



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

[Webinar: Empowering Women in Agriculture: Maximizing Nutrition Gain](#): TOPS, SPRING; March 26, 2014; Online

[Consumer Behavior and Food Science Innovations for Optimal Nutrition](#): The New York Academy of Sciences, The Sackler Institute for Nutrition Sciences; March 26, 2014; NYC

[Displaced Women and Housing, Land and Property Learning Event](#): Norwegian Refugee Council; March 27, 2014; WDC

[Consultation on Resources and Targets for USAID Nutrition Strategy](#): USAID, March 31, 2014; WDC

[Forum for Agriculture](#): ELO, Syngenta; April 1, 2014; Brussels, Belgium

**[Rescheduled]**  
[Consultation on Leveraging Resources for USAID Nutrition Strategy](#): USAID, April 4, 2014; WDC

[Presentation on the Evidence on Grandmothers' Influence on Maternal and Child Nutrition Practices](#): TOPS, Grandmother Project; April 14, 2014; WDC

[Global Health](#)

## FSN Network News

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There are many ways to participate in the FSN Network:

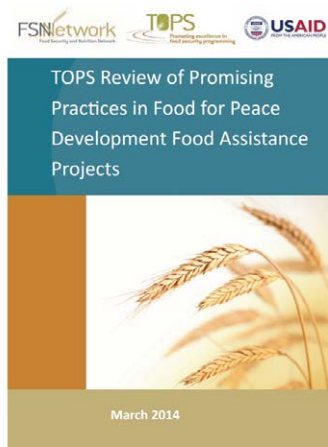
- Join an [online community](#) to share questions with peers
- Access tools from our [resource library](#)
- Follow daily news from the FSN Network on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#)

## Feature Your Photos

Starting in April we will have a "Photo of the Week" in each newsletter, featuring the best photos of your work in food security, agriculture, nutrition, etc.

Submission Guidelines: You must own the rights to all photos you submit. Photos should be at least 350 pixels wide. Send photos, along with the organization and/or photographer's name, to [news@fsnnetwork.org](mailto:news@fsnnetwork.org). Captions/titles are welcome but not required.

## TOPS Review of Promising Practices in Food for Peace Development Food Assistance Projects



The TOPS Program team of technical specialists has undertaken a [review of final evaluation reports](#) from Food for Peace-funded development food assistance projects (formerly referred to as Multi-Year Assistance Projects or Development Assistance Projects) in order to identify promising practices in effective food security programming.

The TOPS team hopes this will serve as a basis for discussion among the food security community and lead to consensus on promising practices to promote further identification of

additional promising practices, and further field-testing and/or documentation of promising practices to establish a robust evidence base.

## Designing for Behavior Change in Agriculture Workshop

**May 19 - 23, 2014**  
**Maradi, Niger**

#### [Practitioner Conference](#)

[Spring 2014](#): CORE Group; May 5 - 9, 2014; Silver Spring, MD

[2020 Conference](#): IFPRI; May 15 - 17, 2014; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

#### [International Symposium on Understanding Moderate Malnutrition in Children for Effective Interventions](#):

International Atomic Energy Agency; May 26 - 29, 2014; Vienna, Austria

#### [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

#### [17th World Congress of Food Science and Technology](#):

International Union of Food Science and Technology; August 17 - 21, 2014; Montreal, Canada

#### **World Food Clock**

Take a look at the world's food [right now](#).

#### **Did You Know?**

The Department of State launched an [International Organization Careers website](#) to help U.S. citizens explore opportunities in the UN and other international organizations.

#### **Online Discussion**

TOPS is pleased to announce a Designing for Behavior Change (DBC) in Agriculture workshop in Maradi, Niger. The workshop will respond to community development project managers' and planners' need for a practical behavioral framework that aids them in planning their agriculture projects strategically for maximum effectiveness.

The entire training will be conducted in French. There is no charge to attend this training, though participants or their organizations will need to cover their own travel, lodging and other costs.

Space is limited to 25 people and attendance is by invitation only. If you are interested in receiving an invitation or would like to send a staff member to the training, please email Eric Carlberg at [ecarlberg@dc.mercycorps.org](mailto:ecarlberg@dc.mercycorps.org) with your name, organization, position, and experience with the DBC framework.

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### **Regional Workshops on Sustainable Impact**

[Guatemala: May 26 - 28, 2014](#)

[India: June 23 - 25, 2014](#)

[Malawi: August 18 - 20, 2014](#)

PCI received a TOPS grant to produce a food & nutrition security sustainability toolkit. There will be three regional dissemination workshops (Guatemala, India & Malawi), and one final workshop in DC. Join PCI for these 3-day, practitioner-driven workshops to share promising practices and models related to sustainability. Click the links above for more information on each workshop.

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### **Listening Session Regarding Implications of Farm Bill**

*Friday, March 28, 2014; 1:30 - 4:00 PM*

*ACDI/VOCA, 50 F Street NW, Washington DC*

Join USAID to discuss the impact of the new Farm Bill on Food for Peace (FFP) programs. Please note this event is targeted to current FFP program implementers. Please RSVP to Barry Elkin at [belkin@acdivoca.org](mailto:belkin@acdivoca.org).

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### **Rescheduled: Consultation on Leveraging Resources for USAID Nutrition Strategy**

*Friday, April 4, 2014; 3:00 - 4:30 PM*

*1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Second Floor, Washington DC*

The purpose of this consultation is to strategize how to leverage the investments and assets both within USAID and of our partners-- particularly our partner countries, other donors, the private sector and civil society organizations--and the role of these partners in achieving the goal of the USAID nutrition strategy targets and goals.

