



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

[A Conceptual Framework for Conducting Country and Economic Assessment of Aflatoxin Contamination: Application to Tanzania and Nigeria:](#)

SecureNutrition, Jan. 16, 2014; WDC

[Scaling Up Re-greening Solutions in Africa to Boost Smallholder Yield:](#)

AgriLinks, Jan. 22, 2014; WDC

[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

[Care Groups Implementation Training Workshop:](#)

TOPS, Feb. 3 - 7, 2014; WDC

[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

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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](#)

REVISED: FY 2014 Request for Applications for Title II Development Food Assistance Programs

USAID released the final Fiscal Year 2014 (FY 2014) Request for Applications (RFA) for Title II Development Food Assistance Programs in Burundi, Madagascar and Malawi. The documents for FY 2014 include the RFA itself along with country-specific information for the three countries indicated (i.e., Burundi, Madagascar and Malawi). Click [here](#) to download the documents. Updates to the RFA are highlighted in yellow.

Applications are due on **Thursday, April 3rd by 11:59 AM EDT**. Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant, and all preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

USAID reserves the right to adjust the number of awards, funding levels and sources of funding, given the budget environment and other considerations.

Please note that no FFP country backstop officers or field representatives should be contacted about information contained in the RFA materials. Direct all comments and inquiries to Juli Majernik at jmajernik@usaid.gov with a copy to FFPDocs@amexdc2.com.

FFP technical experts relied on comments received from the food aid community as well as input from the June meeting with representatives of the Title II community hosted by TOPS concerning the FY 2013 RFA for several of the changes in this FY 2014 RFA.

Learn more on the USAID FFP [website](#).

FFPMIS Training - IFRP Programs

The Office of Food for Peace will be offering Food for Peace Management Information System (FFPMIS) training sessions for PVO partners on February 5th and 7th. **The trainings will be specific to the International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) program and are geared at current grantees and potential applicants.** The training

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

[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

TOPS Training in Uganda

TOPS will be conducting a 5-day quantitative data analysis workshop for Anglophone Africa targeting programs in Liberia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Kenya, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda. The workshop will be held in Kampala, Uganda from January 20 - 24, 2014.

will cover creating and submitting IFRP applications and Annual Results Reports (ARRs) in FFPMIS. Please note that all future applications to the IFRP program and all future Annual Results Report submissions will be required to be completed in FFPMIS.

There will be four separate sessions, each covering the same material:

- February 5th, 9:00 -11:30 AM
- February 5th, 1:00 -3:30 PM
- February 7th, 9:00 -11:30 AM
- February 7th, 1:00 -3:30 PM

If you would like to register for training, please return the attached form to Tammy Boger at tboger@usaid.gov by January 24th. Every effort will be made to respect your requested date, but sessions may be cancelled if there is insufficient interest in a particular session.

The trainings will take place at the Washington Learning Center at 2231 Crystal Drive in Arlington, VA. Additional logistical information will be provided in the registration confirmation.

Please contact Tammy Boger with any training-related questions.

Reminder: 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.

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.

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

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

Online Discussion

[HLPE Consultation on the V0 Draft of the Report: Food Losses and Waste in the Context of Sustainable Food Systems](#) from Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition

Did You Know?

The African Orphan Crops Consortium (AOCC) launched the [African Plant Breeding Academy](#) to help improve the livelihoods of Africa's smallholder farmers and their families, reduce hunger and boost Africa's food supply.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[The Challenge of Measuring Hunger](#) from World Bank

[Livelihoods at the Limit: Food Security in a Changing World](#) from Save the Children

[The Role of Ecosystems in Food Security](#) from FAO

[Production and Processing of Foods as Core Aspects of Nutrition-sensitive Agriculture and Sustainable Diets](#) from Biodiversity International

[Report from Haiti - Teaching to Fish: The Akamil Production Facility is Deemed a Sustainable Project for the Rural Community of Thomonde](#) from Project Medishare

[Development of](#)

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](#) (Rescheduled), February 11, 2014, 12:30 - 2:00 PM EST

Featured Information Resource: Training Guide: Gender and Climate Change Research in Agriculture and Food Security for Rural Development

This [training guide](#) promotes gender-responsive and socially-sensitive climate change research and development in the agriculture and food security sectors through participatory approaches. It focuses on the household and community levels. A number of resources and tools are provided in the guide for collecting, analyzing and sharing gender-sensitive information about agricultural communities, households and individual household members who are facing climatic changes.



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

Job Postings

- [Deputy Director of Nutrition](#) based in WDC with ACDI/VOCA
- [Nutrition Advisor](#) based in WDC with Global Health Fellow II
- [Program Manager, The Sackler Institute for Nutrition Science](#) based in NYC with The New York Academy of Sciences
- [President and Chief Executive Officer](#) based in NYC with The Hunger Project
- [Deputy Director of Programs, HarvestPlus](#) based in WDC with IFPRI
- [Chief of Party - Bangladesh Livestock](#) based in Bangladesh with Land O'Lakes International Development
- [Agricultural Specialist](#) based in Malawi with The World Bank
- [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
- [Emergency Nutrition Officer](#) with International Medical Corps
- [Commodity Management Consultant](#) based in San Diego, CA with PCI Global

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.

[Evidence-based Dietary Recommendations for Children, Pregnant Women, and Lactating Women Living in the Western Highlands of Guatemala](#) from FANTA

[Revitalizing Vanilla in Madagascar](#) from CRS

Articles

[WaterWheel to Ease Burden on Women](#) from *The Guardian*

[Pakistan Moves to Introduce Flood-tolerant Rice Varieties](#) from Thompson Reuters Foundation

[World Food Prices Stay High But Steady](#) from FAO

[A Weighty Problem: How to Halt Obesity in the Developing World](#) from *The Guardian*

For more information, visit fsnnetwork.org.

- Germany's Federal Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV) issued a call for proposals, aiming to fund projects that deal with nutrition-sensitive food production, with particular focus on the contribution of a diversified agriculture to combat malnutrition. Learn more and apply [here](#).
- Public Health Nutrition (PHN) seeks original manuscripts for a Special Issue on Sustainability and Public Health Nutrition scheduled to appear in 2015. The special issue aims to analyze the impact of sustainable and non-sustainable food systems on public health nutrition, and to describe sustainability initiatives in the form of interventions, programs, and policies, and their effects on nutrition and diet-related outcomes. Submissions are due by March 15, 2014. Learn more [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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