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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Published by [The Chicago Council on Global Affairs](#)

The world is now home to the largest youth population in history, with the fastest growth occurring in regions prone to food insecurity and unemployment. This video highlights the 2018 Global Food Security Report published by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Titled "Youth for Growth: Transforming Economies through Agriculture", the report explores how the agriculture sector can harness the burgeoning youth population to catalyze employment paths to advance food security. [Access the report here.](#)

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DID YOU KNOW...

The [Forest Garden Training Center \(FGTC\)](#) is a free, on-demand, anytime, anywhere online training certification and resource center designed to give practitioners across the globe an easily deployable and replicable solution to end hunger, poverty and deforestation by

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Forest Garden Approach; a sustainable farming model that lifts smallholder farmers out of poverty and hunger in 4 years. This training program is proven to increase **food security**, **dietary diversity** and **economic resiliency** using USAID measurements and indicators.

[By registering at the Training Center](#), practitioners can explore FGTC, download training resources, ask agroforestry questions to global practitioners, and become a Certified Forest Garden Trainer.

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The FSN Network News is a community newsletter, and we welcome your input. Let us know of upcoming events, new publications, and interesting articles. We also share new job openings, funding opportunities, calls for input, and photos. Email submissions to news@fsnnetwork.org.

Announcing the Commodity Management Toolkit in French!



OUTIL DE GESTION DES VIVRES

The Commodity Management (CM) Toolkit was recently translated into French. It is a one-step operational guide for anyone working on programs using food commodity. It provides staff quick access to the specific information they need on minimum requirements, whenever and wherever they need it. The toolkit is a set of interconnected flowcharts that provide a road map of the entire CM process - from project start-up through close-out - in simple steps. In addition to illustrating each activity required to promote compliance with USAID

regulations - and the functional area(s) accountable - the toolkit provides instant access to 147 tools designed to help users implement these activities. The toolkit can be used both as a self-study training resource for new staff and as a quick reference for more experienced staff.

[Access the resource in French here.](#)

[Access the resource in English here.](#)

Register for In-Person and Online Theory of Change (TOC) Refresher Sessions

Four brief TOC refresher sessions scheduled for late April 2018. New online session added!

Are you experiencing Assumption Agony? Running from Rationales? Is your head spinning with regard to the presentation of recommended TOC narrative content? You are not alone...and TOPS is here to help!

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designed to answer questions that help you use the [Theory of Change \(TOC\) checklist](#) to fine tune a TOC for a Food for Peace Development Food Security Activity (DFSA).

The TOC refresher sessions are designed for practitioners who already have experience developing TOCs for Food for Peace DFSAs but who may want to learn more about specific criteria on the TOPS/FFP TOC checklist. The TOC checklist will be used as a general outline for the events, however the specific session content will be driven by participants. To allow adequate time to prepare, we ask you to submit your specific questions on the registration form.

In-Person Sessions - Save the Children, 899 N. Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

- Session 1: Tuesday, April 24th | 1:00-4:30PM EDT - limited to 22 participants
- Session 2: Wednesday, April 25th | 9:00AM-12:30PM EDT - limited to 14 participants
- Session 3: Friday, April 27th | 9:00AM-12:30PM EDT - limited to 14 participants

Online Session

- Thursday, April 26th | 7:30-10:00AM EDT (We hope this time is convenient for participants from Africa, Asia, and US who are not based in Washington, D.C.)

[Register here.](#)

Food for Peace Website Update: Partner Resources and Guidance Documents

Visit the new website at <https://www.usaid.gov/food-assistance>

In case you missed it, USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) has updated their website and reorganized webpages for easier navigation. Interested FFP partners can find opportunities and related resources on our new [Partner With Us](#) webpage. For example, you can find on this page:

- Proposal and legislative guidance
- Requests for applications
- [Implementation and reporting](#) resources
- [FFP Information Bulletins](#), and more.

For general resources, such as FFP reports, fact sheets, and research and policy papers, visit the FFP [Resources](#) webpage. Please contact ffpcomms@usaid.gov with any questions.

