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Dear Partners,

On July 10, 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law the legislation that would eventually become known as the Food for Peace Act. For more than 60 years, the Food for Peace (FFP) program has been bringing help and hope to the far reaches of the world - serving more than 3 billion hungry people since it began. In July of this year, the U.S. Congress passed a new bill, the Global Food Security Act (GFSA), which enshrined into law the Office of Food for Peace's cash based food assistance program known as the Emergency Food Security Program (EFSP). Taken together the Food for Peace Act and GFSA provide FFP and its partners with a powerful set of tools to advance our collective vision of ending hunger in our lifetimes.

This is indeed an exciting time in the world of food assistance and we welcome you to this TOPS/FSN Network East & Southern Africa Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting. You will be learning this week about FFP's new ten year strategy, which we will launch publicly in October, and you will have intensive conversations about advancements across key sectors vital to improving food and nutrition security for the most vulnerable.

When we established TOPS in 2010, we did so with the intent that our partners can do their best and have the most impact by sharing collaboratively with their colleagues. In the six years since it started, TOPS has exemplified what we were striving for, by providing the space for Food for Peace's partners and other food security experts to share, learn, and build a knowledge base for food assistance programs.

We are working with all of you to strive for greater impact with greater efficiency and sustainability. I encourage you to take full advantage of your time together to identify promising practices and bring those approaches home with you to make a vital difference for the communities in which you work.

We also invite you to tweet us - @USAIDFFP using the hashtag #KSAfrica16 - to share your thoughts on what difference the Food for Peace programs are making in the lives of hungry people.

With best wishes for a successful workshop,

Dina Esposito
Director, Office of Food for Peace



Remember to follow Food for Peace and Dina on Twitter at @USAIDFFP and @DEsposito_FFP.



The TOPS Program

Strengthening innovation and learning within the food security and nutrition community

The Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Program is the USAID Food for Peace-funded participatory learning initiative that **generates, captures, disseminates, and applies** the highest quality **information, knowledge, and promising practices** in development food assistance programming.

The TOPS Program ensures that more communities and households benefit from the US Government's investment in fighting global hunger.

MAIN PROGRAM MECHANISMS:

Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Network	Technical Capacity Strengthening	Small Grants Program
Online and in-person community of practice, connecting food security and nutrition practitioners.	Sector-specific technical trainings for both implementing and donor staff at the country, regional, and home office level.	Grants that fund research, documentation, and innovation to help the food security community design and implement stronger programs.

Led by Save the Children, TOPS is a consortium program drawing on the expertise of its partners: CORE Group (Knowledge Management), Food for the Hungry (Social and Behavioral Change), Mercy Corps (Agriculture and Natural Resource Management), and TANGO International (Monitoring and Evaluation). Save the Children brings its experience and expertise in Commodity Management, Gender, and Nutrition and Food Technology, as well as managing this seven-year (2010-2017), US \$30 million award.

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The Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Network

Connecting food security and nutrition practitioners, donors, and researchers

The FSN Network provides a venue for...

- Implementers** to share promising practices, experiences, tools, and approaches for better program implementation.
- International NGOs, academicians, and researchers** to circulate new policies, guidelines, and evidence.
- USAID Food for Peace** to seek input through consultations, surveys, Task Force dialogue, and meetings.

FEATURES OF THE FSN NETWORK:

- Knowledge Sharing Meetings** Learn new skills, discuss and explore emerging issues and recent tools, and meet fellow implementers, donors, and researchers at Knowledge Sharing Meetings around the world. These meetings prioritize knowledge exchange through discussion and activity to stimulate cross-organizational collaboration and learning.
- Task Forces** Join together with other practitioners in your area of expertise to share experiences, engage in peer learning, and develop and adapt crucial tools that are responsive to stakeholder needs.
Agriculture & Natural Resource Management | Commodity Management | Gender | Knowledge Management Monitoring & Evaluation | Nutrition & Food Technology | Resilience | Social & Behavioral Change
- FSNNetwork.org** Explore the online home for the FSN Network community of practice, where you can participate in online discussions, browse Task Force-recommended tools and over 700 resources, find and register for upcoming events, stay up-to-date on Food for Peace updates and relevant news, and review materials from past meetings and webinars.
- FSN Network News** Find all the relevant news, events, resources, and funding opportunities you need in one place in this bi-weekly e-newsletter, which reaches 2,300+ food security and nutrition implementers. Sign up at bit.ly/FSNNews.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY TODAY AT FSNNETWORK.ORG!

The FSN Network is a tool of the TOPS Program, the USAID Food for Peace-funded learning mechanism that brings the highest quality information, knowledge, and best practices in food assistance programming to implementers and donors around the world.



Dear Participants,

Greetings and welcome to the TOPS/FSN Network East & Southern Africa Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting. Our theme for this event is “Changing Landscapes of Food Security.”

As we begin the last year of the current TOPS Program, I recall the many exciting knowledge sharing meetings we have held over the past six years. From the first TOPS/FSN Network Technical Meeting in 2011 in Baltimore, Maryland USA, to the “Learning from the Past, Shaping the Future” event in Dhaka, Bangladesh last year, the TOPS/FSN Network knowledge exchange events have grown to become important collaborative learning experiences across the entire food security community. They enable us to share what we have learned, to explore new avenues of inquiry together, and to identify areas we need to know more about to improve the food security and nutrition status of vulnerable populations around the world.

True to this tradition, this knowledge sharing meeting brings together more than 200 program implementers, researchers, academics, and donors from around the globe devoted to tackling food insecurity in sub-Saharan Africa. Through a mix of plenary and concurrent sessions over the course of three days, you will share your knowledge and experience and learn the latest information and practices to strengthen food security programming and help bolster resilience among vulnerable populations.

Thank you for joining us. Together we will make this an exciting and fruitful three days! We look forward to your participation and valuable contributions.

Sincerely,

Director, The TOPS Program

Tuesday, September 20

7:30am – 8:30am	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
8:30am – 10:30am	WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Victoria Ballroom	Welcome <i>Mark Fritzler, The TOPS Program</i> Opening Remarks <i>Mark Meassick, USAID/Uganda</i> Keynote Address <i>Joyce Luma, World Food Program</i> Announcements
10:30am – 10:45am	BREAK
10:45am – 12:15pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Victoria Ballroom	What’s the Fuss About Cash and Vouchers? <i>Gift Sibanda, World Vision International South Sudan; Georgia Sheehy-Beans, ACDI/VOCA Sierra Leone; Andrew Webster, Samaritan’s Purse Democratic Republic of the Congo; Albert Muraisa, World Vision International Zimbabwe</i>
Meera	Theory of Change Refinement: Challenges, Opportunities, and Lessons Learned <i>Mara Russell, CARE USA; Edith Mutalya, Monitoring and Evaluation Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program</i>
Sheena	Maximizing Community Food Demonstrations: Community-led Complementary Feeding Learning Sessions, Use of Locally Available Indigenous Vegetables, and “Power Porridges” <i>Mary Mpinda, Catholic Relief Services; Dane Fredenburg, Catholic Relief Services; Dr. Samuel Ayamba, Project Concern International Liberia; Gwenelyn O’Donnell-Blake, Project Concern International</i>
12:15pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH
Victoria Ballroom	12:30pm – 1:20pm Table Topics
1:30pm – 3:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Victoria Ballroom	Strengthening Smallholder Farmer Resilience to a Changing Climate <i>Richard Ndou, World Vision Zimbabwe; Patrick Kiirya, Busaino Fruit and Trees</i>
Meera	Partnership in Learning <i>Stuart Belle, QED Group LLC; Augustine Wandera, QED Group LLC; Peter Birigenda, USAID/Uganda</i>
Sheena	Effective Mental Health Interventions Facilitated by Trained Community Lay Workers <i>William Kibaalya, StrongMinds Uganda; Lincoln Ndogoni, University of Nairobi</i>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	BREAK
3:30pm – 5:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Victoria Ballroom	1 + 1 = 1: Successful Examples of Engaging Men and Women for Positive Impact <i>Margaret McLoughlin, Mercy Corps Uganda; Amanda Satterly, TechnoServe; Emmanuel Ssegawa, Concern Worldwide Uganda</i>
Meera	Food Monitoring and Oversight for Efficient Commodity Management <i>Esatu Elilo, World Vision International</i>
Sheena	Formative Research and Nutrition in Food for Peace-funded Programming in Zimbabwe <i>Lucia Gwete, World Vision Zimbabwe; Pamela Murakwani, International Medical Corps; Mutsa Dzimba, The Manoff Group</i>
5:00pm – 7:00pm	SOCIAL RECEPTION

Wednesday, September 21

7:30am – 8:30am	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
8:30am – 10:30am	PLENARY
Victoria Ballroom	Plenary FFP’s New 2016-2025 Strategy <i>Joan Whelan, USAID Office of Food for Peace</i> Announcements
10:30am – 10:45am	BREAK
10:45am – 12:15pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Victoria Ballroom	Transitioning to New Monitoring and Evaluation Requirements <i>Jose Thekkiniath, Catholic Relief Services; Dane Fredenburg, Catholic Relief Services; Jayachandran Vasudevan, Catholic Relief Services</i>
Meera	Seed Systems and Markets <i>Astrid Mastenbroek, Wageningen University; Charles Katabalwa, Community Enterprises Development Organization; Tracy Mitchell, Mercy Corps Uganda</i>
Sheena	Maintaining Momentum for Dynamic Change: Lessons Learned from Gender Integration in Food Security Programs <i>Lydia Mbevi, ACDI/VOCA; Athanasius Oguti, Mercy Corps</i>
12:15pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH
Victoria Ballroom	12:30pm – 1:20pm Table Topics
1:30pm – 3:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Victoria Ballroom	Building and Sustaining Effective Field-Based Networks <i>Lucy Asiimwe Twinamasiko, AgriProFocus Uganda; Samuel Mugarura, Famine Early Warning Systems Network</i>
Meera	WASH, Environmental Enteric Dysfunction (EED) and Stunting: Reflections on Intervention Design and Implementation <i>Dadirai Fundira, Cornell University</i>
Sheena	A Look at the New Sampling Guide for Beneficiary-Based Surveys for Select Feed the Future Agricultural Annual Monitoring Indicators <i>Diana Stukel, FHI 360</i>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	BREAK
3:30pm – 5:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Victoria Ballroom	Creating Lasting Change: Building Sustainability into Food Assistance Projects <i>Beatrice Lorge Rogers, Tufts University</i>
Meera	Emotional Drivers of Behavior <i>Ben Tidwell, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Jenala Chipungu, Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia</i>
Sheena	Fraud Prevention in Commodity Management <i>Birendra Kumar “BK” De, The TOPS Program</i>

Thursday, September 22

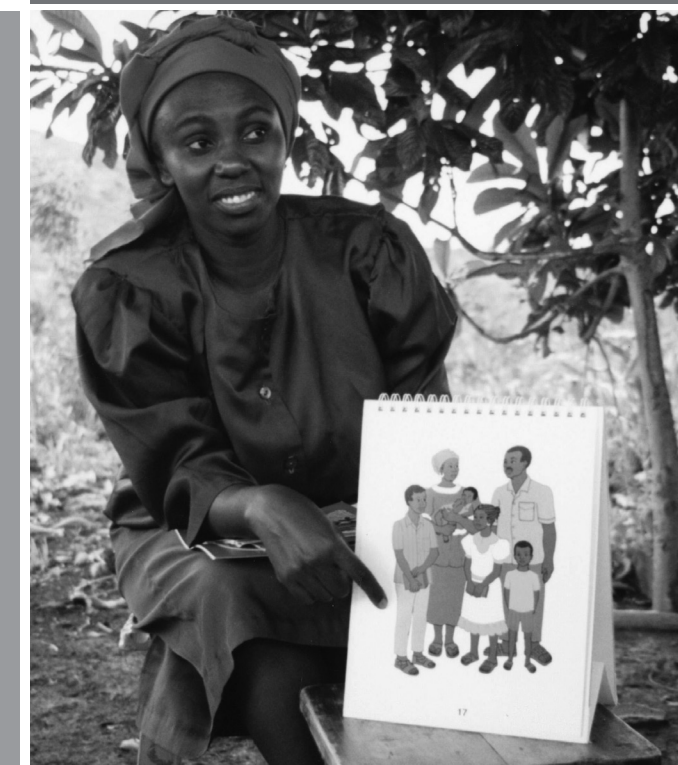
7:30am – 8:30am	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
8:30am – 10:30am	PLENARY
Victoria Ballroom	Plenary Food Assistance Modalities: Evaluating Benefits and Trade-offs to Meet Humanitarian Food Needs <i>John Lamm, USAID Office of Food for Peace</i> Announcements
10:30am – 10:45am	BREAK
10:45am – 12:15pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Victoria Ballroom	Gender Equality and the Resilience Agenda: Moving Toward Transformative Change <i>Laurie Starr, The TOPS Program; Kristi Tabaj, The TOPS Program</i>
Meera	From Data to Decision-Making: Utilizing Evaluations and Reports to Inform Strategy <i>Justin Lawrence, QED Group LLC</i>
Sheena	Care Groups: Essentials and Innovations <i>Lucia Gwete, World Vision Zimbabwe; Rebecca Oketcho, Concern Worldwide Uganda; Etsegenet Hailu, Food for the Hungry Ethiopia; Geoffrey Arijole Nyakuni, Food for the Hungry Democratic Republic of Congo</i>
12:15pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH
Victoria Ballroom	12:30pm – 1:20pm Table Topics
1:30pm – 3:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Victoria Ballroom	Measuring Resilience: Recent Work on Measuring Pastoral Livelihood Diversification and Resilience in Africa <i>Tim Frankenberger, TANGO International; Mark Langworthy, TANGO International; Roy William Mayega, Makerere University</i>
Meera	Video Documentation of Community Activities in a Nutrition Project in Southwest Uganda <i>Joan Jennings, The TOPS Program</i>
Sheena	Engaging Youth in Agriculture: Age and Gender Considerations to Improve Program Design <i>Sandrine Chetail, Mercy Corps; Jane Lowicki-Zucca, GOAL; Faith Akello, Youth Farmer</i>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	BREAK
3:30pm – 5:00pm	PLENARY SESSION
Victoria Ballroom	Taking the Learning Home: Messages and Meaning for Your Programs <i>Marsha Slater, Facilitator, Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting</i>



TOPS Small Grant

The TOPS Small Grants Program helped organizations design, test, and share promising practices, tools, guidance, and skills to help others in the food security community design and implement stronger programs.

Read more about the previous grant recipients in our *Small Grants, Big Impact: A Retrospective of the TOPS Small Grants Program 2010-2015* located at the TOPS Table and online at:
bit.ly/2bCQazt



Please note that the current grant period is over and unfortunately we are unable to accept proposals at this time. We are grateful for the enthusiasm we've seen and the work that's been done as a result of this program.



Mark Meassick, Mission Director, USAID/Uganda

Mark Andrew Meassick is the Mission Director for USAID/Uganda since July 2016. Previously, he served as the Mission's Deputy Director overseeing all USAID programs and playing an important role in advocating for development perspectives in the Ambassador's inter-agency team.

During the last eleven years, Mark has worked for USAID and is a Foreign Service Officer. Before joining USAID/Uganda, he was the Supervisory Program Officer for USAID/Kenya's \$480M program since September 2008. He contributed to improving management systems to monitor program performance, led the design of innovative programs on youth in development, and doubled the size of the Program Office staff that still had the same size when the program was

\$40 million in 2002.

