



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: Nutrition Assessment, Counseling, and Support \(NACS\): A User's Guide:](#)

FANTA; February 12, 2014; Online

[Sustainable Microenterprise and Development Program:](#)

The Carsey Institute/University of New Hampshire and Ghana Microfinance Institutions Network (GHAMFIN); March 10 - 21, 2014; Accra, Ghana

[Innovator's Forum:](#) Unite for Sight; March 14, 2014; New Haven, CT

[Minimum Economic Recovery Standards Training:](#) SEEP; March 17 - 20, 2014; Manila, Philippines

[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; March 25 - 28, 2014; Ciudad Obregón, Mexico

[Consumer Behavior and Food Science Innovations for Optimal Nutrition:](#) The New York Academy of Sciences,

## 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](#)

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## Staffing of Environmental Management for Food Assistance Programs

A [discussion](#) on the Food Security and Nutrition Network looks at the approaches that development food assistance programs have used for staffing environmental management.

This is the second of three [online discussions](#) on the FSN Network Online Portal to foster conversation around methods for "greening" development food assistance programs. The TOPS Program will be pulling together the comments of participants of the online discussions and sharing them with the USAID/DCHA Bureau Environmental Officer.

Follow the discussion and add your voice at [fsnnetwork.org](http://fsnnetwork.org).

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

Applications are due on Thursday, April 3rd by 11:59 AM EDT for Title II Development Food Assistance Programs in Burundi, Madagascar and Malawi. Click [here](#) to download the associated documents.

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](mailto:jmajernik@usaid.gov) with a copy to [FFPDocs@amexdc2.com](mailto: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.

The Sackler Institute for Nutrition Sciences; March 26, 2014; NYC

[Global Health 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

### Online Discussion

[Focusing on Rural Women in a Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\) Framework](#) from Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition

### New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Women's Empowerment in Agriculture: What Role](#)

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

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## Save the Date: Commodity Tracking System Demonstrations and Consultation

**March 17 - 18, 2014**  
**Washington, DC**

The TOPS Commodity Management Team is hosting a meeting examining cutting-edge Commodity Tracking Systems (CTS) in Washington, DC on March 17 - 18. Several PVOs implementing Title II programs on behalf of USAID's Office of Food for Peace will present their respective electronic commodity tracking systems. During the 1.5 day workshop, participants will be able to familiarize themselves with the features and functionalities of the different systems. The presentations will be followed by a structured discussion on the pros and cons of standardizing such systems.

Anyone active in food security and commodity management is encouraged to attend this meeting. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Send questions about the meeting to Birendra Kumar (BK) De at [bkde@savechildren.org](mailto:bkde@savechildren.org).

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## 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.*

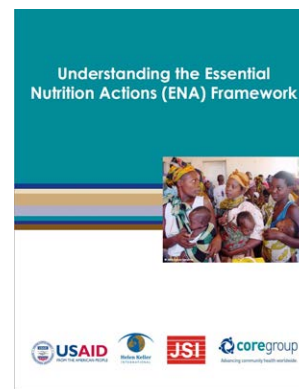
- [Care Groups Forward Discussion Group Meeting](#) (Rescheduled), February 11, 2014, 12:30 - 2:00 PM EST
- [Commodity Management Task Force Meeting](#), February 12, 2014, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST
- [Gender Task Force Meeting](#), February 12, 2014, 1:30 - 3:00 PM EST
- [Agriculture Task Force Meeting](#), February 26, 2014, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

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## Featured Information Resource: Essential Nutrition Actions Framework

The [Essential Nutrition Actions \(ENA\) Framework](#) is an operational framework for managing the advocacy, planning and delivery of an integrated package of preventive nutrition actions encompassing infant and young child feeding (IYCF), micronutrients and women's nutrition.

A new document, [Understanding the Essential Nutrition Actions \(ENA\)](#)



[for Food Security in Bangladesh?](#) from IFPRI

[The Fetishism of Humanitarian Objects and the Management of Malnutrition in Emergencies](#) from Third World Quarterly

[Using Feedback and Response Mechanisms for Development Programming in Zimbabwe](#) from CRS

[Standardized Mid-Upper Arm Circumference Cutoffs for Adolescents and Adults](#) from FANTA

[Forests, Food Security, and Gender](#) from FAO

[Development and Acceptability of a Novel Milk-free Soybean-Maize-Sorghum Ready-to-use Therapeutic Food \(SMS-RUTF\) Based on Industrial Extrusion Cooking Process](#) from Maternal & Child Nutrition

## Articles

[The Farm Bill and International Food Aid: What You Need to Know](#) from The Huffington Post

[Opinion: Congress Approves Commonsense Food Aid Reforms](#) from Agri-Pulse

[Understanding Demand for Smallholder Farming](#) (Blog Series) from

[Framework](#), was recently added to describe the tools and guidance that have been developed to support implementation of the ENA framework, including key message booklets, training programs, and assessment tools.

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

## Job Postings

- [Gender Advisor, Rise Program](#) based in DRC with Mercy Corps
- [Nutrition Advisor](#) based in Mozambique with Concern Worldwide
- [Technical Advisor, Gender](#) based in WDC with PCI
- [Advisor, Infant and Young Child Nutrition \(IYCN\), Social and Behavior Change Communication \(SBCC\), SPRING Project](#) based in Rosslyn, Virginia with Save the Children
- [Head of Nutrition and Health Department](#) based in Sierra Leone with ACF International
- [Head of Nutrition and Health Department](#) based in Bangladesh with ACF International
- [Deputy Director of Nutrition](#) based in WDC with ACDI/VOCA
- [Community Mobilisation Advisor](#) with International Medical Corps
- [Emergency Health Advisor](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Short-term Consultants](#) based in Nairobi, Kenya with World Agroforestry Centre
- [Food for Peace Program Operations Specialist](#) based in WDC with USAID
- [Nutrition Advisor](#) based in Dublin or UK with Concern Worldwide
- [Project Director, Skills to Succeed](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Senior Gender Agribusiness Specialist](#) with IFC
- [Mid- to Senior-level Specialists](#) based in WDC with Social Impact

## 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](#) the **Global Food Security Symposium 2014**

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[Crop-eating Pests Plague Southern African Farmers](#) from IRIN

[Analysis: Turning to Ancient Diets to Alleviate Modern Ills](#) from IRIN

[Falling Leaves: Kenya's Farmers Falter as Tea Prices Drop](#) from Think Africa Press

### Next Generation Delegation - Due March 21, 2014.

Convened annually by The Chicago Council, the Global Food Security Symposium discusses the US government and international community's progress on addressing global food and nutrition security. The Next Generation Delegation program was launched in 2013 to provide an opportunity for promising students to engage in symposium discussions and interact with policy, civil society, and business leaders working on agriculture, food, and nutrition issues. This year's Symposium will be on May 22, 2014 in Washington, DC, and it will focus on adapting food and nutrition systems to climate change.

- **Submit a blog pitch to The Guardian's Global Development Professionals Network - Ongoing.** The Global Development Professionals Network is accepting blog pitches from those in the farming and food security sector on the issues that affect their work, within the context of global development. Contributor guidelines can be found [here](#). Send a brief summary of your blog idea to [anna.scott@theguardian.com](mailto:anna.scott@theguardian.com) for review.

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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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