Launch of the USAID Resilience Measurement Practical Guidance Note Series

Thursday, April 12, 2018 | 9:00 - 10:30AM EDT

USAID/FFP, 555 12th Street NW, Washington, DC 20002 and Online

This new series in five parts synthesizes existing technical documents into pragmatic guidance to assist practitioners in integrating core aspects of resilience measurement into their program assessments, design, monitoring, evaluation, and learning. The series was prepared by Mercy Corps, in collaboration with the USAID Center for Resilience, TANGO International, and Save the Children under the USAID-funded Resilience Evaluation, Analysis and Learning (REAL) Award.

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[Learn more and register here.](#)

Free Online Course on Sustainable Nutrition and Agriculture

Course starts Monday, April 16, 2018.

How can we ensure a healthy and sustainable diet for our growing world population? How should agriculture adapt - or stay the same - to support the Sustainable Development Goals? The free SDG Academy course **Feeding a Hungry Planet: Agriculture, Nutrition and Sustainability**, produced with the support of Rothamsted Research and Wageningen University, tackles these questions and more. In this course, you will take a deep dive into the agriculture sector, which is at the heart of issues such as food security, malnutrition, ecosystem management, and the responsible production and consumption of food. You will also explore how food systems, technological advancement in food production, rural development, and more impact the mission of sustainably feeding the billions of people on our planet.

[Enroll here.](#)

Complementary Food for Africa: New Products and Approaches for Improved Childhood Nutrition

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018 | 9:00 -10:00AM EDT
Online**

The first 1000 days of a child's life is a critical window for receiving adequate nutrition, which will determine if they can grow to their full physical and cognitive potential later in life. It is at this stage that malnutrition can set in and persist if a child's nutritional needs are not met. Within this 1000 days, mothers help their children transition from breastfeeding to solid foods using "complementary foods," which provide the additional nutrition that children need as they grow. Yet safe, affordable, and accessible foods for early childhood nutrition still are not widespread in Africa.

In this webinar, the Soybean Innovation Lab (SIL) will share its research findings about the nutrition, acceptability, and feasibility of a new complementary food, ComFA, developed by researchers at the University for Development Studies in Tamale, Ghana. SIL researchers have found this product to be safer, more nutritious, and more energy efficient than the prevailing complementary food on Ghanaian market, Weanimix. The panel will discuss the benefits of this product, as well as how development agencies should evaluate new nutrition products and how they can partner with SIL to scale this product in areas where it is needed most.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

SG2018: The Power of Savings Group

May 22-24, 2018 | Kigali, Rwanda

The SEEP Network is delighted to host SG2018: The Power of Savings Groups in collaboration with Conference partners. SG2018 will offer a platform for attendees to connect, engage and learn from each other about the challenges and opportunities they face in supporting Savings Groups - including VSLAs, SHGs, indigenous savings groups, and other forms of community-based microfinance - worldwide. In this pursuit, SEEP

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Register Now for the Food Assistance for Nutrition Evidence Summit June 27-28, 2018 | Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, DC 20005

USAID Office of Food for Peace, Food Aid Quality Review (FAQR) Project led by faculty at Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and its partners will convene the Evidence Summit as a forum to synthesize the current state of research on food assistance for nutrition, facilitate dialogue on key policy and program-relevant findings, and identify priority domains for future studies.

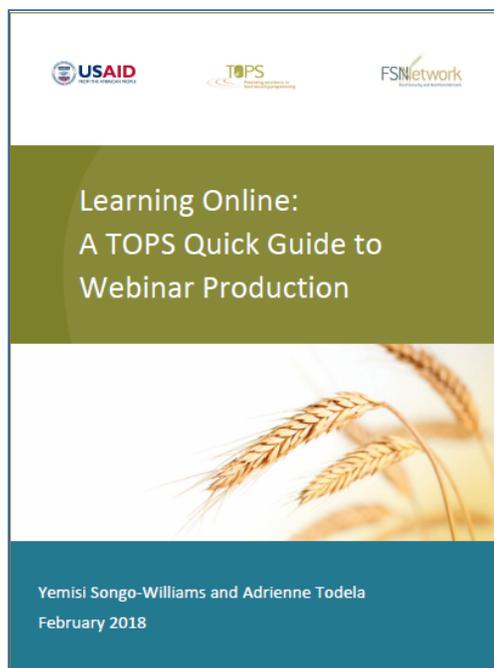
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Featured Resource

Learning Online: A TOPS Quick Guide to Webinar Production

We are now living in an increasingly connected world. These heightened connections are manifested not only in the physical world but also in the virtual space through innovations in communications and information technology. Learning has especially benefited from the availability and accessibility of virtual platforms. In the context of international development, web seminars or, in short, webinars are being utilized today more than ever as learning in the sector is progressively occurring across offices, across organizations, across borders, and across time zones. Not only are webinars used for virtual internal meetings, but they are now increasingly employed for more structured online presentations and discussions that foster knowledge sharing and learning among those in attendance.