Prior to his time in Kenya, Mark worked in Sudan and South Sudan. He became the first Supervisory Program Officer to be based in Khartoum in May 2007, supporting an \$800 million program. He hired new staff, established systems to improve program performance, and served as Acting Mission Director to cover a two-month gap. In late 2006, he was assigned to Juba, South Sudan, opening the USAID Mission Program Office after a decade of closure.

Mark's USAID career started in 2005 when he joined USAID/Afghanistan focusing on the Economic Growth Portfolio that expanded to \$220 million a year with a life of project total value of over \$800 million. He crafted new programs for rural finance and small and medium enterprise development, the two largest such USAID programs in the world at that time.

Prior to joining USAID, Mark worked in Latin America for 17 years, twelve of those with the Organization of American States, carrying out policy work on rural development in poverty reduction throughout the Americas. He also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Swaziland and a Personal Services Contractor for USAID in Lesotho in 1986-87.

Mark was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. He holds two Masters Degrees in Education and Business Administration from University of Massachusetts - Amherst. He is fluent in Spanish and once proficient in siSwati and siZulu.



Joyce Luma, South Sudan Country Director and Representative, World Food Program

Ms. Joyce Kanyangwa Luma is the Country Director of and Representative for the World Food Program (WFP) in South Sudan since June 2014. Previously, Ms. Luma served as the Deputy Director of Policy, Program and Innovation Division in Rome, Italy since February 2013. In this position, she was the global leader of Vulnerability analysis and Mapping (VAM) activities and nutrition.

Between 2005 and 2013, she was the Chief of WFP's Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) Unit – a major information base for strategic and operational decisions for WFP. She worked for the Southern African Regional Bureau and the Western and Central Asian Cluster as the Regional Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping Advisor from 1999 to 2005. Prior to that she managed a Food Security Information and Health Information System on behalf of FAO in Zambia and was a research fellow at the University of Zambia.

Ms. Luma holds a Doctorate in Food and Nutrition with a minor in Agricultural Economics from Texas Tech University. She is a native of Zambia.

WELCOME AND KEYNOTE | 8:30AM | VICTORIA BALLROOM**Welcome**

Mark Fritzler, Program Director, The TOPS Program

Opening Remarks

Mark Meassick, Mission Director, USAID/Uganda

Keynote Address

Joyce Luma, South Sudan Country Director and Representative, World Food Program

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 10:45AM**What's the Fuss About Cash and Vouchers?**

Tuesday, September 20 | 10:45am – 12:15pm | Victoria Ballroom

PRESENTERS: Gift Sibanda, World Vision International South Sudan; Georgia Sheehy-Beans, ACDI/VOCA Sierra Leone; Andrew Webster, Samaritan's Purse Democratic Republic of the Congo; Albert Muraisa, World Vision International Zimbabwe | MODERATOR: Jenny Coneff, North America Regional Focal Point, Cash Learning Partnership, @jcconeff

Come to this session to understand why cash and voucher programming is becoming increasingly important in both humanitarian and development contexts. Join our expert presenters as they share their experiences and lessons learned with preparing for, designing, monitoring, and coordinating cash and voucher programming in different contexts. Bring your questions for the experts and share your own lessons learned! We will conclude by linking questions and lessons learned with upcoming research, events, and training.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Understood that the assistance we deliver is changing fundamentally based on evidence and changing opportunities.
- Been exposed to various examples of cash and voucher programming.
- Engaged with and discussed big questions in cash and voucher programming.

Theory of Change Refinement: Challenges, Opportunities, and Lessons Learned

Tuesday, September 20 | 10:45am – 12:15pm | Meera

PRESENTERS: Mara Russell, Director of Food Security, CARE USA; Edith Mutalya, Monitoring and Evaluation Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

This session will begin with Mara Russell sharing CARE's experience from the Harande project in Mali regarding the program's on-going research, learning inquiry and the review of findings against the theory of change. This includes a review of the roles of technical staff, monitoring & evaluation staff and knowledge management specialists, and how their contributions have supported this process. Participants will then split into small groups to discuss the Refine and Implement approach, launched recently by the USAID Office of Food for Peace, which requires close collaboration and consultation with the community and adaptation of the theory of change that is informed by ongoing learning. Participants will explore how, if at all, Refine and Implement will change current monitoring & evaluation processes and systems, documenting concerns and opportunities that are likely to come from this new approach.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Been exposed to lessons learned from one case study, the Harande project in Mali
- Explored what opportunities exist for achieving greater impact through learning and adapting the program theory of change.
- Gained new insights into the role of monitoring & evaluation systems in informing the Refine and Implement approach.

Maximizing Community Food Demonstrations: Community-led Complementary Feeding Learning Sessions, Use of Locally Available Indigenous Vegetables, and "Power Porridges"

Tuesday, September 20 | 10:45am – 12:15pm | Sheena

PRESENTERS: Mary Mpinda, Maternal, Child Health, and Nutrition (MCHN) Technical Integration Lead, UBALE Project, Catholic Relief Services; Dane Fredenburg, Chief of Party, UBALE Project, Catholic Relief Services; Dr. Samuel Ayamba, Senior Programs Manager, Project Concern International Liberia; Gwenelyn O'Donnell-Blake, Senior Food and Nutrition Security Technical Advisor, Project Concern International | MODERATOR: Joan Jennings, Nutrition and Food Technology Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) will share their learning process in the use of community-based cooking and feeding demonstrations, starting with a Postive Deviance/Hearth approach in previous projects in Southern Africa, to which on-going learning has contributed to their present approach of Community-led Complementary Feeding Learning Sessions (CCFLS) in the UBALE Project in Malawi. CRS will also share how they have incorporated into CCFLS a focus on available indigenous vegetables. Project Concern International will share lessons learned from the development and roll out of "Power Porridges," which were promoted in the LAUNCH Project in Liberia. Participants will discuss what can be key learning objectives when including food demonstration activities in project plans.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Identified specific learning objectives they can include in community-based cooking and feeding demonstration activities to maximize their contribution to the improved nutritional status of women and children.
- Become familiar with specific techniques that can be used in the development of appropriate recipes for community cooking and feeding demonstrations.
- Identified factors to take into consideration so that improved food preparation and consumption is sustainable after a program's end.

LUNCHTIME SESSIONS | 12:30PM**Table Topics**

Tuesday, September 20 | 12:30pm – 1:20pm | Victoria Ballroom

Stop by a few of these informal discussion tables, or join one the whole time.

The Commodity Management Toolkit: An Overview

Birendra Kumar "BK" De, Commodity Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

The Commodity Management (CM) Toolkit is a one-stop shop for all the tools that may be required during the entire life of any commodity: from the time an award is given until food is delivered to beneficiaries. It contains process flow maps indicating step-by-step activities at each stage of the commodity life cycle, as well as over 100 tools to ensure efficient commodity management. The Toolkit will help staff identify both their specific commodity management responsibilities, and how their tasks are related to, dependent on, or required for other activities or tasks. It will also allow users to rapidly locate – and understand – any specific process, activity or task, and then access the corresponding tool(s) to implement the action. The CM Toolkit will be freely available to the implementing agencies as a reference guide, and can be adapted to suit local requirements.

The Cost of the Diet Tool

Julia Crowley, Program Specialist, The TOPS Program

The Cost of the Diet is an innovative method and software developed by Save the Children to better understand the extent to which poverty affects nutritional status. The tool estimates, at the lowest cost, what amount and combination of local foods are needed to provide individuals or typical families with their average needs for energy and their recommended intakes of protein, fat, and micronutrients. If it is not possible to meet energy and nutrient specifications using local foods, the software helps identify which nutrient specifications are most difficult to meet. This tool has been used in program planning, development, and advocacy. Since 2005, more than 18 Cost of the Diet assessments and reports have been completed by various organizations.

Designing for Behavior Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management

Gitau Mbure, Senior Technical Advisor for Agriculture, World Vision

Despite many years of investment in training and technical support to address the challenges that smallholder farmers

face, adoption rates for sustainable agriculture practices remain low in many of the countries where USAID Office of Food For Peace implementers work. Behavioral factors such as traditional beliefs, cultural attitudes, and social norms can facilitate or hinder adoption of desired practices. In view of this, development actors are increasingly interested in the application of behavior change approaches to complement traditional agriculture extension. Over the past few years, The TOPS Program has been promoting the Designing for Behavior Change (DBC) methodology. While the application of DBC is common in water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and nutrition sectors, the approach is fairly new in agriculture. During this session, participants will explore implementers' experiences in the practical application of the DBC methodology in agriculture and natural resource management and learn about what is working and what challenges exist.

Data Collection Systems for Annual Monitoring Indicators

Diana Stukel, Senior Scientist, Survey Methods, FANTA Project, FHI 360

Implementing partners have responsibility for collecting data and reporting on USAID Office of Food for Peace annual monitoring indicators relating to their beneficiaries. Often the data collection mechanisms for distinct sector indicators cannot be the same because the beneficiaries served are not the same. For some indicators, routine monitoring might be the best option, while for others, beneficiary-based surveys might be preferable. Additionally, project records or secondary sources may be the best option for some indicators. This session explores why implementing partners need to examine each indicator and consider the best mechanism for collecting data - while balancing this against overburdening monitoring and evaluation systems with too many mechanisms.

Developing Sustainable Extension Services: A Uganda Case Study

Joseph MK Mulema, Plantwise Regional Support Manager, Center for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI); Annette Kawooya Bogere, Director, CKW Program, Grameen Foundation; Daniel Ninsiima, ICT Specialist, Agricultural Innovations Systems Brokerage Association (AGINSBA); Ronald Rwakigumba, Uganda Country Coordinator, Mercy Corps Uganda

Unlocking the potential of 69% of Uganda's agricultural households that practice subsistence agriculture by empowering them to participate in commercial farming will require efficient and effective extension services. This requires enhancing the quality of the extension services, scale, and demand-driven business models, all of which can be aided by suitable application of ICTs. The discussion will leverage the combined learning from CABI, Grameen Foundation, AGINSBA, and Mercy Corps Uganda in developing and sourcing content; content certification working closely with Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries; development of mobile platforms for decentralizing access, farmer profiling and piloting demand-driven business models for sustainability.

Multimedia Tool: A Pathway to Enhance Gender Equity

Etsegenet Hailu, Director of Health and Nutrition Programs, Food for the Hungry Ethiopia; Getahun Shibeshi, Deputy Chief of Party, DFAP, Food for the Hungry Ethiopia

Food for the Hungry employed a multi-faceted approach using multimedia tools unique to Northern Ethiopia to address gender-related behavior change in a USAID Title II Food for Peace-funded development food assistance program. The session will discuss the impact and lessons learned from the project.

The Forest Garden Approach

Gabriel Buttram, Director of Programs, Trees for the Future

Trees for the Future's Forest Garden Approach is a phased methodology that provides farmers with the skills and resources they need to transform their degraded lands into diverse and sustainable agricultural systems that can significantly increase food security and income opportunities. In this discussion, participants will learn about the system, extension methodology, and results, and will be encouraged to offer thoughts and recommendations on the applicability of the system, and share experiences with similar systems they have encountered.

Making Agrilinks Work for You: Discussing Knowledge Sharing Good Practices

Justin Lawrence, Assessing and Learning Portfolio Manager, Feed the Future Knowledge-Driven Agricultural Development (KDAD), QED Group LLC

Where do you go to learn about the latest in international food security and agriculture development? Do you read

articles, attend webinars, or just "Google it"? For this table topic discussion, we will explore how you and your colleagues best share and absorb information and how USAID's Agrilinks website can help meet your needs for information.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 1:30PM

Strengthening Smallholder Farmer Resilience to a Changing Climate

Tuesday, September 20 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Victoria Ballroom

PRESENTERS: Richard Ndou, Deputy Chief of Party, ENSURE Program, World Vision Zimbabwe; Patrick Kiirya, Director, Busaino Fruit and Trees | MODERATOR: Andrea Mottram, Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

With the onset of climate change and associated increases in temperatures, changing rainfall patterns, and further climate variability, the challenges smallholder farmers face are getting harder. To be more resilient, smallholder farmers and their agroecosystems must be highly responsive to fluctuating and unpredictable environmental conditions, and to changing political and economic influences. This requires a deeper understanding of farm sites and their surrounding landscapes, and the development of farming systems as whole agroecosystems that maximize the use of local resources and that enhance the environmental services that support them. This session will explore how by identifying each farming system's unique opportunities and challenges, and then designing the farm site with those in mind and incorporating local knowledge, smallholder farmers can reduce their risk to changes in climate.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Increased knowledge on how programs and farmers can identify specific environmental characteristics that influence farming systems.
- Improved understanding of ways to integrate agriculture techniques to increase the resilience of smallholder farming systems to a changing climate.
- Gained a greater understanding of how to build farmer capacity to adapt to a changing climate.

Partnership in Learning

Tuesday, September 20 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Meera

PRESENTERS: Stuart Belle, Knowledge Management and Organizational Learning Advisor, QED Group LLC; Augustine Wandera, Monitoring and Evaluation Director, QED Group LLC; Peter Birigenda, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, USAID/Uganda | MODERATOR: Joseph Hirsch, Economic Growth Deputy Team Lead, USAID/Uganda

After USAID/Uganda provides assistance to reduce hunger and malnutrition, it typically asks the implementing partner, "what did you learn?" In this session, representatives from the USAID/Uganda Economic Growth Team will test its collaboration, learning, and adapting (CLA) approach to generate insights into how the mission and its implementing partners plan for organizational learning that ensures that all people have access to sufficient food for a healthy and productive life.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Understood how the mission currently incorporates collaboration, learning, and adapting into acquisition and assistance awards.
- Gained an introduction to the monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) planning process and how the Learning Contract provides assistance to USAID/Uganda implementing partners.
- Collaboratively designed an information and knowledge mechanism that improves coordination, communication, and collaboration among activities, and advances learning for implementing partners.

Effective Mental Health Interventions Facilitated by Trained Community Lay Workers

Tuesday, September 20 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Sheena

PRESENTERS: William Kibaalya, Executive Director, StrongMinds Uganda; Lincoln Ndogoni, Psychological Consultant, Psychosocial Support Center, University of Nairobi | MODERATOR: Mary DeCoster, Social and Behavioral Change Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

William Kibaalya will share results of how managing depression using the Interpersonal Therapy in Groups (IPT-G) approach facilitated by lay health workers among women can impact and improve their families' nutrition. Following the 2015 StrongMinds intervention of 354 women with depression in the Wakiso and Kampala Districts in Uganda, the results were an improved uptake of food and restored general cognitive function. Lincoln Ndogoni will present on his experiences with IPT-G as well as with Problem Management Plus (PM+) which was developed by the World Health

Organization and is used in the individual treatment of common mental disorders in women affected by gender-based violence and urban adversity in Kenya.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Been introduced to ways that managing depression among women can impact and improve their families' nutrition.
- Heard how evidence-based, integrated mental health interventions can improve outcomes and address underlying barriers to development in low and middle income countries.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 3:30PM

1 + 1 = 1: Successful Examples of Engaging Men and Women for Positive Impact

Tuesday, September 20 | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Victoria Ballroom

PRESENTERS: Margaret McLoughlin, Maternal, Child Health, and Nutrition (MCHN) Manager, Mercy Corps Uganda; Amanda Satterly, Director, Gender Initiatives, East Africa, TechnoServe; Emmanuel Ssegawa, Mainstreaming Coordinator, Concern Worldwide Uganda
MODERATOR: Kristi Tabaj, Gender Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program, @ktwas

Some believe including women in an activity makes it a gender activity. Others believe that excluding men can yield better results. However, successful examples of positive outcomes include the active participation of men and women, sometimes together and other times in complementary activities. Presenters in this session will provide examples from agriculture and nutrition activities aimed at improving household food security. Their examples will demonstrate that men and women working together for a common purpose (1 + 1) leads not only to positive impact but a more unified household (= 1).

