



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

[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: 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

[Sustainable Microenterprise and Development Program:](#) The Carsey Institute/University of New Hampshire and Ghana Microfinance Institutions Network (GHAMFIN); March 10 - 21, 2014; Accra, Ghana

## FSN Network News

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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](#)

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## Draft Quarterly Report Template for Title II Programs: Feedback Needed by January 9

The Office of Food for Peace developed a draft quarterly reporting guidance document for Title II Development Programs. Download the document [here](#), and please send feedback by January 9, 2014 to Juli Majernik at [jmajernik@usaid.gov](mailto:jmajernik@usaid.gov) and copy [FFPDocs@amexdc2.com](mailto:FFPDocs@amexdc2.com).

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## Reminder: 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](mailto:haadams@usaid.gov) with any training-related questions.

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## Watch Land O'Lakes Gender Tool Presentation

[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

[Micronutrient Forum Global Conference:](#)  
Micronutrient Forum, June 2 - 6, 2014; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[4th Annual LCIRAH Research Conference:](#)  
Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health, June 3 - 4, 2014; London, England

#### Online Discussion

[Youth and Agriculture in West Africa](#) from Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition

#### New Publications, Guides & Tools

[2013 Global Hunger Index](#) from IRPRI

[Addressing Malnutrition Multisectorally: What Have We Learned from Recent International Experience?](#) from MDG Achievement Fund

[East African Agriculture and Climate Change](#) from IFPRI

[How SILC Members Use Their Money: A Study of SILC Fund Use in Zambia](#) from Catholic Relief Services

[Effect of Soybean/Cassava Flour Blend on the Proximate Composition of Ethiopian](#)

On Wednesday, December 11, FSN Network hosted an event with Giselle Aris of Land O'Lakes International Development to discuss a new Land O'Lakes tool to integrate gender throughout the program cycle. View a recording of the event [here](#), and download the tool [here](#). The discussion will continue in 2014, so stay tuned for more information.

### From the Online Community: Scarcity and the Concept of Resilience

A [discussion](#) started by members of the FSN Network online community looks into the concept of scarcity and how helping people to manage the scarcity of their mental health resources might contribute to their resilience to tragedies or shocks. Read more and join the discussion at [fsnnetwork.org](#).

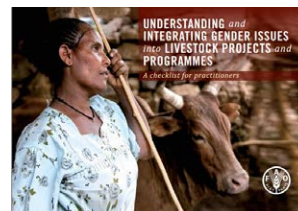
### FSN Network Task Force Meetings

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

- [Agriculture Task Force Meeting](#), December 19, 2013, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM EST

### Featured Information Resource: Understanding and Integrating Gender Issues into Livestock Projects and Programmes: A Checklist for Practitioners

This [FAO document](#) contains two sections: (1) Understanding the issues; and (2) Integrating gender into projects and programmes. Livestock covered include small ruminants, poultry, and dairy. The document also provides additional tips and tools.



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
- [Somalia Nutrition Consortium Manager](#) based in Nairobi, Kenya with Save the Children
- [Water, Sanitation & Hygiene \(WASH\) Resource Mobilization Specialist](#) based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with World Vision
- [Agriculture Innovations Manager](#) based in Nairobi with One Acre Fund
- [Deputy Director, Nutrition](#) based in WDC with ACDI/VOCA
- [Agricultural Livelihoods Senior Technical Advisor for Research](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services
- [Agricultural Livelihoods Senior Technical Advisor for Extension](#)

[Traditional Bread Prepared from Quality Protein Maize](#) from African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development

#### Articles

[How Might Open Data in Agriculture Help Achieve Food Security?](#) from The Guardian

[Learning from the History of Vitamins](#) from The New York Times

[16 Million Risk Hunger in Sahel Despite Good Harvest](#) from Thompson Reuters Foundation

[Severe Water Shortages](#) in Malawi from IRIN

[\(Build\)](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services

- [Agricultural Livelihoods Senior Technical Advisor for Food security \(Recover\)](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services

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### 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](http://fsnnetwork.org).
- The International Journal of Agricultural Policy and Research (IJAPR), which publishes high-quality articles that contribute new theoretical results in all the areas of Agricultural Sciences, is currently accepting manuscripts for publication. Submissions must be well researched, informed and demonstrate familiarity with the relevant literature, concept and theoretical perspective in the area of the study. View more information [here](#) and submit articles online [here](#).
- The Emergency Nutrition Network (ENN) is developing a new Nutrition Exchange publication focused on experience and learning from across the African continent. ENN is looking for short articles on nutrition, agriculture, health and livelihoods program experiences. The publication will be published in March 2014. Contact Valerie at [valerie@enonline.net](mailto:valerie@enonline.net) for more information.

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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](mailto:commentsfsn@gmail.com).

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