Webinars, just like in-person events, are productions in of themselves and take time, resource, and people to plan and host them. This quick guide presents the accumulation of best practices The TOPS Program follow when producing webinars. It is a basic, step-by-step resource that goes through the three webinar production phases: Pre-Production, Production, and Post-Production.

[Access the resource here.](#)

Job Postings

- [Director, WASH, TOPS Program](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Collaboration and Learning Specialist, SCALE](#) based in Washington, DC or open to other Mercy Corps location with Mercy Corps

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- [Knowledge Management Summer Intern](#) based in Washington, DC with CORE Group
- [Director, Financial Capability and Youth Employment](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Communications Consultant](#) based in Washington, DC with CORE Group
- [Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Advisor, Resilience](#) based in Washington, DC with Mercy Corps
- [Market Systems Development Advisor](#) based in Amman, Jordan with Mercy Corps
- [Food Security Technical Coordinator](#) based in Maradi, Niger with Mercy Corps
- [Technical Advisor, Humanitarian Assistance and Resilience](#) based in Washington, DC with Project Concern International
- [Regional Director, HarvestPlus](#) based in Hanoi Vietnam with IFPRI
- [Food Security Technical Coordinator](#) based in Niger with NCBA CLUSA
- [Senior Director, Food Security and Livelihoods](#) based in Washington, DC with World Vision
- [Livelihood and Economic Development Specialist](#) based in Bangui, Central African Republic with World Vision
- [Chief of Party, Feed the Future Knowledge, Data, Learning, and Training](#) based in Arlington, VA with Social Impact
- [Deputy Chief of Party, Feed the Future Knowledge, Data, Learning, and Training](#) based in Arlington, VA with Social Impact
- [Lead Data Analyst, Feed the Future Knowledge, Data, Learning, and Training](#) based in Arlington, VA with Social Impact
- [Women's Economic Empowerment Entrepreneurship Advisor](#) based in the East, Central and South Africa Region with CARE

Funding & Other Opportunities

Food Systems for Healthy and Sustainable Diets Course | Deadline: April 23, 2018

Food systems considers all the actors, elements and activities that relate to primary producing, processing, distributing, preparing and consuming food and waste disposal; and the socio-economic and environmental outcomes of these activities. The course explores food systems from a dietary perspective and discuss which components are related to the diet gaps for different populations groups at national, regional and global level. It discusses possible actions to be taken to transform the food system for addressing the gaps and how these actions can be leveraged in a sustainable way. The training targets staff of governmental and non-governmental organisations. The course is job-oriented and the training approach is interactive, experience as well as evidence-based: it provides the participants with the possibility to learn from expert facilitators as well as from each other. Transfer of knowledge goes hand in hand with case studies, working groups, etc. A mix of participants with different backgrounds, yet common interests, will provide a good basis for the exchange of experiences. [Learn more here!](#)

Thought for Food Global Challenge | Deadline: May 4, 2018

Thought for Food launches the 5th edition of the TFF Challenge, inviting young leaders from around the world to sign up and develop new ideas and business concepts that tackle the challenge of sustainably feeding our world's growing population. This year the competition is open to everyone under the age of 35. [Learn more here!](#)

Food Systems for Improved Nutrition Research Program: Request for Applications | Concept Memos Deadline: May 7, 2018

The UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are seeking applications to address a broad set of robust and large-scale research priorities to guide program and policy efforts to improve food safety in sustainable, nutritious food systems in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The goal of this program is to deliver high-quality evidence on innovations, interventions and approaches to mitigate food-borne diseases (FBD) and biological hazards related to food systems at large scale

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supply, and appropriate policies, regulations, and standards. [Learn more here!](#)