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Recognized barriers to engaging men and women in joint or complementary activities.
- Learned about strategies of engaging men and women to improve household food security.
- Identified strategies to increase joint engagement within their own programs.

Food Monitoring and Oversight for Efficient Commodity Management

Tuesday, September 20 | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Meera

PRESENTER: Esatu Elilo, Deputy Chief of Party, Operations, World Vision International, @esatu_elilo | MODERATOR: Birendra Kumar "BK" De, Commodity Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

Food is as good as cash. Any loss or misuse of food will deprive beneficiaries of their entitlements. Agencies have to efficiently manage commodities to ensure they are meeting their obligations to the communities they serve as well as to their donors. Efficient commodity management starts from designing the program and does not end until delivery of food items are in the hands of target beneficiaries. An overview of commodity management, recurring challenges and associated risks as well as internal controls and best practices will be discussed. The Growth, Health, and Governance development food assistance program in Uganda targets children under two years of age, as well as pregnant and lactating mothers. The presenter will take the participants through warehouse management, types of losses and mitigation, reporting, fumigation management, beneficiary targeting, registration, and distribution management. Furthermore, onsite, and post-distributions monitoring, complaint handling and response mechanism will be discussed.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Gained knowledge on the types of losses, warehouse management risks, mitigation strategies, and the challenges of distribution management and responding to complaints.
- Learned implementation of a fumigation management plan - the new requirement of USAID's Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA).
- Gained knowledge on the implementation of recommendations from on-site and post distribution monitoring findings.

Formative Research and Nutrition in Food for Peace-funded Programming in Zimbabwe

Tuesday, September 20 | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Sheena

PRESENTERS: Lucia Gwete, Health and Nutrition Technical Manager, ENSURE Program, World Vision Zimbabwe; Pamela Murakwani, Health and Nutrition Component Lead, AMALIMA Program, International Medical Corps; Mutsa Dzimba, Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Nutritionist, AMALIMA Program, The Manoff Group | MODERATOR: Joan Jennings, Nutrition and Food Technology Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

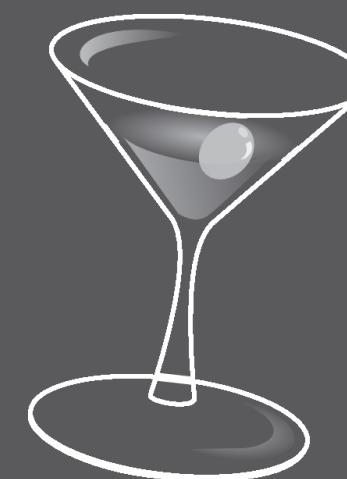
Both of the USAID Office of Food for Peace-funded programs in Zimbabwe invested efforts in Year 1 to conduct formative research to inform their planned nutrition strategies. World Vision will share some of the interesting results they found in relation to optimal hand washing practices through the use of the Barrier Analysis technique within the ENSURE Program. International Medical Corps and The Manoff Group will share some of the interesting results they found in relation to emptying the breast when breastfeeding through use of the Trials of Improved Practices technique within the AMALIMA Program. Both programs will share how they used these findings to develop social and behavioral change approaches and activities. Using the Buzz Group technique, participants will discuss the formative research findings of the projects in Zimbabwe and how these relate to their project areas.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Gained a greater understanding of how the use of existing formative research techniques can inform the design of project social and behavioral change approaches and activities.
- Discussed how some of the key findings on optimal hand washing practices and specific breastfeeding practices are relevant to their project area and considered adding additional social and behavioral change activities.

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PLENARY | 8:30AM | VICTORIA BALLROOM**FFP's New 2016-2025 Strategy***Joan Whelan, Strategy and Learning Advisor, USAID Office of Food for Peace*

USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) has released a new 2016-2025 Strategy for public review. The strategy is the result of a long and highly participatory process that reached many hundreds of individuals on several continents. The vision outlined in this strategy and the accompanying strategic results framework are the result of shared learning and designed to capture the best of how we as a community currently work to improve food and nutrition security for the most vulnerable. It also challenges us to adapt the way we work to achieve greater impact with greater efficiency and sustainability in the future. This session provides an opportunity for questions and dialogue around key approaches, application of these approaches, and discussion of where we, as a community, will need to strengthen our capacity to take on the challenges that the strategy sets forth.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 10:45AM**Transitioning to New Monitoring & Evaluation Requirements****Wednesday, September 21 | 10:45am – 12:15pm | Victoria Ballroom**

PRESENTERS: Jose Thekkiniath, Senior Technical Advisor, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL), Catholic Relief Services; Dane Fredenburg, Chief of Party, UBALE Project, Catholic Relief Services; Jayachandran Vasudevan, Coordinator, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL), Catholic Relief Services | MODERATOR: Laurie Starr, Monitoring and Evaluation/Gender Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

Join our panelists as they discuss how Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is transitioning to new Food for Peace (FFP) monitoring & evaluation requirements for development food assistance programs (DFAPs). The distinct and complementary roles and responsibilities of the panelists offer a multi-layered perspective of how one organization is navigating new challenges such as integrating the Theory of Change into project monitoring & evaluation systems or operationalizing FFP monitoring & evaluation plans. The discussion will spark reflection on the way forward in the new collaborative model of working together with FFP to co-develop elements of project monitoring & evaluation systems. Session participants will have a chance to compare and contrast their own experiences with monitoring & evaluation transitions in small group discussions.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Shared positive experiences, challenges, and discussed a way forward for transitioning to new monitoring & evaluation requirements for development food assistance programs.

Seed Systems and Markets**Wednesday, September 21 | 10:45am – 12:15pm | Meera**

PRESENTERS: Astrid Mastenbroek, Chief of Party, ISSD Uganda, Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen University, @ISSD_Uganda; Charles Katabalwa, Managing Director, Programs, Community Enterprises Development Organization (CEDO SEEDS); Tracy Mitchell, Chief of Party, Growth, Health, and Governance Program, Mercy Corps Uganda | MODERATOR: Eric Carlberg, Regional Agriculture Specialist, The TOPS Program

Seed is one of the most important elements of agricultural production. However, availability and access to high quality seeds is a major challenge for smallholder farmers in Uganda and the region. Farmers are faced with constraints associated with high costs, counterfeit seeds, and lack of availability in markets. In order to overcome issues with seed markets, local farmers groups, private seed companies, government extension programs, and non-governmental organizations must respond to the challenge in different and complementary ways. This session will explore a variety of interventions aimed at increasing seed quality, affordability, and accessibility for smallholder farmers. This will include interventions targeted at the local and national seed system levels, as well as within emergency-prone areas with weak input markets.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Improved knowledge of seed market challenges in Uganda and the region.
- Increased understanding of different seed systems and environments (local, national, and emergency).
- Enhanced understanding of market-based program interventions that increase the availability of nationally certified and quality declared seed.

Maintaining Momentum for Dynamic Change: Lessons Learned from Gender Integration in Food Security Programs**Wednesday, September 21 | 10:45am – 12:15pm | Sheena**

PRESENTERS: Lydia Mbevi, Regional Gender and Youth Advisor, Africa, ACDI/VOCA, @Imbevi; Athanasius Oguti, Team Leader, Gender and Youth Department, Growth, Health and Governance (GHG) Program, Mercy Corps, @Gutinat | MODERATOR: Kristi Tabaj, Gender Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program, @ktwas

Representatives from ACDI/VOCA's Resiliency through Wealth, Agriculture, and Nutrition (RWANU) and Mercy Corps's Northern Karamoja Growth, Health, and Governance (GHG) programs will share experiences with integrating gender in development food assistance programs. Panelists will discuss accomplishments, challenges, and lessons learned as well as the adaptive management process that was adopted to improve gender integration while mitigating potential negative impacts. Participants will have the opportunity to ask the panelists about specific gender strategies and activities in the question and answer session. Key points raised during this session will be further discussed during the lunchtime Table Topic session "Maintaining Momentum for Dynamic Change: The Future of Gender Integration in Food Security Programming."

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Learned about models of gender integration in food security programs in the Ugandan context.
- Shared experiences, including what worked and what was challenging with integrating gender into program activities.
- Distilled broader key lessons applicable to future programming from specific lessons presented in the session.

LUNCHTIME SESSIONS | 12:30PM**Table Topics****Wednesday, September 21 | 12:30pm – 1:20pm | Victoria Ballroom**

Stop by a few of these informal discussion tables, or join one the whole time.

Supporting Communities of Practice to Improve Peer Learning, Sharing, and Action*Yemisi Songo-Williams, Knowledge Management Specialist, The TOPS Program*

Communities of practice can take on many different forms, but they all share a common goal: connecting people in a particular craft and/or profession to share experiences and learn from one another. Technology has made it easier to connect members of a community of practice across organizations and countries to accomplish work collaboratively, solve problems, and help one another learn. In this table topic discussion, learn about appropriate and easily-adopted approaches, tools, and techniques to get started and host a community for peer learning, sharing, and action. Whether your community of practice is primarily face-to-face or virtual, get some fresh ideas and promising practices for planning, supporting, and seeing successful outputs from the community you and your peers have in mind.

Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Cash and Voucher Programming*Jenny Coneff, North America Regional Focal Point, Cash Learning Program*

Evidence is mounting that cash and voucher programming is increasingly appropriate and often more efficient than commodity programming. However, in 2014 only 6% of humanitarian assistance was delivered as cash or vouchers. One major obstacle to increasing cash and voucher programming is organizational. In a recent assessment by the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP), it was noted that while organizational leadership is generally supportive of implementing the most appropriate, efficient, and effective programming, they often lack an understanding of "how deeply [cash] affects every aspect of an organization's operations." During this table topic, CaLP will share experiences supporting organizations in Kenya and Germany and its upcoming work with organizations in the US to improve organizational preparedness for cash and voucher programming.

Best Practices in Developing Partnerships*Sylvia Natukunda, Business and Partnership Manager, AgriProFocus Uganda*

AgriProFocus will share and facilitate a discussion on the experiences, promising practices and lessons learnt in facilitating partnership development and collaboration in a multi-sectoral environment.

Integrating Very Poor Producers into Markets*Richard Ndou, Deputy Chief of Party, World Vision Zimbabwe*

A key approach to improve income and food security is to integrate very poor producers into output markets value chains. There are several obstacles that exist for the very poor as they try to integrate themselves into these markets, which include: limited resources, over-indebtedness, aversion to risk, unequal distribution of entitlements, limited mobility and freedom, inexperience, and shallow networks. The “Integrating Extremely Poor Producers into Value Chains” by Norell and Brand, in its third edition, was created as a tool to impact these households. This guide, designed for use by the field level practitioner, has useful tools and applications to increase market engagement of this population, and these shall be examined during this discussion.

Maintaining Momentum for Dynamic Change: The Future of Gender Integration in Food Security Programming*Kristi Tabaj, Gender Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program*

Following an overview of key challenges and opportunities from the session “Maintaining Momentum for Dynamic Change: Lessons Learned from Gender Integration in Food Security Programs,” participants will discuss emerging issues linked to strategies and activities addressed in current programs.

TOPS/FSN Network Resilience Task Force*Tim Frankenberger, President, TANGO International*

Join Tim Frankenberger, the chair of the TOPS/FSN Network Resilience Task Force, for a discussion on The Rockefeller Foundation’s newly formed resilience measurement community of practice (CoP). Tim will present the CoP’s proposed objectives, work plan, and organizational structure. Participants will be asked to share their suggestions for how the TOPS/FSN Network Resilience Task Force can collaborate with this newly formed community of practice to further the study of resilience.

Permagarden Method (Sustainable Horticulture Production)*Eric Carlberg, Regional Agriculture Specialist, The TOPS Program*

The Permagarden Method is a sustainable home garden approach that can be used in varying locations including dry climates, wet climates, internally displaced persons camps, and refugee camps. This table topic will discuss how the Permagarden Method can be used in various environments and complement program’s field crop activities.

Micronutrient Deficiencies: Why Fortification of Maize Flour Is Important in Uganda*Elizabeth Madraa, Policy Advisor and Team Lead on Food Fortification, SPRING*

While Uganda has developed mandatory standards for industrial food fortification and maize flour needs to be fortified by law, this excludes maize flour industries that mill less than 20 Mts per day. This effectively excludes 95% of maize mills that are small or medium in size. Over 95% of the population consume maize flour that is not fortified and this includes the most vulnerable groups; pregnant women, lactating mothers and children under the age of five years. This group then does not get the vital micronutrients in their daily diet. Appropriate technologies can address this challenge and such experiences exist. Strategies to employ appropriate technologies and take them to scale will be discussed.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 1:30PM**Building and Sustaining Effective Field-Based Networks****Wednesday, September 21 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Victoria Ballroom**

PRESENTERS: Lucy Asiimwe Twinamasiko, Country Coordinator, AgriProFocus Uganda, @AgriProFocusUG; Samuel Mugarura, National Technical Manager, Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) | MODERATOR: Yemisi Songo-Williams, Knowledge Management Specialist, The TOPS Program, @yemisi_sw

In an increasingly interconnected world, effective networks are vital to large scale programming success. Effective networks can, amongst other things, strengthen strategic alliances and cohesiveness among experts, organizations, and governments, improve cross-organizational collaboration and strengthen technical cooperation, and allow us to learn from each other and influence activities in the development sector for more responsive and impactful programming.

This session will explore the power of fully-functioning networks, and highlight the value of effective networking and collaboration.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Explored the value these networks bring to our work in international development and emergency response.
- Reviewed the existing challenges, opportunities, and lessons learned around developing effective networks.
- Discussed promising practices to embed sustainability considerations into these networks, so that they remain active and contribute to knowledge sharing in a fairly autonomous way.

WASH, Environmental Enteric Dysfunction (EED) and Stunting: Reflections on Intervention Design and Implementation**Wednesday, September 21 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Meera**

PRESENTERS: Dadirai Fundira, PhD Candidate, Cornell University | MODERATOR: Joan Jennings, Nutrition and Food Technology Senior Specialist Senior Nutrition Advisor, The TOPS Program

Poor water sanitation hygiene (WASH) can impact child health through diarrheal diseases and parasitic infections. Recently it has been hypothesized that poor WASH practices can contribute to stunting through a subclinical condition of the gut (EED). Emerging evidence suggests that ingestion of soil and chicken feces may be an important pathway for fecal-oral contamination among crawling/toddling children. Conventional WASH interventions do not interrupt this pathway. This presentation will highlight the overview of the Sanitation Hygiene Infant Nutrition Efficacy (SHINE) study, a 2X2 factorial cluster-randomized trial assessing the independent and combined effects of a package of interventions to improve household water, sanitation, and hygiene. This study examines a package of interventions to improve infant and young child feeding practices - when interventions are initiated during early pregnancy among HIV-negative women and continued through 18 months postpartum - on stunting and anemia of rural Zimbabwean infants. This presentation will describe the rationale, process, and implications of SHINE intervention design and implementation, with a particular focus on WASH activities targeted to infants/babies.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Become familiar with the objectives and activities of the Sanitation Hygiene Infant Nutrition Efficacy (SHINE) study.
- Developed the ability to describe the steps followed in the SHINE study for intervention design and implementation, and lessons learned to-date.
- Gained the ability to distinguish between conventional WASH interventions and WASH activities targeted to infants/babies.

