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#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Submitted by [Beth Outterson](#)

Partnership Defined Quality (PDQ) is a methodology that engages community members with service providers to address barriers to health services. Having successfully integrated PDQ into prior programs, Medical Teams International, through a TOPS Small Grant, created a 30-minute instructional video on how to execute the PDQ Process, shot in Grand Cape Mount County, Liberia. To learn more about [MTI's small grant](#) and other aspects of the [TOPS Small Grants Program](#), join the [webinar](#) tomorrow!

[Submit photos or videos for future newsletters.](#)

#### DID YOU KNOW...

Through the [Building Blocks](#) project, WFP has been harnessing the power of blockchain technology to make cash transfers more efficient, transparent and secure in refugee camps in

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provided assistance through the blockchain-based system. The next phase of the project will be an expansion to all 500,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan receiving support from WFP. [Learn more about Building Blocks here.](#) [Read MIT Technology Review's article about the project here.](#)

## Contribute to the Newsletter!

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](mailto:news@fsnnetwork.org).

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## Updates to FSN Network's Privacy Policy

The European Union's (EU) new [General Data Protection Regulation](#) (GDPR) went into effect on Friday, May 25, 2018.

GDPR is a regulation that requires businesses to protect the personal data and privacy of EU citizens. Please review our [privacy policy](#) to learn more about what information we collect from our website users and how we use it.

Please know that we are committed to ensuring the safety and privacy of data from all our subscribers. You will be given the option to update your subscription preferences and unsubscribe from our mailing list by clicking the link at the bottom of every email update.

Thank you for your continued engagement with and support of the FSN Network.

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## Small Grants: Tips for Success for Grantors and Grantees TOMORROW! Thursday, May 31, 2018 | 9:30 - 11:00 AM EDT | Online

Has your organization ever considered starting up a small grants program? Do you know how to write a winning proposal for a small grant? What even *is* a small grants program in the first place?

If you're interested in any of these questions, this webinar is for you! Based on lessons learned from its [Small Grants Program](#), TOPS will be hosting an interactive webinar aimed at 1) organizations interested in implementing a small grants program as a grantor, and/or 2) organizations looking to apply for and manage a small grant. The webinar will elaborate upon the benefits of small grants as a funding mechanism and will provide an opportunity for these two audiences to ask questions and discuss challenges.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

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## Save the Children, 899 North Capitol Street NE, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20002

How can a framework for gender and resilience increase the effectiveness of our work and foster mutual learning?

We invite participants from research, donor, and implementing organizations who specialize in resilience (both in development and humanitarian contexts), gender, and/or inclusion (e.g. youth, LGBTQ rights, disability rights, and more) to join us for a half-day, hands-on workshop to explore draft framework developed by the Gender and Resilience Working Group, a coalition of over 40 resilience-focused international organizations. This interactive event represents a collaboration between the Working Groups and The TOPS Program, with facilitation from CARE, Mercy Corps, Save the Children, TANGO and The TOPS Program. It will serve as a platform to link resilience specialists with gender/inclusion specialists to collectively consider ways to improve programming through an increased of the intersection of gender/inclusion and resilience.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

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## REAL Short Course in Resilience Measurement

June 13, 20, and 27, 2018 | 10:00 AM EDT

Online

In April the REAL Award launched the [USAID Resilience Measurement Guidance Note Series](#), a set of five guidance notes that provide pragmatic guidance to assist practitioners in integrating core aspects of resilience measurement into their programs and activities.

In this short course, the REAL Award invites you to join them for three interactive webinar sessions where you will learn how to apply the guidance in your work. Register for one, two or all of them!

