



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

[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

[ICT4D Conference](#):

Catholic Relief Services, March 25 - 28, 2014; Nairobi, Kenya

[Borlaug Summit on Wheat for Food Security](#):

International Maize and Wheat Improvement

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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](#)

Care Groups Implementation Training Workshop

February 3 - 7, 2014

One Washington Circle Hotel (1 Washington Circle, Washington DC)

TOPS is pleased to announce a Care Groups Implementation Training Workshop that will build capacity in the design, training, implementation and monitoring of Care Group programs, using the Care Group model. This training is open to PVO staff and consultants.

(For more information on Care Groups, visit www.caregroupinfo.org.)

TOPS aims to bring together a mix of participants from multiple food security implementing organizations, as well as consultants. Participants should be willing and able to share what they learn at this workshop to train their colleagues and partners in the implementation of Care Groups. TOPS is particularly interested in training a few consultants, so please pass this information on to the consultants you work with.

There is no charge to attend this training. Participants or their organizations will need to cover their own travel, lodging, meals and other costs.

Space is limited to 25 people. Learn more and download the application form [here](#). Send completed applications and nominations as soon as possible to Julia Crowley at jcrowley@savechildren.org.

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

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 and copy FFPDocs@amexdc2.com.

Reminder: USAID Nutrition Strategy Draft Posted for Public Comment

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

[Mainstreaming Food Security into Peace Building Process](#)

from Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Adult Consequences of Growth Failure in Early Childhood](#)

from American Society for Nutrition

[Tackling Climate Change Through Livestock](#)

from FAO

[Gender Inequalities in Ownership and Control of Land in Africa](#)

from IFPRI

[Updates on the Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition in Infants and Children](#)

from WHO

[Analysing Nutrition Governance in Fragile Contexts: Lessons and Implications](#)

from Institute of Development Studies

Articles

USAID is in the process of developing a comprehensive Nutrition Strategy, in recognition of the essential role that nutrition plays in individuals' and countries' development. A technical working group, comprised of individuals across USAID, has developed a draft strategy and is seeking public comment .

Click [here](#) to learn more and download the draft strategy. The development of the strategy reflects USAID's commitment to work in partnership with the global community to address nutrition challenges. The technical working group looks forward to your comments on the draft.

Please send your feedback to nutritionstrategy2013@gmail.com by 12 Noon, January 10, 2014.

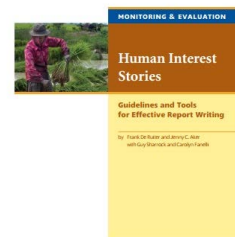
FSN Network Task Force & Discussion Group Meetings

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. **Discussion Groups** allow field-based practitioners to connect online to share experiences, seek recommendations, and strengthen capacity in cross-cutting and emerging implementation areas. *Newcomers are welcome to attend the meeting below.*

- [Care Groups Forward Discussion Group Meeting](#), January 8, 2014, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM EST

Featured Information Resource: Human Interest Stories: Guidelines and Tools for Effective Report Writing

This [tool](#) is one in a series of M&E training and capacity-building modules that the American Red Cross and Catholic Relief Services developed collaboratively, designed to respond to field-identified needs for specific guidance and tools that did not appear to be available in existing publications. The goal of this module is to help readers better understand how human interest stories can be used to enhance or complement current program evaluation tools.



Find more tools and references for implementers at www.fsnnetwork.org.

Job Postings

- [Regional Program Manager, Prevention of Malnutrition](#) based in Dakar, Senegal with Helen Keller International
- [Monitoring & Evaluation Advisor](#) based in WDC with USAID Office of Food for Peace

[Haiti Hopes Miracle Moringa Tree Can Help to Combat Malnutrition](#) from *The Guardian*

[Cattle in Poor Countries Produce More Earth-warming Gases](#) from IRIN

[Locust Plague Campaign Gets Results in Madagascar](#) from FAO

[Draff to Dram: Water Cleanser Created in Chance Study of Whisky Byproduct](#) from *The Guardian*

[How to Empower Local NGO Partners](#) from IRIN

- [Emergency Nutrition Officer](#) with International Medical Corps
- [Emergency GBV Manager](#) based in the Philippines with International Medical Corps
- [Commodity Management Consultant](#) based in San Diego, CA with PCI Global
- [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

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 University of Hyderabad is organizing the 12th Women's World Congress in Hyderabad, India from August 17 - 22, 2014. They are accepting proposals for papers, panels and workshops that engage with the Conference Theme "Gender in a Changing World" from an interdisciplinary perspective. Submit proposals by January 31, 2014 to academic@womensworld2014india.com. View more information [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 news@fsnnetwork.org.

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