A Look at the New Sampling Guide for Beneficiary-Based Surveys for Select Feed the Future Agricultural Annual Monitoring Indicators**Wednesday, September 21 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Sheena**

PRESENTER: Diana Stukel, Senior Scientist, Survey Methods, FANTA Project, FHI 360 | MODERATOR: Edith Mutalya, Monitoring and Evaluation Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

A new sampling guide, sponsored by USAID Bureau for Food Security (BFS) and USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP), has been developed by the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance Project (FANTA) to help USAID program implementers conduct beneficiary-based surveys as a way of collecting data for select FTF agricultural annual monitoring indicators. In addition to the guide, an Excel-based tool is available to calculate sample sizes for beneficiary-based surveys that

collect data for agricultural annual monitoring indicators based on estimates of totals. In this session, the presenter will introduce the guide and calculator. Scenarios under which periodic beneficiary-based surveys are appropriate will be discussed and a few of the approaches suggested in the guide will be highlighted. A demonstration of the accompanying Excel-based sample size calculator will also be provided.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Learned about FANTA's sampling guide and calculator for beneficiary-based surveys.
- Developed an understanding of scenarios where beneficiary-based surveys are and are not appropriate for data collection.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 3:30PM

Creating Lasting Change: Building Sustainability into Food Assistance Projects

Wednesday, September 21 | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Victoria Ballroom

PRESENTER: Beatrice Lorge Rogers, Professor of Economics and Food Policy Director, Food Policy and Applied Nutrition Program, Friedman Nutrition School, Tufts University | MODERATOR: Marsha Slater, Facilitator, Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting

This session presents the results of a four-country study assessing the sustainability plans and exit strategies of the USAID Office of Food for Peace development assistance projects. Projects were assessed from exit through two to three years after the projects ended. The study identified the factors that increased the likelihood of sustainability of project impacts, outputs, and activities in several technical sectors (maternal and child health, and nutrition; water and sanitation hygiene, agriculture/rural incomes, natural resource management, and others) and developed recommendations for planning projects from the outset with sustainability goals, and for implementing an effective exit strategy.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Learned principles for developing realistic sustainability plans for different kinds of food assistance projects.
- Developed an understanding of which approaches to exit and sustainability are most feasible and appropriate to different types of project and technical sectors.
- Critically assessed the assumptions underlying the sustainability plans of past projects and reviewed them in light of the evidence of their effectiveness.

Emotional Drivers of Behavior

Wednesday, September 21 | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Meera

PRESENTERS: Ben Tidwell, PhD Candidate, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, @IAmBenTidwell; Jenala Chipungu, Research Fellow, Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ), @JenalaChipungu | MODERATOR: Mary DeCoster, Social and Behavioral Change Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program, @MaryDecoster

Behavior Centered Design (BCD) is a comprehensive process of program design for behavior change. At its core, it uses an understanding of the executive, motivated, and reflexive aspects of the mind as well as the role of the body and the environment to guide efforts to change behavior. We will be discussing the general ideas behind BCD and focusing on the 15 basic human motivations that this design uses as levers to create change when a lack of knowledge is not the only barrier to performance. We will use the Komboni Housewives program in peri-urban Lusaka, Zambia as a case study and review its impact on nutrition and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) behaviors as well as implications for other programs.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Understood the crucial role of emotional motivators in changing behavior.
- Been able to apply emotional motivators to real-world challenges.
- Understood the key steps in intervention design.

Fraud Prevention in Commodity Management

Wednesday, September 21 | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Sheena

PRESENTER: Birendra Kumar "BK" De, Commodity Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

Food assistance programs are implemented all over the world in some very challenging environments, and the implementing agencies rely primarily on local staff and infrastructure to manage commodities. Such challenging conditions can easily lead to fraudulent activities that may deprive the most vulnerable people of essential resources.

Immaterial of the reasons for any fraudulent activity, such actions not only affect program implementation but also the image of the organization that may have longer term implications. Organizations need to be alert all the time to manage possible risks; systems and processes need to be put in place to identify symptoms of fraud for the senior management to initiate corrective measures. Mapping the risk of corruption is a preventive step towards managing potential fraud.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Understood the reasons for fraudulent activities.
- Learned how to identify 'Red Flags' that may be symptoms of fraud in food assistance programs.
- Gained knowledge about how to map the risk of corruption in humanitarian operations.

PLENARY | 8:30AM | VICTORIA BALLROOM**Food Assistance Modalities: Evaluating Benefits and Trade-offs to Meet Humanitarian Food Needs**

John Lamm, Food Security and Markets Advisor, USAID Office of Food for Peace

The last few years have seen tremendous growth in the use of market-based modalities to respond to food needs. Increasingly, humanitarians are trying to buy more commodities locally, stabilize local businesses, and provide cash in hand to people in crisis to meet food needs. However, the wealth of options has made decision-making more complicated. Research on the subject tends to tell us that results vary widely based on context. So how do we compare the unique benefits and unique risks of different response modalities for a specific country? How do we weigh beneficiary preference against beneficiary reach if the most desirable option is also the most costly? This session will aim to facilitate discussion around the choices that humanitarian responders and donors are called upon to make often with limited information, demanding timelines, and competing stakeholder interests.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 10:45AM**Gender Equality and the Resilience Agenda: Moving Toward Transformative Change**

Thursday, September 22 | 10:45am – 12:15pm | Victoria Ballroom

PRESENTERS: Laurie Starr, Monitoring and Evaluation/Gender Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program; Kristi Tabaj, Gender Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program, @ktwas

In recent years, increasing discussion and policy debate within the international development community centers on the concept of resilience. Although resilience-thinking has substantially evolved by integrating livelihoods, disaster risk reduction, and climate change adaptation approaches into conceptual frameworks, development practitioners still strive to systematically integrate gender issues into resilience thinking. By examining how gender norms and roles may influence resilience capacities, this session aims to catalyze discussion about how our community of practice can embed gender equality initiatives into the resilience agenda. In a participatory exercise, participants will explore how current gender interventions overlay resilience-building efforts. Participants will also explore how current common interventions designed to build resilience capacities can be strengthened to ensure they are not gender-blind. Examples from regional programming will be used in the activity. Participants will also be encouraged to share their own experiences with successful project activities as well as those resulting in lessons learned.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Reviewed key concepts in the resilience dialogue.
- Identified how gender norms and roles influence resilience capacities.
- Understood how to embed gender equality initiatives within the resilience agenda.

From Data to Decision-Making: Utilizing Evaluations and Reports to Inform Strategy

Thursday, September 22 | 10:45am – 12:15pm | Meera

PRESENTER: Justin Lawrence, Assessing and Learning Portfolio Manager, Feed the Future Knowledge-Driven Agricultural Development (KDAD), QED Group LLC | MODERATOR: Shelia Jackson, Knowledge Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program, @sljackson19

It's no secret we are bombarded with more information than ever before. Yet at times it seems our ability to collect data has outpaced our use of the information. How can we manage these large quantities of information and mine them for nuggets that can improve our decision-making abilities? Justin Lawrence from the USAID Feed the Future Knowledge-Driven Agricultural Development Project (KDAD) will discuss their recent work in systematically analyzing Feed the Future-related performance and impact evaluations. This analysis supported a reflection of the Feed the Future Learning Agenda and provided input into the next phase of international food security work under the new Global Food Security Act. This session will explore the approach that KDAD took for the evaluation review and how the findings are being used by USAID. Participants will engage in small group discussion and explore how they might use this approach and data set in their daily work.

Care Groups: Essentials and Innovations

Thursday, September 22 | 10:45am – 12:15pm | Sheena

PRESENTERS: Lucia Gwete, Health and Nutrition Technical Manager, ENSURE Project, World Vision Zimbabwe; Rebecca Oketcho, Nutrition Manager, RWANU Project, Concern Worldwide Uganda; Etsegenet Hailu, Director of Health and Nutrition Programs, Food for the Hungry Ethiopia; Geoffrey Arijole Nyakuni, Program Director, Food for the Hungry Democratic Republic of Congo | MODERATOR: Claire Boswell, Social and Behavioral Change Specialist, The TOPS Program

Care Groups are a community-based strategy for promoting behavior change, typically used in maternal and child health, and currently in use by 27 organizations in at least 28 countries. This session will explore the essential elements for implementing the Care Group approach as well as some promising innovations and adaptations. Presenters and participants will discuss the core elements of the model, adaptations and variations for enhanced uptake of behavior change in local contexts, as well as sustainability.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Increased understanding of what differentiates Care Groups from other approaches.
- Learned about some challenges and successes in implementing traditional Care Group programs in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Learned about Care Group adaptations and innovations, and community level health systems strengthening in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe.

LUNCHTIME SESSIONS | 12:30PM**Table Topics**

Thursday, September 22 | 12:30pm – 1:20pm | Victoria Ballroom

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Sustainability and Exit Strategies

Beatrice Lorge Rogers, Professor of Economics and Food Policy Director, Food Policy and Applied Nutrition Program, Friedman Nutrition School, Tufts University

This table topic is a follow-up to the "Creating Lasting Change: Building Sustainability into Food Assistance Projects" concurrent session. Please join us to ask questions and share your experiences related to development project sustainability and exit strategies. People who did not have the opportunity to attend the concurrent session are welcome.

A Guide to Developing a Knowledge Management Strategy for a Food Security and Nutrition Program

Shelia Jackson, Knowledge Management Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

Numerous resources can be found to help one navigate the process of developing a knowledge management (KM) strategy at an organizational level. While these resources provide a basic understanding of the process used to create a KM strategy, they do not address the unique opportunities and challenges of devising strategic knowledge management initiatives in a development context at a programmatic level. A Guide to Developing a Knowledge Management Strategy for a Food Security and Nutrition Program was written specifically to bridge this gap. The guide, designed to be used by all members of the food security and nutrition community regardless of technical expertise, takes practitioners through the participatory process of developing a KM strategy for their program from beginning to end, including how to align the strategy with the program's goals and objectives, how to identify the key knowledge management needs and challenges within the program, and the necessary framework and tools required for addressing these.

Care Groups Interest Group

Mary DeCoster, Social and Behavioral Change Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program

Please join us to discuss your interests or experiences with Care Groups, and to learn more about the Care Groups Forward Interest Group. This group is composed of practitioners who are using and/or interested in the Care Group model. The group creates Care Group tools and shares our knowledge and experiences related to Care Groups. We have an online discussion forum here: www.fsnnetwork.org/forums/care-groups-forward and occasionally we host online webinars on Care Groups topics. To join the online community, please contact Mary DeCoster, mdecoster@fh.org.

Improving Management of Agriculture Demonstration Sites*Gitau Mbure, Senior Technical Advisor for Agriculture, World Vision*

Agriculture demonstration sites, commonly known as demo plots are an important platform for enabling farmers to learn first-hand about improved practices such as the use of improved seeds varieties, conservation agriculture, integrated pest management, etc. Just like a picture speaks a thousand words, well managed demo plots can go a long way in convincing farmers to adopt new and innovative practices. On the flipside, poorly implemented demo plots can discourage farmers from adopting desired technologies. Broad recognition exists regarding the importance of demo plots in enabling knowledge transfer and behavior change yet practitioners also widely acknowledge significant challenges in ensuring efficacy of this programming aspect. Climate Change and ensuing shocks are among the many challenges of implementing demo plots. During this session, participants will seek to share experiences on common challenges, lessons learned and emerging best practices in successful management of demo plots.

Analysis of Participation in Multi-sectoral Food Security Programs that Achieve Reductions in Stunting:**A Look at Three Projects***Joan Jennings, Nutrition and Food Technology Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program*

Participants will review and discuss three examples of data analysis of participation at final evaluation of multi-sectoral food security programs that achieve reductions in stunting, and discuss what this information contributed to future program design. Examples include regression analysis in Honduras FY2000 and Bangladesh FY2010, along with an example of stratification of severity of stunting and cross-tabulation in Mozambique FY2001.

Strengthening Resilience of Vulnerable Households*Lydia Mbevi, Regional Gender and Youth Advisor, Africa, ACDI/VOCA*

The team of the Resiliency through Wealth, Agriculture, and Nutrition in Karamoja (RWANU) project carried out a qualitative impact assessment to determine what effect the program has had on both men and women and to assess specifically whether the program has had an impact upon women's empowerment. Based on the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI), the study was not meant to generalize but rather provide an in-depth look into the impact of RWANU's interventions in the households sampled. This WEAI Impact Assessment was carried out at the midterm of the program in order to assess progress toward gender equity and empowerment goals in RWANU agriculture activities as well as to inform revisions to the gender strategy and improve efforts to mainstream gender across project activities. Findings and future steps as the result of the assessment will be shared during this discussion.

Land Reclamation for Food Security: The Case of South Kivu – DRC*Geoffrey Arijole Nyakuni, Program Director/Chief of Party, Food for the Hungry; Claude Nankam, Agriculture and Climate Change Technical Advisor, Food for the Hungry*

Access to arable land is one of the major challenges to addressing food insecurity in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and especially in South Kivu province. South Kivu has a population density almost double the national figure of 35 people per kilometer. The landscape is very mountainous and prone to soil erosion. The pressure of this high population along with the high soil erosion leads to land degradation which further limits the availability of arable land for crop production. The valleys are the only fertile areas available to households yet they are very susceptible to flooding, thus the need for land reclamation. Food for the Hungry Democratic Republic of Congo was able to reclaim 914 hectares of land providing cultivable land to 13,860 households with the ability to harvest thrice in a year.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 1:30PM**Measuring Resilience: Recent Work on Measuring Pastoral Livelihood Diversification and Resilience in Africa****Thursday, September 22 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Victoria Ballroom***PRESENTERS: Tim Frankenberger, President, TANGO International; Mark Langworthy, Vice President, TANGO International; Roy William Mayega, Deputy Chief of Party, ResilientAfrica Network And Lecturer, School of Public Health, Makerere University*

This session will present the latest research on the relationship between livelihood diversification and resilience. In the last few decades climate change, population pressure, resource competition, and conflict have eroded the ability of many households to rely solely on subsistence livestock production as a primary livelihood source. For many the only resilient pathway out of poverty requires stepping out into other livelihood activities not exposed to the same risk profiles. Tim Frankenberger will chair the session and present the latest findings from a pastoral diversification conference held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in September. Mark Langworthy will present empirical findings on livelihood diversification from TANGO International's recent work in Somalia, and Dr. Roy William Mayega will present findings from the ResilientAfrica Network.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Acquired a better understanding of measuring livelihood diversification in relation to resilience.
- Gained a better understanding of contextual differences that exist in livelihood diversification and its implications for programming.

Video Documentation of Community Activities in a Nutrition Project in Southwest Uganda**Thursday, September 22 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Meera***MODERATOR: Joan Jennings, Nutrition and Food Technology Senior Specialist, The TOPS Program*

The TOPS Program will share a video they made in the field which captures some of the key elements at the community level of a SPRING nutrition project in southwestern Uganda. In particular, the video documentation focuses on the use of community video with groups of Great Mothers, Fabulous Fathers, and Wise Women, along with community mobilization for nutrition based on the Community Action Cycle. This session will ask participants to "spot" the key elements that the video hopes to convey (there is a prize!) and further discuss how the combination of community-led video with community mobilization can contribute to improvements in the nutritional status of women and children. Two staff previously involved with the project will be available to answer questions.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Attained a more in-depth understanding of how the combination of community-led video and the community action cycle contributed to successful community motivation to tackle child stunting in a recent project in southwestern Uganda.