### Session 1: Risk and Resilience Assessments

Wednesday, June 13 | 10:00-11:00 AM EDT

### Session 2: Design and Planning at the Activity Level

Wednesday, June 20 | 10:00-11:30 AM EDT

### Session 3: Measuring Shocks and Stresses, Resilience Capacities, and Analyzing Resilience

Wednesday, June 27 | 10:00-11:30 AM EDT

[Learn more and register here.](#)

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## USAID/FFP Releases FY 2018 Request for Applications for Development Food Security Activities in Burkina Faso and Niger

Applications are due by Tuesday, June 26, 2018 11:59 AM EDT

USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP) released the [Fiscal Year 2018 \(FY 2018\) Request for Applications \(RFA\) for development food security activities in Burkina Faso and Niger](#). The country-specific information (CSI) for [Burkina Faso](#) and [Niger](#) are also available.

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- USAID reserves the rights to adjust the number of awards, funding levels and sources of funding, given the budget environment and other considerations. The CSI contains estimates for numbers of awards and available funds.
- Just like last year, this RFA makes reference to separate technical information. Select technical information is included in the Technical References and Monitoring & Evaluation Policy & Guidance for Food for Peace Programs on the FFP website; links are provided in the RFA.
- USAID/FFP is returning to the Refine and Implement model this year. More information can be found in Appendix II.

**Applications are due by Tuesday, June 26, 11:59 AM EDT.** Please do not wait until the last day to submit applications. USAID/FFP will work toward an expedient decision and will inform successful applicants of its decision.

Oral presentations may be required as conditions permit (see RFA, page 5). Details concerning oral presentations will be communicated to successful first phase applicants.

All documents are available on the [USAID website](#), and the [Burkina Faso](#) and [Niger](#) country pages. Alternatively, all documents are available on [Grants.gov](#).

Please note that no USAID/FFP country backstop officers or field representatives should be contacted about information contained in the RFA materials or with application questions. All comments and inquiries should be directed to Mr. Michael Keegan, [mkeegan@usaid.gov](mailto:mkeegan@usaid.gov), with a copy to [FACG@usaid.gov](mailto:FACG@usaid.gov) and "RFA FY 2018" in the subject line.

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## **New Training Courses from the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP)**

### **A variety of sessions for junior staff and technical staff.**

#### **Monitoring 4 Cash Transfer Programming**

The aim of this course is to develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence of field-based practitioners to support and undertake monitoring of humanitarian cash and voucher programs. This course targets staff involved in monitoring who collect, analyze, and use monitoring data. These people may be in a special monitoring unit, part of a program team or associated with a particular sector. Some previous exposure to the basic concepts and vocabulary used in monitoring and evaluation are expected.

[Session Date: June 15](#) | [Deadline to apply: May 30](#)

#### **Cash Transfer Programming: The Fundamentals**

This one-day course is designed for anyone who wants to learn more about cash transfer programming in humanitarian contexts, and will introduce you to the fundamentals of Cash Transfer Programming (CTP). No knowledge of CTP is required - great for new staff/interns/volunteers in various supportive roles (HR, PR, IT, etc.) and anyone interested in learning more about programming.

[Session 2: July 24](#) | [Deadline to apply: July 10](#)

#### **Core Cash Transfer Programming Skills for Supply Chain, Finance and ICT Staff**

This 5-day course, developed by the Fritz Institute in conjunction with CaLP, course is structured around the humanitarian project cycle and allows a range of operations staff to understand their role and function in the design, implementation, and monitoring of cash transfer programs. This course is for supply chain, finance, and ICT staff who are or will be supporting the implementation of cash transfer programs.

[Session Dates: July 30-August 3](#) | [Deadline to apply: July 16](#)

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and monitor cash transfer programs. This course is focused on a technical/programmatic perspective - therefore, it is targeted at technical staff who manage/support/backstop cash programs.

[Session Dates: August 13-17 | Deadline to apply: July 13](#)

Please note the links will lead you to the Kaya account page. You will need to create a Kaya account to fill out the training application forms.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karen Pinzon: [kpinzon@actionagainsthunger.org](mailto:kpinzon@actionagainsthunger.org).