Case Study Writing Opportunities for Digital Development for Feed the Future (D2FTF) | Deadline: June 30, 2018

D2FTF is committed to complete 10 case studies by September 2018, highlighting how organizations within the Feed the Future zones of influence are using digital tools and technologies to more effectively and efficiently meet their goals, while documenting improved agricultural outcomes as a result. mSTAR, at FHI 360, is seeking up to four Washington, DC-based consultants to research, draft and finalize four case studies on either (1) how organizations implementing agricultural programs are using two digital tools and technologies; the impact that these digital tools and technologies have had on their results; and how these digital interventions link to Feed the Future goals and objectives, even if the programs are not Feed the Future supported; or (2) a meta-analysis of digital tools used in agriculture to date. [Learn more here!](#)

Two Funded PhD Opportunities on Environmental Impacts of Canadian Food Choices | Rolling Deadline

University of Waterloo (starting ASAP) and Dalhousie University (starting Fall 2018). Are you interested in sustainable and healthy diets, addressing food security, and the challenge of eating within planetary boundaries? Professor Goretty Dias, of the Faculty of Environment, University of Waterloo, and Professor Peter Tyedmers of the School for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University, are looking for keen PhD students with a track record of successful research at the Masters level who enjoy engaging in multi-disciplinary research. Students will join a newly established, SSHRC-funded project. [Learn more here!](#)

Upcoming Events

[Using Digital Tools to Expand Access to Agricultural Insurance](#): Digital Development for Feed the Future; April 6; Online

[Workshop on Cost-Efficiency and Cost-Effectiveness Methodologies and Applications in Humanitarian Assistance](#): USAID, International Rescue Committee, and The Cash Learning Partnership; April 9-10; Washington, DC

[Launch of the USAID Resilience Measurement Practical Guidance Note Series](#): REAL; April 12; Washington, DC and Online

[Ecosystem-Based Adaptation for Development Results](#): USAID ATLAS Project; April 19; Washington, DC and Online

[Nutrition Olympiad 2018: Empowerment and Nutrition of Youth for a Healthy Nation](#): Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development and the MUCH Project; April 21; Dhaka, Bangladesh

[Market Systems Symposium 2018](#): EcoVentures International; April 24-26; Cape Town, South Africa

[Theory of Change Refresher Sessions](#): The TOPS Program; April 24, 25, and 27; Washington, DC

[Complementary Food for Africa: New Products and Approaches for Improved Childhood Nutrition](#): Soybean Innovation Lab; April 25; Online

[Focus Groups 101: Brief Guide to Conducting Focus Groups in Village Settings](#): Soybean Innovation Lab; May 9; Online

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New Reports, Guides & Tools

[Youth for Growth: Transforming Economies through Agriculture](#) from Chicago Council of Global Affairs

[Using Digital Tools to Expand Access to Agricultural Insurance](#) from mSTAR Project

(Newly Updated) [Forest Garden Training Center Set](#) from Trees for the Future

(Newly Updated) [Resilience Measurement Practical Guidance Series \(newly updated\)](#) from REAL Award

[Conflict-sensitive Approaches to Development, Humanitarian assistance and Peacebuilding: A Resource Pack](#) from Saferworld

[WASH' Nutrition: A Practical Guidebook](#) from Action Against Hunger

[Global Report on Food Crises 2018](#) from World Food Program

[Exploring multi-sector programming at the sub-national level in Senegal, Nepal and Kenya](#) from Emergency Nutrition Network

Recent Articles

[Measuring High-Level Organizational Changes that Contribute to Sustainability](#) from Agrilinks

[Five ways relationships promote innovation - and can improve food safety](#) from Horticulture Innovation Lab

[World Water Day: Feeding millions from the ground up - the promise of groundwater-fed irrigation in Africa South of the Sahara](#) from IFPRI

[The Next Generation: Small Farms Mean Business](#) from Chicago Council on Global Affairs

[This Farmer Wants to Make Quinoa a 'Thing' in Rwanda](#) from NPR

[Changing the Lives of Women and Youth, One Orange Potato at a Time](#) from Chicago Council of Global Affairs

[Tanzania: Farming Drive Laudable, but Inclusivity is Crucial](#) from All Africa

[UN Chief Warns of Widespread Ills from Global Water Crisis](#) from Washington Post

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