Engaging Youth in Agriculture: Age and Gender Considerations to Improve Program Design**Thursday, September 22 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Sheena***PRESENTERS: Sandrine Chetail, Director, Agriculture Technical Support Unit, Mercy Corps; Jane Lowicki-Zucca, Program Director, Driving Youth-led New Agribusiness and Microenterprise (DYNAMIC), GOAL; Faith Akello, Youth Farmer | MODERATOR: Abby Love, Agriculture Officer, The TOPS Program*

Agriculture accounts for three-quarters of all employment in Sub-Saharan Africa, and 23.5% of the working poor are young people. Therefore, it is imperative for the international development community to think critically and intentionally about engaging youth in agricultural programming. What are the opportunities and challenges young people face in making a living from agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa? Are these the same or different for males and females? How can they be pursued or addressed through youth employment and agricultural development programs? In this session, we will share knowledge on ways to impact the employment prospects of youth in agriculture and learn how programs in Uganda and the region are using research to inform program design. We will also hear from a young Ugandan farmer and why she has chosen to pursue agriculture as her livelihood.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Enhanced understanding of why intentionally engaging youth in programs is critical.
- Increased knowledge of ways to conduct participatory research and to utilize age- and sex- disaggregated research to inform program design.
- Shared information on program approaches that seek to address both gender and age in agricultural development

and youth employment programs.

PLENARY SESSION | 3:30PM

Taking the Learning Home: Messages and Meaning for Your Programs

Thursday, September 22 | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Victoria Ballroom

MODERATOR: Marsha Slater, Facilitator, Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting

This Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting is packed with three days of thoughtful presentation and engaging discussions on the 'changing landscapes of food security.' It will be a fast moving event and by the end, you will have absorbed an incredible amount of new information and insight. In this final plenary session, we invite you to reflect with your colleagues on how you will 'take home' and adapt some of these promising practices, research findings, and innovations to your programs and country contexts. This opportunity to distill key messages and consider their practical application is a vital step in the learning loop and one that we invite you to do with the help of your partners in attendance here. Please join us for serious sharing and also some levity (with prizes!) in this closing session.

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- Identified and shared key messages and learning gained from their participation here in the meeting.
- Shared concrete ways they want to take this learning and begin to apply it to their work - what do they want to try that is new and promising?
- Listened to what other colleagues consider "key takeaways" and their ideas for taking these back home.



Faith Akello, Youth Farmer

Faith is a young Ugandan groundnut and millet farmer. She realized as a young girl that she was going to do agriculture later in school as well as for her profession. After completing Secondary Grade 4, she could no longer further her education due to inadequate finances so she pursued a certificate course in agriculture, which she completed in May 2015. In early 2016, Faith requested and received land from her parents and began farming her own 3.5 acre plot. She is growing groundnuts, cowpeas, simsim, and millet. She is also a member of a VSLA group, where she is saving to enable her to return to school. Additionally, through a one-year contract with Mercy Corps, she provides extension services to farmers groups in her county. Faith plans to continue farming, to increase her land under production from 3.5 to 8 acres, and to return to school to learn more about agriculture.



Lucy Asimwe Twinamasiko, Country Coordinator, AgriProFocus Uganda, @AgriProFocusUG

Lucy Asimwe is a development practitioner whose work revolves around services such as strategic planning, facilitating transformation processes, business development and management, policy advocacy, multi-stakeholder engagement and partnership management, and gender in development and community service. She also has a strong passion in communications design. Her main focus is facilitating collaborative processes that influence transformation, inclusiveness, and innovation. Lucy has worked as a development practitioner since 2010 and currently serves as a Country Coordinator at AgriProFocus Uganda, a multi-disciplinary network organization that facilitates processes that promote agro-entrepreneurship in Uganda and across other 10 countries in Africa, one in Indonesia and the Netherlands, where the secretariat is based. Lucy focuses on integrating practical leadership and organization development through linking with stakeholders to build strong synergized interventions that are positively contributing to the bigger development picture in the agribusiness industry. Lucy studied at Makerere University in Kampala where she received a Bachelors degree in Development Studies with a specialty in rural development.



Samuel Ayamba, Senior Programs Manager, Project Concern International Liberia

Dr. Samuel Ayamba is a medical doctor with a Masters of Public Health degree and more than 11 years of experience as a clinician, researcher, teacher, entrepreneur, and development practitioner. He previously worked as a medical practitioner with various government institutions in Ghana, including as a clinical research fellow on epidemiological studies at the Kintampo Health Research Centre; a lecturer with the College of Health and Wellbeing Kintampo; the health coordinator for the SADA Millennium Villages Project; and as Technical Advisor (iCCM) with PATH on the MalariaCare Project. Dr. Ayamba is currently a Senior Programs Manager with Project Concern International in Liberia and served as the Health and Nutrition Program Manager for the Liberian Agricultural Upgrading Nutrition and Child Health (LAUNCH) Program. In this position he led the health and nutrition team during the devastating Ebola Virus Disease outbreak and aftermath, ensuring health and nutrition gains were not lost.



Sandrine Chetail, Director, Agriculture Technical Support Unit, Mercy Corps

Sandrine Chetail is the Director for the Agriculture Technical Support Unit of Mercy Corps. She is responsible for defining Mercy Corps' strategic positioning in agriculture programming, representing Mercy Corps among the agriculture and development community, and assisting country teams in strategic agricultural program development and implementation. Sandrine brings over 15 years of professional experience in international development in West Africa and South East Asia. She joined Mercy Corps in 2008 as a Program Director based in Sri Lanka for a five-country response to the global food crisis and was Deputy Country Director in Niger and Liberia before joining the headquarter's technical teams.



Jenala Chipungu, Research Fellow, Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ), @JenalaChipungu

Jenala Chipungu is currently a Masters student in Public Health at University of Liverpool, in the United Kingdom. She has extensive experience in qualitative research at CIDRZ through her mentored research on behavioral health programs around under-five diarrhea, water sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and HIV. She has collaborated in qualitative research and surveys with local organizations and international institutes including the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Emory University. She has five years of

experience coordinating the implementation of health programs.



Jenny Coneff, North America Regional Focal Point, Cash Learning Partnership, @jcconeff

Jenny Coneff has been working in international relief and development since 2002 in Africa, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. As the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) US - Regional Focal Point for North America, she is responsible for revitalizing the community of practice in the region, researching region-specific gaps and needs regarding CTP funding and institutionalization, and advocating for greater uptake of CTP from the region. Before joining CaLP, Jenny worked as an Analyst and Advisor for the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET), supporting analysis for West Africa, for the 2011 Somalia famine, and for livelihoods. She received her MSc in Applied Environmental Economics from the University of London, and a graduate certificate in Managing Disasters and Complex Humanitarian Emergencies from Boston University. She is based in Washington, DC.



Mutsa Dzimba, Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Nutritionist, AMALIMA Program, The Manoff Group

Mutsa Dzimba has more than 10 years of experience in community nutrition programming in a development setting, ranging from prevention of malnutrition to treatment of severely malnourished children, including a brief assignment as an Emergency Nutrition Specialist with UNICEF in Liberia. She has several years of experience working with behavior change strategies promoting key nutrition behaviors from fortification of maize meal at hammer mill level to the adoption of recommended infant and young child feeding practices. She has been exposed to different types of formative research and has an appreciation for the use of these in guiding program implementation. She is currently with The Manoff Group in Zimbabwe as the SBCC, Nutrition Advisor for the USAID-funded AMALIMA development food assistance program, and oversees the implementation of the SBCC strategy across the nutrition, WASH, agriculture and resilience sectors.



Esatu Elilo, Deputy Chief of Party, Operations, World Vision International, @esatu_elilo

Focusing on USAID Title II food emergency and development food assistance programs, Esatu Elilo has 21 years of development experience in positions of increasing complexity and responsibility across various Ethiopian, Malawian and Ugandan regions with typical characteristics of pastoral, agro-pastoral, and agrarian settings. He has worked as a Program Manager and Deputy Chief of Party for Title II food program since 2002. Esatu earned his degree from Alemaya University of Agriculture in Ethiopia. He is a proficient grants manager, certified in US government rules and regulations that govern commodity management and is skilled in linking food assistance with nutrition and food security. Esatu has intensive experience and a diverse background with World Vision International and Catholic Relief Services. He led a USAID Office of Food for Peace-funded multimillion dollar emergency food assistance program in Ethiopia and managed development food assistance in Malawi. Currently, Esatu lives in Uganda.



Tim Frankenberger, President, TANGO International

Tim Frankenberger is the President and co-founder of TANGO International and a global expert on food security, livelihood approaches, and resilience. Tim has over 30 years of experience in international development, with specialized skills in project design, monitoring & evaluation, and policy analysis. Previously, he served as Senior Food Security Advisor and Livelihood Security Coordinator at CARE and was a Farming Systems Research Specialist at the University of Arizona. Tim has published numerous articles on household food security and resilience. Tim's graduate work includes an MA as well as doctoral studies in Anthropology, with a minor in Agricultural Economics. His current research interests include resilience measurement in food insecure contexts and appropriate mechanisms for social protection.



Dane Fredenburg, Chief of Party, UBALE Project, Catholic Relief Services

Dane Fredenburg is a civil engineer and manager experienced in working in developing countries in both development and relief contexts. Over a 22 year period, he has led programs on the ground with displaced and affected populations in over 20 countries in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He has worked with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for 15 years and joined the CRS Malawi country program in 2014 as the USAID-funded UBALE Chief of Party. Prior to Malawi, Dane was the Country Representative in Zambia for

five years.



Dadirai Fundira, PhD Candidate, Cornell University

Dadirai Fundira is a PhD candidate at Cornell University where she is pursuing a Doctorate in International Nutrition. Her overarching research interests include understanding the effects of WASH, food security, and nutrition programs on early childhood development and undernutrition, and how multidisciplinary approaches can solve nutrition challenges. She is currently investigating the impact of behavior change communication strategies and lipid based nutrient supplementation on infant feeding practices and nutrient intake in children 0 to 18 months. She is also assessing the impact of a novel intervention to minimize fecal oral contamination in children. Her work is embedded in the large ongoing Sanitation Hygiene Infant Nutrition Efficacy (SHINE) trial in Zimbabwe. Dadirai has also been involved in other research projects including a project seeking to strengthen capacity to deliver nutrition interventions in Tanzania as part of the Scaling Up Nutrition initiative and a project to investigate the acceptability of interventions to reduce fecal oral contamination in children in rural Zambia.



Lucia Gwete, Health and Nutrition Technical Manager, ENSURE Program, World Vision Zimbabwe

Lucia Gwete is a Nutritionist by profession, having done her first degree with the Njala University College in Sierra Leone and a Masters degree with the Queensland University in Brisbane in collaboration with the Kabaangsaan University in Malaysia. She has over 20 years of experience in the area of nutrition, having worked in both emergency and developmental settings in Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Mozambique, and South Sudan. She currently works for ENSURE, a USAID-funded grant, whose overarching goal is to reduce stunting. Her interest is centered on behavior change, since it is now very clear that the objectives in infant and young child feeding cannot be achieved without having mothers and caregivers adopt the recommended behaviors. Lucia manages the ENSURE team in the design and implementation of the Care Group approach, development of complementary feeding recipes, conducting barrier analysis and the development of Care Group Modules based on the barrier analysis findings.



Etsegenet Hailu, Director of Health and Nutrition Programs, Food for the Hungry Ethiopia

Etsegenet Hailu is the Director of Health and Nutrition program at Food for the Hungry (FH) Ethiopia. Prior to this, she worked for a local non-governmental organization as a coordinator for a HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support program. Since she joined FH, she has worked in different capacities as health and HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator, Health and Programs Director, and currently as Health and Nutrition Program Director. She has experience in design and management and oversees maternal and child health, nutrition, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and HIV/AIDS programs. Her technical and managerial leadership has supported FH to implement various public health programs. Etsegenet has a Masters degree in Community Health from Liverpool University, United Kingdom.

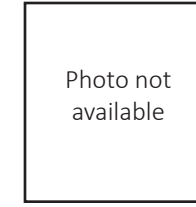


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Joseph Hirsch, Deputy Director of the Office of Economic Growth, USAID/Uganda

Joseph Hirsch is the Deputy Director of the Office of Economic Growth at USAID/Uganda. Prior to 2016, he served as the Team Leader for the Vulnerable Populations Unit at USAID/Uganda (2015-2016) and the Team Leader for Uganda's Special Objective for Karamoja. From 2005-2012, Mr. Hirsch served in Ethiopia (2005-2009), the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) (2009-2012), and Liberia (2012-2015), where he was a Supervisory Agriculture Officer, USAID Mission Environment Officer and as the Director of Economic Growth for both DRC and Liberia. He served in the Peace Corps in Gabon and hails from the US State of New Mexico. Joseph holds degrees in Philosophy and the Great Books, Biology, and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology with a focus on the desert ecology of American Southwest.



Charles Katabalwa, Managing Director, Programs, Community Enterprises Development Organization (CEDO SEEDS)

Charles Katabalwa is an agricultural economist, social entrepreneur, farmer, and rural development altruist. Charles has more than 10 years of experience in designing and managing agricultural livelihoods enterprises, seed production, and marketing. He is also experienced in training and capacity building of community based organizations (CBOs)/self help groups (SHGs), cooperative societies, farmer producer organizations/groups in institutional development, leadership, marketing and marketing skills, smallholder farmers

financial literacy, and Village Saving and Loan Association establishment and management. He has skills in the capacity enhancement of development actors in the development and implementation of agricultural and business capacity building interventions. Currently, Charles is the managing director at Community Enterprises Development Organization, which focuses on empowering impoverished smallholder farmers through the production of improved bean varieties and engagement along the value chain for livelihood improvement.



William Kibaalya, Executive Director, StrongMinds Uganda

William Kibaalya is the Executive Director for StrongMinds Uganda with over 20 years of development and health programming experience. He is a professional development specialist with a Doctorate in Regional Development from American InterContinental University, a Masters of Arts in Population and Development from The Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS) at the University of Ghana, and an Honors degree in Development Social Work from Makerere University. Previously William was a Country Director at Francois-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Uganda, a Training Advisor with Lutheran World Federation, and an HIV/AIDS Training Manager at AIDS Information Center. He is a Board Member and Patron to a number of social enterprises including National Organization of Peer Educators (NOPE, Nairobi-Kenya), FXB Uganda, and the Nansana Civil Society Network. He is a Rotarian and is very passionate about working with vulnerable populations.



Patrick Kiirya, Director, Busaino Fruit and Trees

Patrick Kiirya is a Commercial Farmer of fruits (avocados, mangos, and jackfruit) and herbs. He owns two family farms, one close to a big town, Jinja, adjacent to the Nile River. The other farm is located deep in a rural area, where he works with more than 356 smallholder farmers as out-growers and in-growers growing their own seasonal food crops intercropped with fruits and herbs. Patrick is the Chairperson of Jinja District Farmers Associations and Chairperson of Board of the National Agriculture and Trade Show. He also serves on the Technical Committee of East African Farmers Federation. In addition, he is on the Uganda National Climate Smart Agriculture Task Force. On this committee, he plays a big role in giving ideas on participatory training and production of learning materials that are visual, practical, and simple. His initial training was in adult education and learning.



John Lamm, Food Security and Markets Advisor, USAID Office of Food for Peace

John Lamm is a Food Security and Markets Advisor at the USAID Office of Food for Peace. He has worked on US food assistance since 2008, starting with budget and operations for Title II in-kind programming. In 2010, he joined the US Department of Agriculture's Local and Regional Procurement Pilot Project. When this award reached completion, he returned to USAID to work on the Emergency Food Security Program and later the roll-out of Food Aid Reform. He has managed cash, voucher and Local and Regional Procurement Pilot grants on behalf of the US Government for responses in the Sahel, East Africa, the Near East, and Central and Southeast Asia. In his present role, John provides technical advice, training, and guidance to the USAID Office of Food for Peace country backstop officers and contributes to development of Food for Peace policies on market-based and market-sensitive interventions. He graduated from the University College of London's MSc program in Geographies of Globalization.



