milk and Dairy Products in Human Nutrition](#) from FAO

[Cash, Food, or Vouchers? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Northern Ecuador](#) from IFPRI

Articles

[Children's Height and Weight in Rural and Urban Populations in Low-income and Middle-income Countries: a Systematic Analysis of Population-representative Data](#) from *The Lancet*

[Is Africa Ready for GM?](#) from IRIN

[Briefing: How to stop a deadly fungus affecting billions](#) from IRIN

[Why Farming Subsidies Still Distort Advantages and Cause Food Insecurity](#) from *The Guardian*

[In Tanzania, Farmers](#)

Global health experts are recognizing that food security challenges cannot be met until safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) are available in the world's poorest communities. WASH affects all aspects of food security, as the lack of it reduces the time women are able to work in the agricultural sector, reduces disposable income of households, contaminates foods, and causes disease. This [fact sheet](#) explores the linkages between WASH, agriculture, food security, and health.



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
- [Agriculture Innovations Manager](#) based in Nairobi with One Acre Fund
- [Agricultural Livelihoods Senior Technical Advisor for Research](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services
- [Agricultural Livelihoods Senior Technical Advisor for Extension \(Build\)](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services
- [Agricultural Livelihoods Senior Technical Advisor for Food security \(Recover\)](#) with Catholic Relief Services
- [Nutrition and Food Security Specialist](#) based in Timor-Leste with Cardno
- [Deputy Director, Nutrition](#) based in WDC with ACIDI/VOCA
- [Junior Professional Officer \(Nutrition\)](#) based in Rome with FAO
- [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

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.
- Catholic Relief Service's Information and Communications Technologies for Development (ICT4D) Conference, a forum for sharing innovative mobile solutions to build the resilience of communities across Africa, Latin America and Asia, will take place March 25 - 28, 2014 in Nairobi, Kenya. A number of conference slots are reserved for case study presentations, demonstrations, and ICT4D solution workshops by technology firms and their partners. This year's focus is on the ways technology assists in building resiliency within developing communities and enables them to reduce vulnerabilities and mitigate, adapt to, and recover from shocks and stresses in ways that promote the health and wellbeing of its members.

[Reap the Benefits of Radio](#) from *The New York Times*

Solutions that have the potential to scale across geographies and/or program sectors are of particular interest. Applications should be sent to CRSICT4DAbstracts@global.crs.org by December 31st, 2013. Learn more [here](#).

- PATH is launching a four-year Nutrition Embedding Evaluation Programme (NEEP), funded by the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID). NEEP aims to generate evidence on what to do to tackle maternal and child undernutrition, with a focus on value-for-money. To achieve this objective, PATH will provide two types of grants to civil society organizations implementing nutrition-related programs. Technical assistance would include oversight by NEEP to ensure that grantees have established links with academic expertise in the field of nutrition-related monitoring and evaluation. Click [here](#) for further details on the types of funding available and the application process. Contact NEEP program staff at NEEP@path.org with any questions.

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](#).



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