Please RSVP [here](#) by Wednesday, April 2.

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### **FY 2014 International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) Request for Applications (RFA)**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) Request for Applications (RFA) is now available. Please note that the RFA has a submission date for all IFRP grant applications of 12:00 PM EDT on April 23, 2014.

The Home Fortification Network is now public and available to everyone. Get involved with their featured discussion this week: [How does Kyrgyzstan Use Behavior Change Communications to Increase Compliance and Improve the Appropriate Use of MNPs?](#)

### Call for Input

USAID's Office of Learning, Evaluation, and Research wants to hear from partners on their experiences with hiring local evaluators. Click [here](#) to share your thoughts.

### New Publications, Guides & Tools

[World Health Organization Infant and Young Child Feeding Indicators and Their Associations with Child Anthropometry: A Synthesis of Recent Findings](#) from Maternal & Child Nutrition

[2013 Global Food Policy Report](#) from IFPRI

[What Climate Change Means for Farmers in Africa](#) from African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development

[Examining the Link Between Food Prices and Food Insecurity: A Multi-level Analysis of Maize Price and Birthweight in Kenya](#) from Food Policy

### Articles

[Mind the Gap: Closing](#)

Click [here](#) for more information and to view the RFA. All questions and/or requests for additional information regarding the 2014 IFRP RFA should be sent to [IFRP@amexdc2.com](mailto:IFRP@amexdc2.com).

## Due Next Week: FY 2014 Request for Applications for Title II Development Food Assistance Programs

The Fiscal Year 2014 (FY 2014) Request for Applications (RFA) for Title II Development Food Assistance Programs in Burundi, Madagascar and Malawi are due on Thursday, April 3rd by 11:59 AM EDT.

View the documents and learn more [here](#).

## Save the Date: TOPS Food Assistance Commodity Management Workshop

**June 23 - 25, 2014**  
**Washington, DC**

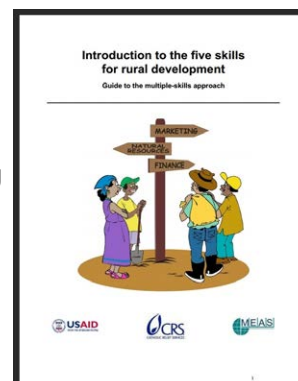
The TOPS Program's Commodity Management (CM) team has begun planning its upcoming Food Assistance Commodity Management (FACM) Workshop for PVO headquarters personnel in Washington, DC.

Click [here](#) for more information. Any enquiries about the workshop should be sent to Caine Cortellino at [ccortellino@savechildren.org](mailto:ccortellino@savechildren.org).

## Featured Information Resource: Five Skill Sets for Smallholder Farmers

These [guides](#) explain how to help farmers strengthen five skill sets to successfully engage with markets. The purpose of the guides is to help vulnerable farmers use better methods of production and marketing to improve their livelihoods.

Find more tools and references for implementers at [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org).



## Job Postings

- [Export Market Development Volunteer Opportunity](#) based in Ethiopia with ACIDI/VOCA
- [Postdoctoral Fellow: Food Price and Food Security Impacts of Dietary Transition](#) based in London with Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research in Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH)
- [Research for Development Specialist](#) based in Mali with Livestock and Climate Change Innovation Lab
- [Chief of Party, Women's Empowerment Activity](#) based in Bangladesh with Helen Keller International
- [Epidemiologist/Food Safety Expert](#) based in Zambia with International Livestock Research Institute
- [Nutrition and Health Program Manager](#) based in Ethiopia with ACF International

[Gender Divide in African Agriculture Could Reduce Hunger](#) from The Guardian

[Enabling Subsistence Agriculture Through Small Dams](#) from The Guardian

[Trading Away West Africa's Hunger](#) from IRIN

- [Nutrition Emergency Team](#) based in South Sudan with ACF International
- [Research Associate](#) based in Tucson, AZ with TANGO International
- [Extreme Poverty Online Technical Discussion Working Group Facilitator](#) based in WDC with The QED Group
- [Senior Gender Specialist](#) based in Amman, Jordan with ICARDA
- [Final Evaluation Consultancy](#) based in Burundi with CRS
- [Program Manager, The Sackler Institute for Nutrition Science](#) based in NYC with The New York Academy of Sciences
- [Sustainable Agriculture Manager, Water Program](#) based in Boston with Ceres
- [Gender-Based Violence Consultant](#) based in WDC with InterAction

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## Funding and Other Opportunities

- [Apply for a grant through the TOPS Small Grants Program - Awarded on a rolling basis.](#) The two types of grants include Micro Grants (maximum per award \$50,000) and Program Improvement Award (PIA) (maximum per award \$100,000).
- [Apply to attend a 3-week course on Interactive Learning Competency for Rural Innovation in Higher Education - Due by April 29, 2014.](#) The course will take place from October 20 - November 7, 2014 in Wageningen, The Netherlands, and it is for lecturers and researchers working in higher agricultural and rural education organizations.
- [Apply for a partial fellowship for the residential course Gender Equality for Development Effectiveness - Due by April 14, 2014.](#) The fellowships are intended for nationals of ODA countries. The course will take place in Turin, Italy from May 26 - 30, 2014.
- [Apply to attend the Ag Innovation Entrepreneurship Academy - Due by May 23, 2014.](#) The academy, hosted by UC Davis, will run from June 24 - 26, 2014. It is designed for upper-division undergrads, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers and faculty working in food and agriculture-related fields.

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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 [news@fsnnetwork.org](mailto:news@fsnnetwork.org).

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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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