Mark Langworthy, Vice President, TANGO International

TANGO Vice President Mark Langworthy is an expert in the microeconomic analysis of rural households, specializing in household food and livelihood security issues. Mark has extensive experience in international development related to the design, implementation, and evaluation of community-based economic development projects. He also has a substantial background in quantitative methods and analysis of the economic and livelihood impacts of projects. Mark was previously Assistant Research Scientist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Arizona. He holds a PhD from the Food Research Institute of Stanford University. Mark has published numerous journal articles, papers, and books. His current research interests are the study of local community resource management institutions, commodity value chains, and household and community resilience



Justin Lawrence, Assessing and Learning Portfolio Manager, Feed the Future Knowledge-Driven Agricultural Development (KDAD), QED Group LLC

Justin Lawrence is a monitoring & evaluation professional with over eight years in both the non-profit and private sector. He currently serves as the Assessing and Learning Portfolio Manager for the KDAD Project, which is finishing its third year. Prior to that, Mr. Lawrence served as an Assessing and Learning Specialist on the USAID Knowledge Driven Microenterprise Development (KDMD). KDMD was a flagship Knowledge Management project for USAID, with 14 participating USAID Offices developing and sharing content to hundreds of thousands of development practitioners. Justin holds a Masters in Public Administration from Syracuse University, with a concentration in Program Evaluation. When not pondering all things evaluation and learning, Justin is an avid tennis player, and aspiring endurance athlete. He is also a trained public speaker, which he keeps in practice through officiating the odd wedding, having been ordained at age 18.



Jane Lowicki-Zucca, Program Director, Driving Youth-led New Agribusiness and Microenterprise (DYNAMIC), GOAL

Jane Lowicki-Zucca is a child and youth protection and development specialist with 25 years of experience in humanitarian and development work, including more than 15 years focused on providing leadership to elevate attention to youth needs and concerns in policies and programs internationally. She has served in leadership roles with diverse groups and organizations, principally the Women's Refugee Commission, the International Rescue Committee, the United Nations, the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program, and through numerous consultancies. She is currently the Program Director of the Driving Youth-led New Agribusiness and Microenterprise (DYNAMIC) Program in Uganda, led by GOAL with Mercy Corps, Restless Development, and VSO. She has pioneered participatory approaches to working with youth in conflict, post-conflict, and emergency settings and has expanded the evidence base for youth development work across sectors through research, evaluation, and numerous publications, including the seminal study Untapped Potential: Adolescents Affected by Armed Conflict. She holds an MPA with a specialization in International Public Policy from New York University and a BA in Government from Cornell University and is an NYU Catherine B. Reynolds Social Entrepreneurship Fellow.



Astrid Mastebroek, Chief of Party, ISSD Uganda, Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen University, @ISSD_Uganda

Astrid Mastebroek works for Wageningen University - Centre for Development Innovation (CDI). For the last four years, she has been Chief of Party for the Integrated Seed Sector Development (ISSD) project in Uganda, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. One of the major achievements of the team is to organize farmer groups into sustainable local seed businesses that produce and market quality declared seed, a new seed class in Uganda. She has been working in the region since 2005 initially working for ZOA in South Sudan and later in Northern Uganda. She also worked briefly in Kenya Somaliland in 2012 after which she returned to Uganda to start the ISSD Uganda project. Astrid has a Masters degree in Irrigation and Water Management from Wageningen University and a Masters of Science in Agricultural Economics from the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University. Her areas of expertise include seed systems, seed policy, seed demand economics, and disaster risk reduction. She has a keen interest in understanding seed purchase decisions by farmers.



Roy William Mayega, Deputy Chief of Party, ResilientAfrica Network and Lecturer, School of Public Health, Makerere University

Roy William Mayega is the Deputy Chief of Party of the ResilientAfrica Network (RAN) and Lecturer in the Department of Epidemiology at Makerere University School of Public Health. He holds a Bachelors degree in Medicine and Surgery and a Masters degree in Public Health from Makerere University. He has a PhD in Medical Science from Karolinska Institutet in Sweden. As Deputy Chief of Party, he is head of programs at RAN, responsible for overseeing operations across the network. RAN is a network of 20 universities in Africa, led by Makerere University to implement an evidence-based framework for understanding what makes communities resilient to recurrent shocks and stresses. RAN harnesses its vast network of scholars to ideate, develop and test innovations that build the resiliency of communities in Africa. At the school of Public Health, he teaches Epidemiology and Research Methods to graduate students. Dr. Mayega has 18 years of experience in Public Health related work, including seven years of work at primary care levels.



Lydia Mbevi, Regional Gender and Youth Advisor, Africa, ACIDI/VOCA, @Imbevi

In Lydia's capacity as ACIDI/VOCA's Regional Gender and Youth Advisor in Africa, she ensures that programs in Africa benefit men, women, girls, and boys. These programs include livelihoods and economic empowerment, value chain development, agribusiness, health and nutrition, emergency response, and food security. She supports programs in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Malawi, Zambia, Liberia, Ghana, Sierra Leone, the Philippines, and Kyrgyzstan. Lydia is responsible for mentoring and building the capacity of the program gender specialists, developing context specific resources and tools, supervising gender analysis and development of gender strategies, as well as ensuring that gender strategies supplement local government efforts. Lydia has a Masters degree in Gender and Development.



Margaret McLoughlin, Maternal, Child Health, and Nutrition (MCHN) Manager, Mercy Corps Uganda

Margaret McLoughlin is the MCHN Manager with Mercy Corps Uganda, working on the USAID Office of Food for Peace Growth Health and Governance (GHG) Program in Northern Karamoja. The program takes a comprehensive approach to preventing undernutrition of women of reproductive age and children under two through direct nutrition assistance, health systems strengthening, and community behavior change. Paired with improved governance and economic development, the program accelerates development in one of Uganda's most food insecure regions. Margaret has embedded women's empowerment into the nutrition activities, with targeted programs for fathers and layered interventions designed to build cross-cutting life skills and develop the economic potential of nutrition activists. Prior to her work in Karamoja, Margaret consulted with World Food Program on nutrition and HIV Policy implementation in southern Africa and strengthened nutrition monitoring and evaluation systems with World Vision Laos. Margaret holds a Masters in Public Health with a focus on monitoring and evaluation of global health interventions.



Tracy Mitchell, Chief of Party, Growth, Health, and Governance Program, Mercy Corps Uganda

Tracy Mitchell has worked overseas in the international development sector for 17 years, and also returned to the US for eight years to further develop her skills in the US private agriculture sector and raise a family. Tracy has successfully led private-sector development programs in Southern Africa, East Africa, and the Former Soviet Union. She is currently Chief of Party with Mercy Corps for the USAID Growth, Health, and Governance (GHG) Program in the Karamoja region of Uganda, focused on maternal and child health, governance and livelihood development. Tracy completed her undergraduate education at Virginia Tech in Dairy Science and then joined Peace Corps in Tunisia. Tracy attended Iowa State University where she completed concurrent Masters degrees in International Development and Animal Breeding.



Mary Mpinda, Maternal, Child Health, and Nutrition (MCHN) Technical Integration Lead, UBALE Project, Catholic Relief Services

Mary Kandikole Mpinda has more than 20 years of experience working in maternal and child health and nutrition, HIV/AIDS, and general reproductive health programming within the government health system, government trust organizations, and international non-governmental organizations. She currently provides overall leadership and guidance to UBALE project's consortium members in the area of maternal and child health and nutrition interventions. She also acts as a point person for HIV and disability-related activities and mainstreaming. She has extensive experience in project management, including program design and development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, research, grants management and provision of technical advisory support and services. Mary has previously worked with a variety of organizations and institutions, including Christian Aid, the Government of Malawi Ministry of Health, the National AIDS Commission of Malawi, Save the Children, Volunteer Services Overseas, and World Vision International.



Samuel Mugarra, National Technical Manager, Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET)

Samuel Mugarura is an agricultural development and food security specialist with more than 16 years experience conducting research for policy making, agriculture and rural development policy and program analysis, designing, monitoring and evaluation. Samuel has core competencies in analyzing markets and trade, price trends and anomalies and the impact on food access to the poor. Samuel uses his administrative

and management skills to head a project field office, supervise project staff and build effective teams. He is experienced in building and maintaining significant partnership networks that generate and use information in the agricultural, food security, nutrition and markets fields. Samuel holds an MSc in Geo-information Science and Earth Observation from the International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (Netherlands); an MSc in Range Management from the University of Nairobi (Kenya) and a BSc in Agriculture from Makerere University (Uganda).



Pamela Murakwani, Health and Nutrition Component Lead, AMALIMA Program, International Medical Corps

Pamela Murakwani has over 10 years of experience working on nutrition and health promotion programs, with six of those years working on integrated nutrition programs in Zimbabwe. As Lead Nutrition Specialist for International Medical Corps in Zimbabwe for the USAID-funded AMALIMA development food assistance program she has technical oversight of all health and nutrition activities for the program.

She has a rich appreciation and good experience in implementing nutrition programs informed by formative research in food and nutrition insecure communities in rural Zimbabwe. Pamela holds a Masters degree in Public Health Nutrition from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, at the University of London. She also holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Nutrition from the University of Zimbabwe. She is particularly passionate about multi-sectoral nutrition programming, formative research, and nutrition advocacy initiatives.



Lincoln Ndogoni, Psychosocial Consultant, Psychosocial Support Center, University of Nairobi

Lincoln Ndogoni has more than 20 years of cross-cultural experience in the design and implementation of evidence-based Community Mental Health/Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) programs to promote transformational development in developing countries. He has been a member of research teams that have conducted clinical trials aimed at establishing the efficacy of the World Health Organization (WHO) endorsed Interpersonal Psychotherapy for Groups (IPT-G) and Problem Management (PM+) Interventions

appropriate for low resource settings. Lincoln has provided technical support, training and managed Community Based Programs in several countries including: Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, DRC, Somalia, Sudan, Liberia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Zambia, Malawi, Swaziland, Lesotho, and Sri Lanka. He holds a Masters degree from the University of Nairobi and Post Graduate Training in Counseling Psychology. He is competent in ethnographic needs assessment methods & the application of specific therapeutic and trauma processing techniques including Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), IPT-G and PM+. He is a member of the Kenya Counselors and Psychologists Association and lives in Nairobi with his family.



Richard Ndou, Deputy Chief of Party, ENSURE Program, World Vision Zimbabwe

Richard is a development professional with more than 17 years of experience managing large agriculture, food security, and livelihoods programs. He has experience working with various donors that include USAID Title II programs, and the Annual Program Statements (APS), OFDA, DFID livelihoods programs, EC food security, ECHO, AusAID, IFAD, the World Bank, DANIDA, and UN-funded programs. He is also very familiar with disaster risk reduction programs promoting community resilience in disaster-prone areas and has several years of experience working with and managing partners in consortiums. Richard holds a BSc in Agriculture and an MSc in Leadership and Project Management. He is married and has two sons.



Geoffrey Arijole Nyakuni, Program Director, Food for the Hungry Democratic Republic of Congo

Geoffrey Arijole Nyakuni is a humanitarian and development professional with over 10 years of experience managing programs funded by multilateral donors and USAID and UN bodies including UNHCR, UNICEF, and WFP. He has developed skills in program design and management, proposal development, organizational development, financial management, and grants management. He has considerable experience managing multi-sectoral programs in food security and livelihoods, value chains, water, sanitation, and hygiene

(WASH), health and nutrition, applying behavior change communication, and applied research. He has a Masters degree in Public Health Nutrition and a Bachelors degree in Food Science and Technology from Makerere University in Uganda. He is a recipient of the 2004 Regional Universities Forum (RUFORUM) Scholarship award for advanced studies and a member of the Uganda Action on Nutrition (UGAN). Geoffrey currently works for Food for the Hungry as the Chief of Party for the USAID-funded Tuendelee Pamoja development food assistance program in South Kivu and Tangayika (formerly Katanga) provinces of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.



Gwenelyn O'Donnell-Blake, Senior Food & Nutrition Security Technical Advisor, Project Concern International

Gwenelyn O'Donnell-Blake has been with Project Concern International (PCI) since 2004, serving as PCI's Senior Technical Officer for Food and Nutrition Security. Focusing on food and nutrition security, maternal and child health, and economic empowerment, Gwenelyn has more than 16 years of experience working in international development in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Other areas of expertise include child survival, integrated HIV/AIDS and food and nutrition security, and maternal nutrition. Prior to working with PCI, Gwenelyn worked with the International Eye Foundation and the Inter-American Development Bank. She holds a Masters in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a Masters in International Economics/Latin American Studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.



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Athanasius holds a Bachelors of Philosophy from the Pontifical Urbaniana University of Rome (Jinja campus). A feminist, human rights defender, Athanasius worked for MIFUMI, a local women's organization, for eight years. Athanasius held several positions with MIFUMI including Project Coordinator and National Campaign Coordinator and was part of a team that successfully petitioned for legislative reform to make bride price an optional, non-refundable gift. Athanasius joined the Mercy Corps team in 2014 and is the team leader for the GHG program's Gender and Youth Initiative. As the team lead, he oversees the GHG gender integration plan and contributes heavily to program design, tool development, and capacity building efforts.



Rebecca Oketcho, Nutrition Manager, RWANU Project, Concern Worldwide Uganda

Rebecca Isabel Oketcho is the Nutrition Manager with Concern Worldwide under the Resiliency through Wealth, Agriculture and Nutrition (RWANU) project. RWANU is a five-year project funded by USAID and implemented by the consortium of ACDI/VOCA, Concern Worldwide, and WeltHungerHilfe, in the southern district of the Karamoja Region in Uganda. In her capacity as Nutrition Manager, Rebecca oversees RWANU's Mother Care Group and Male Change Agent approaches. Rebecca served as Project Coordinator of Save the Children's Everyone Campaign in 2012. From 2012 to 2013, she lectured at the Human Nutrition and Dietetics Department of Kyambogo University and worked at Mwanamugimu Nutrition Unit of Mulago National Referral hospital, with the team of nutritionists managing complicated forms of severe acute malnutrition in children under five years of age. She trained nutrition interns from various institutions. In 2014, Rebecca joined Concern Worldwide as Emergency Nutrition Officer working with health facilities in West Nile, which were receiving refugees from South Sudan and Democratic Republic of Congo. Towards the end of 2014, she joined the Concern Worldwide RWANU Nutrition team.



Beatrice Lorge Rogers, Professor of Economics and Food Policy Director, Food Policy and Applied Nutrition Program, Friedman Nutrition School, Tufts University

Dr. Rogers is an economist whose research focuses on economic determinants of household food consumption, including price policy, and food aid. Her current research assesses the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of alternative supplementary foods for the treatment and prevention of moderate acute malnutrition in children, based on field studies in three sub-Saharan African countries. She recently completed a multi-country study in Bolivia, Honduras, and India, on how the benefits of food assistance programs can be made sustainable after the programs are closed. This research should inform the design of future development projects to ensure that interventions produce lasting change without creating dependence on external support. She has conducted research on the determinants of intra-household allocation of resources, focusing on the role of female household headship among other factors. She has worked in South and East Asia, Central and South America, and North and Sub-Saharan Africa. She is a leader in the development of interdisciplinary graduate education in food and nutrition and has conducted funded research on appropriate graduate training for global nutrition and food policy professionals.



Mara Russell, Director of Food Security, CARE USA

Mara Russell is Director of Food Security for CARE USA and provides technical leadership and support to CARE US Government food and nutrition security and resilience programs. Mara has nearly 30 years of experience designing, managing, and providing technical and operational support to food security, livelihoods, resilience, and relief projects. She has particular expertise in addressing program constraints resulting from social and gender-based inequalities. Mara holds a Bachelors from UCLA and a Masters from Columbia, both in Anthropology. She previously worked for the Land O'Lakes International Development Division, coordinated the Food Aid Management Project (FAM), and worked for CARE in New York, Northern Iraq, Somalia, and the Former Soviet Union.



Amanda Satterly, Director, Gender Initiatives, East Africa, TechnoServe

Amanda Satterly brings more than 15 years of broad experience in private sector development and a deep working knowledge of integrating gender into market systems in Africa. Currently, she is the Director of Gender Initiatives for TechnoServe East Africa, working to strengthen TechnoServe's efforts to advance gender equality. Her value chain experience includes coffee, maize, beans, malt barley, cocoa, dairy, cotton, soybean and poultry. She also has cross-country experience in building the enterprises of youth, microbusiness women and female-owned SGBs. She is currently pursuing an MSc Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Amanda is currently leading the design of Business Women Connect; a randomized control trial executed by the World Bank's Gender Innovation Lab to evaluate the impact of mobile savings and business skill training for microbusiness women in Tanzania. Prior to joining TechnoServe, she spent 10 years as a business consultant, including as an Associate at McKinsey & Company, to governments, entrepreneurial start-ups, and Fortune 500 companies.



Marsha Slater, Independent Consultant

Marsha Slater is a facilitator, trainer and organizational development consultant with over 35 years of professional experience, including on-going consultation with USAID since 1995. Her areas of expertise include leadership development, strategic planning, change management, integrated program design, project management, local capacity building, and training of trainers. Her sector experience includes local government strengthening, crisis response/post conflict recovery, maternal-child health, and health systems strengthening. She has worked extensively in Africa, Latin America, and South Europe. Since 2011, Ms. Slater has co-designed and facilitated global meetings and team retreats for the USAID Office of Food for Peace. She has also consulted with USAID's Bureau of Food Security, the Global Health Bureau and is currently designing core training programs for the Office of Education in the E3 Bureau. Recent assignments include training of trainers for NGOs working in local government council development in northwest Syria and leadership development for emerging women leaders in the NGO sector in Central and South America.



Emmanuel Ssegawa, Mainstreaming Coordinator, Concern Worldwide Uganda

Emmanuel Ssegawa is the Mainstreaming Coordinator for Concern Worldwide in Uganda, and responsible for the effective integration of gender, HIV and accountability in Concern Worldwide's programs. He also leads the Male Change Agent (MCA) component under the Resiliency through Wealth, Agriculture and Nutrition (RWANU) program. Emmanuel oversees the curriculum development for the Male Change Agents as well as the training and organization of trainers who conduct the training. He provides leadership in the development of policies, guidelines and action plans for gender, HIV and accountability mainstreaming, and the development of training manuals for staff and beneficiaries. Emmanuel is a Masters of Arts candidate in Local Governance and Human Rights at Uganda Martyrs University-Nkozi.



Diana Stukel, Senior Scientist, Survey Methods, FANTA Project, FHI 360

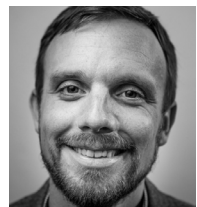
Diana Stukel has close to 25 years of experience working as a survey statistician, with roughly 15 of them in the area of international development, with a focus on survey design and methods, and monitoring & evaluation. Her current focus is as Senior Scientist, Survey Methods within the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA) Project at FHI 360. Prior to joining FHI 360, she held the posts of Head of Statistical Methodology for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics in Montreal, and Interregional Advisor on Population and Housing Censuses for the United Nations Statistics Division in New York, for a collective seven years.

Dr. Stukel began her career working for Statistics Canada in Ottawa, and at the end of her 11 year tenure was a Chief of Section within the Statistical Methodology Division. She has also worked as a Senior Statistician within the private sector for Westat Inc. in Washington, DC, where her chief responsibility was the design of large and complex multi-year surveys for USG contracts. Dr. Stukel holds a Masters and PhD in Mathematics and Statistics from Carleton University.



Jose Thekkiniath, Senior Technical Advisor, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL), Catholic Relief Services

Jose Thekkiniath is a statistician with a doctoral degree in Statistics. Jose is a research and MEAL professional with 25 years of experience in large scale multi-sector development and emergency programs in Africa and Asia. He has worked with a range of national and international for-profit and non-profit research, technical assistance, relief and development agencies; associated with large international NGOs and research consortia. He has also been involved in projects funded by mutli-lateral, bilateral, and private foundations.



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Jayachandran Vasudevan, Coordinator, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL), UBALE Project, Catholic Relief Services

Jayachandran Vasudevan (known as Dr. Jay among his professional circle) is a trained demographer, with more than 20 years of experience. Over the years he has worked for research institutions, the United Nations, and several non-government organizations (national and international). Dr. Jay has substantial experience managing the monitoring & evaluation portfolio of the USAID Office of Food for Peace-funded development food assistance programs and is currently working as the MEAL Coordinator for the CRS-led DFAP in Malawi called UBALE Project. Jay's key interests include developing monitoring & evaluation systems for complex projects, data mining, designing & managing large household surveys, developing research designs, and participating in various development community group discussions.



Joan Whelan, Strategy and Learning Advisor, USAID Office of Food for Peace

Joan Whelan is a strategy and learning specialist with experience in food security, resilience, and global health; and with skills along the research to implementation spectrum. Joan works to support the roll-out and adoption of emerging evidence and practice and has a long history of such support to the Office of Food for Peace (FFP) through previous senior management roles on the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance Project as well as the Technical and Operational Performance Support Program. With the USAID Office of Food for Peace since 2014, Joan has played a lead role in the development of the new draft 2016-2025 strategy. She has also been working to mainstream core ideas around sustainability, resilience, social accountability, and conflict sensitivity into project design, procurement, implementation, and evaluation. Joan has a MPA in Public Administration, a few decades of work experience in the private, public, and non-profit sectors, and still looks fondly on her years spent 'off the map' in both Eritrea and Morocco.



Joel Mercado Blanco, Social and Behavior Change Coordinator

Joel supports the overall SBC effort led by Food for the Hungry for The TOPS Program. Joel has worked for more than 12 years at Food for the Hungry, impacting Title II projects in Bolivia and making global contributions to Child Development Interventions and Project Design and Implementation. Joel has an MPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Health Behavior with a concentration in Monitoring and Evaluation. Joel is based at Food for the Hungry.



Claire Boswell, Social and Behavioral Change Specialist

Claire supports the overall SBC effort led by Food for the Hungry for The TOPS Program. She has worked on maternal and child health programming in a variety of capacities over the past 17 years, including program management and technical support. Her particular interests are developing and applying simple, practical tools to build field capacity in behavior change and monitoring and evaluation. Claire has an MHS from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and a BA in Spanish from Samford University. She is based at Food for the Hungry.



Kim Buttonow, Social and Behavioral Change Specialist

Kim works with the Social and Behavioral Change Senior Specialist to support the overall SBC effort led by Food for the Hungry for The TOPS Program. Previously Kim managed behavior change focused HIV prevention, care, and support programs. Most recently she was responsible for the design, production, training, and dissemination of Food for the Hungry's core development toolkit on a global scale. Kim holds an MPH in International Public Health from Tulane University and a BA in Cultural Anthropology. Kim is based at Food for the Hungry.



Eric Carlberg, Regional Agriculture Specialist

Eric is the Regional Agriculture Specialist for The TOPS Program and is working with the TOPS ANRM team to increase the effectiveness and impact of the agriculture, economic development, and natural resource management components of food security programs. Based in Kampala, Uganda office at Mercy Corps, Eric is working with the programs throughout East and Southern Africa. Previously, he worked as a Research Associate for the USAID Global Climate Change Monitoring and Evaluation Task Order for Development and Training Services, Inc (DTS) and conducted impact assessments for USAID's Peanut Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP). He has a BS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Business Administration and an MS from the University of Georgia in Agriculture and Applied Economics.



Holly Collins, Communications Associate, @hollywcollins

Holly uses her writing and digital communication skills to effectively communicate food security and global health information across multiple platforms for the TOPS Program and CORE Group. Holly has experience in social media, marketing, media production, and both domestic and international journalism. Her vision for communication is to share stories and information in order to move others to action in vulnerable communities. She has worked for multiple nonprofit organizations focusing on children and education in various contexts. Holly earned a BA in professional writing and journalism from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. In her free time, Holly enjoys traveling and exploring new cities, cooking, reading, and spending time with loved ones. Holly is based at CORE Group.



Julia Crowley, Program Specialist

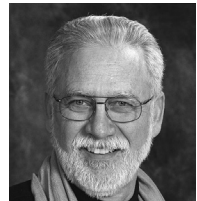
Julia has previously worked on both international and domestic health issues, including providing programmatic and backstopping support to Family Health International projects in Africa and the Middle East. Julia has lived and worked in South Africa, where she helped CDC/South Africa's Monitoring and Evaluation team with their PEPFAR reporting. Julia has an MS in Global Health from Harvard School of Public Health. She is based at Save the Children.


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Mary provides technical support to the overall SBC effort that Food for the Hungry leads in The TOPS Program, including identifying the knowledge and skill needs of practitioners and involving them in the process of implementation, synthesizing, producing, field testing, and delivering reliable, high-quality SBC information in user-friendly appropriate formats and venues; using effective and appropriate information and skill delivery systems/applications; and supporting and expanding skill and knowledge exchange forums. Previously, she managed behavior change programs for communicable disease prevention and maternal/child health and backstopped child survival projects. Mary has an MPH and an MS in Library Science from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. She is based at Food for the Hungry.


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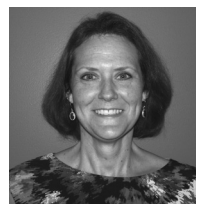
Mia manages The TOPS Program communications efforts, including designing, writing, and editing promotional and informational materials. She has more than 10 years of experience in a range of technical writing and communications roles for organizations such as AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Arlington County Office of Community Health, and UnitedHealth Group. Most recently, Mia worked as a Knowledge Management Specialist for Save the Children's Department of Global Health. Mia earned her MSc in Nutrition and Food Studies at George Mason University, where she was awarded a Provost's Office summer research fellowship for her original, mixed-methods study examining the intersections between gender inequalities, dietary diversity, and food security status in two villages in central Uganda. Mia is based at Save the Children.


Mark Fritzler, Director

Mark joined Save the Children in July 2003 as Country Director in Iraq. Subsequently, he served as Save the Children Country Director in Mozambique and Indonesia. In 2007-08 Mark was Chief of Party for the global Save the Children tsunami response in Aceh, Indonesia. During his career in international development and emergency response, Mark has worked in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He also worked with JHPIEGO, CARE International, and on several projects with international development consulting firms. Mark has a BA in Political Science from the University of Oregon. He is based at Save the Children.


Sophie Hollingsworth, Commodity Management Senior Operations Coordinator

Sophie provides logistical and programmatic support for The TOPS Program's Commodity Management (CM) Technical Team. This includes aiding in the coordination of the Food Assistance Commodity Management (FACM) Workshop series. Sophie comes to The TOPS Program from the International Conservation Caucus Foundation where she was a Programs Officer focusing on wildlife crime and anti-poaching efforts in east and southern Africa. Previously Sophie was based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, with the 2Seeds Network, an NGO working with smallholder farmers in Tanzania. Sophie holds an MA Honours in International Relations from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Sophie is based at Save the Children.


Shelia Jackson, Knowledge Management Senior Specialist, @sljackson19

Shelia develops and organizes learning events that maximize engagement, learning, and knowledge transfer through the use of participatory learning techniques. She fosters knowledge sharing and collaboration in the food security community by chairing the FSN Network's Knowledge Management Task Force. Previously, Shelia was the Knowledge Management Team Lead for the KSC Project at USAID. She has experience in envisioning and cultivating knowledge sharing programs that focus on the role knowledge management plays in helping people to efficiently accomplish daily tasks while adding to the institutional knowledge of their organization, proposing ideas for customized knowledge management solutions to address information sharing gaps and implementing training programs for social media tools. She earned an MS in Library and Information Science from Florida State University. Shelia is based at CORE Group.


Joan Jennings, Nutrition and Food Technology Senior Specialist

An expert in maternal and child health and nutrition, Joan has more than 15 years of experience providing consulting services for many USAID-funded food security and child survival programs and has extensive experience working with nutrition protection and behavior change strategies for improved infant and young child feeding practices. Her skill set also includes quantitative and qualitative evaluation, formative investigation, proposal development, and strategic planning. She has worked in over 20 countries throughout all development programming regions. In between periods of consulting, she was the team leader for children's health with CARE USA. She initiated her work in development as a Health and Nutrition Manager for Save the Children in Nicaragua. She possesses an MPH from Tulane University and received an internship with the United Nations ACC/Sub-Committee on Nutrition, where she edited a review of the elements of success among large-scale nutrition programs in 10 countries. Joan is based at Save the Children.


Lauren Jessup, Program Associate

Lauren provides daily program, logistical, and administrative/management support. Previously, she was an Agribusiness Peace Corps volunteer in Buea, Cameroon, where she worked on a variety of health and food security related projects. Lauren has a BSc in Science-Business from the University of Notre Dame. Lauren studied abroad in France and China, speaks conversational French, and participated in a summer service learning program in South Africa. She is based at Save the Children.


Adam Keehn, Deputy Director

Adam brings more than 20 years of experience in international relief and development to TOPS. As the Deputy Director Adam focuses primarily on planning, reporting, and the small grants program. Adam opened Save the Children US's office in Mali where he previously had served as a Peace Corps volunteer and a Food for Peace Monitor. In addition, Adam directed Save the Children's programs in Burkina Faso from 1993 to 1996 and in Ethiopia from 2002 to 2005. Adam has held a variety of management and human resources roles in SC's headquarters, and in 2013/14 he headed the successful Hurricane Sandy recovery program in New York. Adam recently carried out two interim assignments with Save the Children International, serving as Program Director for Southern Africa and as Program Development and Quality Director in Liberia. He has a BA in English and French from Beloit College and an MPS from Cornell University in Adult Education/Community Development. He is based at Save the Children.


Dasha Kosmynina, Associate Director, Grants and Finance

Dasha provides sound financial and administrative management of The TOPS Program. Prior to TOPS, Dasha was the Deputy Director of Save the Children's YouthSave Project, responsible for project administration at HQ and in four implementation countries. She joined Save the Children as the Associate Director for Portfolio Management and Support of the Livelihoods Department. Before SC, Dasha worked for The Urban Institute in several capacities including Project Coordinator, Research Associate, and Resident Advisor positions in Washington, DC and Tbilisi, Georgia. Dasha has a BA in Political Science from Emory University and an MA in Law and Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University. She is based at Save the Children.


Birendra Kumar "BK" De, Commodity Management Senior Specialist

During a career spanning three decades and three continents, BK has gained extensive experience at all levels of operation of emergency and development programs in both the field and headquarters levels. His expertise includes commodity management, logistics, warehousing, and distribution. He has worked in the field in India, Ethiopia, Russia, Tanzania, Iraq, Albania, and Kosovo. In addition, he also led projects in India, Malawi, and Sudan. In Darfur, Sudan he managed a commodity logistics project focused on meeting the needs of 1.2 million internally displaced people. At CARE USA, BK played a key role in setting up the Supply Chain Management Unit to improve the organization's global supply chain capability. In his current role at The TOPS Program, BK is responsible for commodity management capacity building and developing tools that benefit the entire community of commodity management practitioners. BK has an MSc in International Logistics from the Georgia Institute of Technology.


Abby Love, Agriculture Officer

Abby supports all agriculture and natural resource management activities for the TOPS Program, with an emphasis on refining information resources, tools, and remote learning opportunities. Abby has worked in various roles in agricultural development, including research, project implementation, and program support. She has an MS in Agricultural and Applied Economics and a BSES in Environmental Economics and Management. Abby is based at Mercy Corps.


Andrea Mottram, Agriculture Senior Specialist

Andrea leads the agriculture and natural resource management component, working with the implementing community to identify, modify, and develop tools and best practices, strengthen technical skills, and support knowledge sharing mechanisms. With 20 years of experience in agricultural development, Andrea has worked for Mercy Corps in a number of agriculture and economic development field positions throughout Africa and Asia, as well as global technical support. She previously worked in agricultural research and training for the Centre for Arid Zone studies, a UK-based research and development organization. She has a PhD from the University of Wales, Bangor, UK in sorghum and millet production and an MSc in rural resource management. Andrea is based at Mercy Corps.


Edith Mutalya, Monitoring and Evaluation Senior Specialist

Edith leads TOPS's monitoring and evaluation (M&E) activities, including focused capacity building of M&E practitioners working for Title II and other food security projects, and supporting and strengthening the community of M&E practitioners; liaises with the FANTA III M&E team, FFP M&E team, M&E Task Force members, and the M&E practitioners working for Title II programs; identifies effective tools and promising M&E practices; and reviews small grant proposals and oversees the relevant small grants. In addition, she is responsible for TOPS's own M&E plan. Edith has nearly 20 years of international development experience in the areas of food security programming, natural resource management, HIV/AIDS, and orphans and vulnerable children. She also has experience in project management, strategic planning, and program design and implementation. Edith previously served as Program Management Officer for M&E with World Vision US, M&E Specialist with Chemonics International Civil Society Fund, and M&E Specialist with World Vision Uganda Livelihoods Project. She received a BSc in Agricultural Economics and an MPS in Applied Economics and Management, and she is currently pursuing an MPH. Edith is based at TANGO International.


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Yemisi Songo-Williams, Knowledge Management Specialist, @yemisi_sw

Yemisi designs and executes knowledge management activities and processes to strengthen and expand the TOPS FSN Network. She works to improve food security and nutrition practice by providing support to the TOPS technical leads in leveraging new technologies and practices for engaging online communities in knowledge exchange and capacity strengthening. She has experience in developing strategies and forums to facilitate knowledge sharing through meetings, conferences, field exchange visits, social media and other online collaboration forums. In her previous role as a Knowledge Management and Learning Officer with CRS, Yemisi led the creation and management of a web-based platform for knowledge collection and dissemination. She also developed synergistic relationships with partner organizations to improve learning and collaboration, and capture critical knowledge, innovations and best practices. Yemisi holds an MSc in Social Research Methods from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is based at CORE Group.


Laurie Starr, Monitoring and Evaluation/Gender Senior Specialist

Laurie is an applied researcher with extensive experience in food security, livelihoods, gender issues, resilience, and monitoring and evaluation. The geographic range of her experience encompasses 20 countries in Africa, Asia, and the Latin American and Caribbean region. Laurie has 10 years of experience conducting mixed-methods evaluations in resource-limited settings in collaboration with NGOs, government organizations, donors, and multi-lateral agencies. She has provided strategic support to NGOs and donors seeking to design gender sensitive resilience and food security programs, including the design of indices to measure gender equality. Laurie facilitates theory of change workshops around the world, assisting NGO staff to bring a systems-thinking perspective to problem analysis, and program design, implementation, and monitoring. Laurie has an MA in International Development Practice from Prescott College for the Environment and Social Justice and a BA in Latin American Studies from the University of Arizona. She is based at TANGO International.


Kristi Tabaj, Gender Senior Specialist, @ktwas

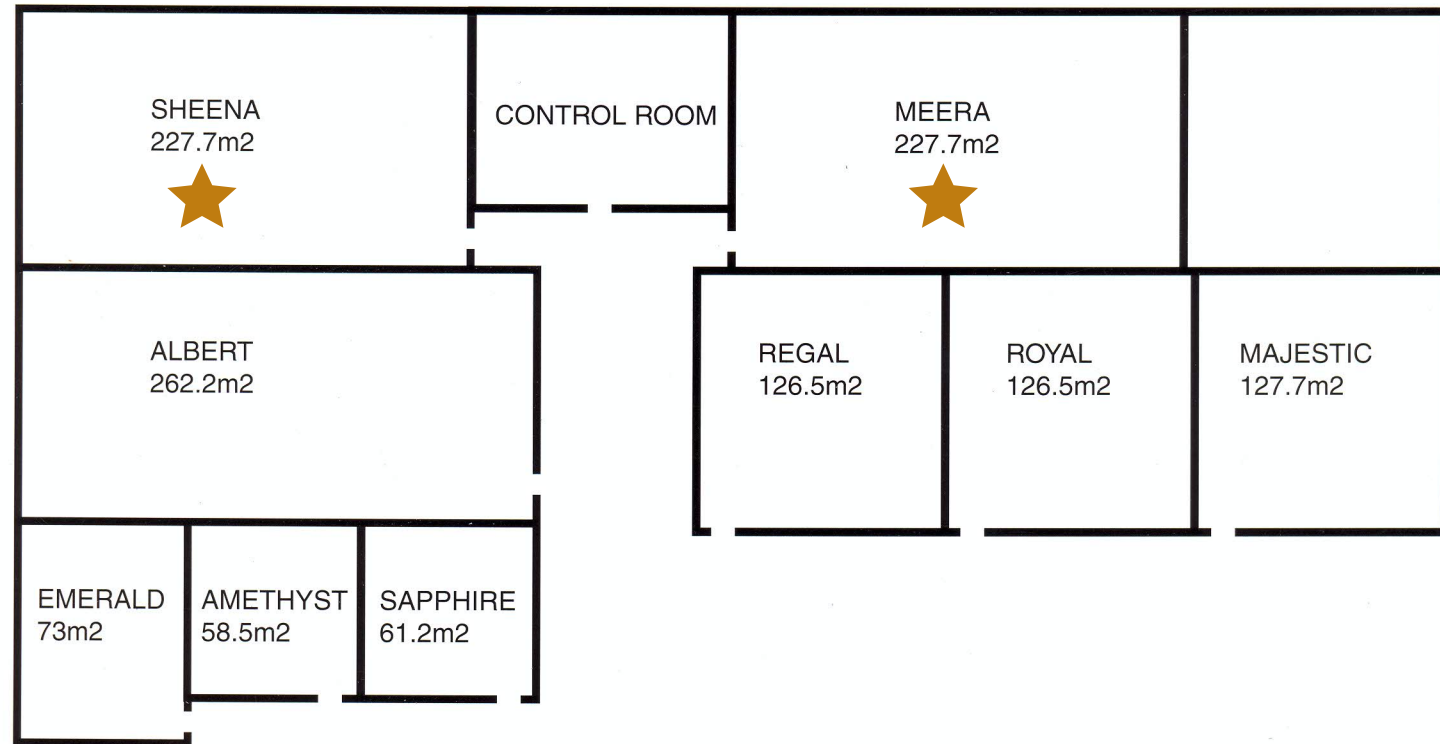
Kristi facilitates knowledge sharing of gender integration strategies and practices in food security programming. A development professional with more than 15 years of experience in food security, agriculture and agribusiness, gender, livelihoods, and natural resource management, she has been involved in the design, implementation, and evaluation of programming in North America, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and Central and South Asia. She previously worked with TOPS consortium partner Mercy Corps, the Forest Service, and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras and Guatemala. Kristi has a BA in Anthropology from Lawrence University and an MS in International Agricultural Development from University of California, Davis. She is a fluent English speaker and possesses some Spanish and French language skills. Kristi is based at Save the Children.


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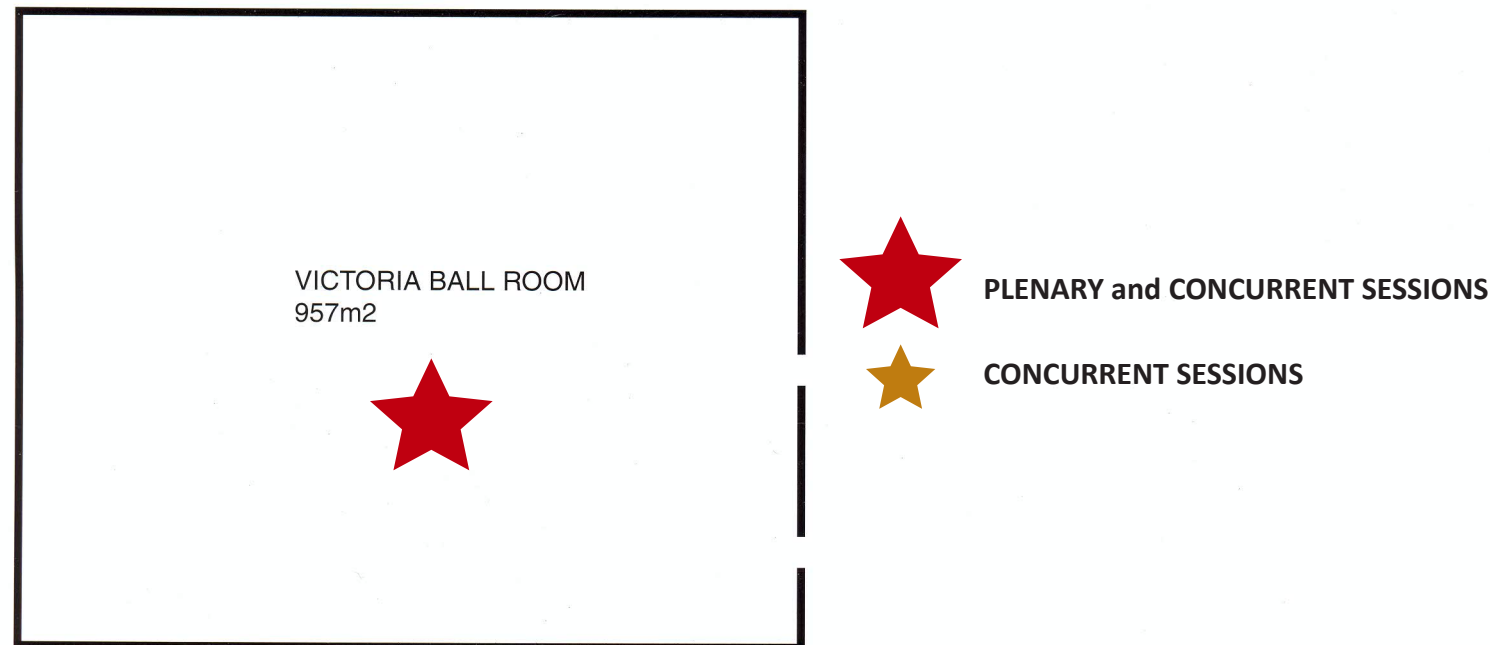
Adrienne is responsible for supporting both the CORE Group and TOPS teams with online content creation and management, events planning, and overall community engagement through the FSN Network and Community Health Networks. She has gained experience in content creation, media outreach, and events management from her work with varied non-profit, non-governmental organizations such as Accion International, The African Foundation for Development, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Adrienne received her BA in International Relations and BS in Journalism from Boston University in 2015. Passionate for advocacy work, she holds knowledge sharing and public information essential to effective capacity building in the international development arena. She enjoys traveling domestically and internationally, trying different types of cuisines, reading poetry and prose, being active, and spending quality time with family and friends. Adrienne is based at CORE Group.

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TOP 10 KAMPALA ATTRACTIONS

Located 14 km (9 mi) from central Kampala, the Speke Resort and Conference Center Munonyo is a 30-minute taxi ride away from these local tourist sites. (Source: www.visitkampala.net)

1. Basilica of the Uganda Martyrs - *Namugongo, Kampala*
2. The Royal Mile (Lubiri Palace and Bulange Parliament) - *Mengo, Kampala*
3. Kasubi Royal Tombs - *Masiro Road, Kampala*
4. National Theater and Craft Village - *Parliamentary Avenue, Kampala*
5. Ndere Center - Kisaasi - *Kira Road, Kampala*
6. Old Kampala National Mosque - *Old Kampala, Kampala*
7. Rubaga Cathedral - *Mutesa Road, Kampala*
8. Uganda National Museum - *Kira Road, Kampala*
9. Baha'i House of Worship - *Bahai Road, Kampala*
10. The Independence Monument - *Speke Road, Kampala*

TOP 5 DAY TRIPS

Have an extra day in Kampala? Try checking out one of the top five day trips to see more of Uganda's natural beauty and local attractions. (Source: www.lonelyplanet.com and www.tripadvisor.com)

1. Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary - 1.5-Hour Drive
2. Mabira Forest - 2-Hour Drive
3. Jinja - 2.5-Hour Drive
4. Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary - 3-Hour Drive
5. Lake Mburo National Park - 4-Hour Drive

See the hotel front desk to inquire about tour services for Kampala and surrounding areas.

Thank you to all participants and contributing organizations!

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Three Things I Had Never Thought About Before:

Things I Feel Inspired To Do When I Get Back:

People I Want To Follow on Twitter:

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My Favorite Quotes:

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The Most Interesting Ideas I Heard:

Websites I Must Check Out:

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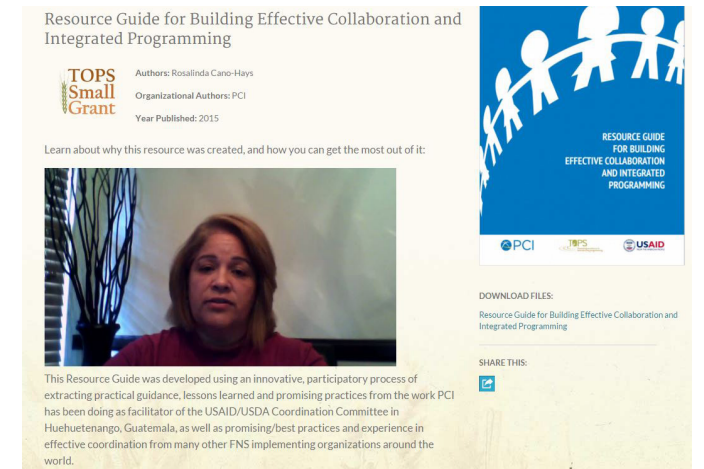


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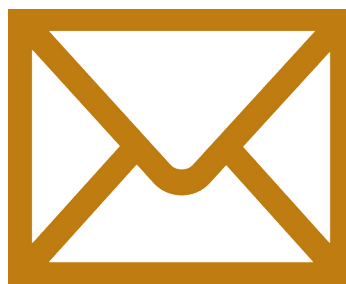
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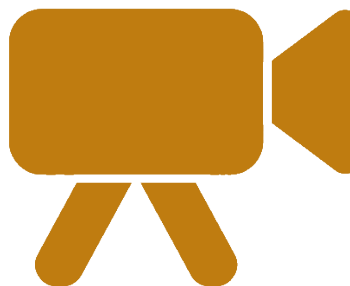
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