## Featured Resource

### Resilience Measurement Practical Guidance Note Series

The Resilience Measurement Practical Guidance Notes Series 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.

In five parts, the series introduces key concepts and guides practitioners through the process of resilience measurement, from assessment to analysis. Unlike many other program impacts (nutrition levels, poverty, etc.), resilience is not an end in itself but rather an ability that shapes how and why outcomes change over time. This makes resilience measurement different from measurement of other program concepts, thus the need for this guidance.

There are five guidance notes along with a summary brief in this series:

1. Risk and Resilience Assessments
2. Measuring Shocks and Stresses
3. Resilience Capacity Measurement
4. Resilience Analysis
5. Resilience Design and Planning for Resilience Monitoring and Evaluation at the Activity Level (*recently published!*)

The REAL Award will be hosting three interactive webinars in June for in-depth discussions on each guidance note. [Learn more and register here.](#)

[Access the resource here.](#)

## Job Postings

- [Spanish Translator, Resources \(Consultancy\)](#), TOPS Program with CORE Group
- [Knowledge Management Summer Intern](#) based in Washington, DC with CORE Group
- [Director, WASH, TOPS Program](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Fellow, Global Food Security Project](#) based in Washington, DC with CSIS

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**RESILIENCE MEASUREMENT  
PRACTICAL GUIDANCE NOTE SERIES**

**What is the series about?**  
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**What is resilience?**  
USAID defines resilience as "the ability of people, households, communities, countries and systems to mitigate, adapt to and recover from shocks and stresses in a manner that reduces chronic vulnerability and facilitates inclusive growth." The ability to handle adversity and change without compromising future well-being depends on a number of capacities and how they are used in the face of shocks and stresses. Resilience can be measured through these capacities and relating them to well-being outcomes as illustrated below:

**Who can use the series?**  
The intended users of the series are staff from USAID Missions, implementing partners and other field practitioners, and host governments. The Guidance Notes include content relevant for senior leadership, program managers, field practitioners and monitoring and evaluation specialists.

**Diagram:** A flow diagram showing the relationship between capacities, disturbances, and well-being outcomes. It includes icons for capacities (H, Q, A, S), a warning sign for disturbances, and a line graph for well-being outcomes over time.

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- [Senior Director, Food Security and Livelihoods](#) based in Washington, DC with World Vision
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- [Senior Technical Advisor, Market Systems](#) based either in Atlanta, GA or Washington, DC with CARE
- [Project Coordinator, INDDEX](#) based in Boston, MA with Friedman School of Nutrition at Tufts University
- [Senior Dietary Survey Advisor](#) based in Washington, DC with FHI 360
- [Advisor, Water Plus Program and Communications](#) based in Atlanta, Georgia with CARE
- [Cash and Markets Technical Advisor](#) based in Atlanta, Georgia with CARE
- [Chief of Party, Food Security and Nutrition](#) based in Port-au-Prince, Haiti with CARE
- [Director of Research, Evaluation and Learning](#) based in Kenya or East Coast, US with BOMA Project

## Funding & Other Opportunities

### African Union Research Grants II Open Call for Proposals 2018 Edition | Deadline: May 31

This call for proposal supports Africa's Science Technology and Innovation Strategy 2024 which addresses the aspirations identified under Agenda 2063 and Priority 3 on Human development of the EU-Africa partnership. The call supports research on: Food, Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) with particular attention on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition. [Learn more here!](#)

### USAID's Digital Development Awards | Deadline: June 15

USAID has a long and rich tradition of transforming development through innovation. In an effort to recognize USAID Missions, Bureaus and partners that are helping countries on their journey to self-reliance by accelerating development impact with cutting-edge technologies and advanced data analysis, USAID's U.S. Global Development Lab is hosting the second annual Digital Development Awards. [Learn more here!](#)

### USDA Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement Program | Deadline: June 22

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting applications for the FY 2018 Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement (LRP) program. Through the LRP program, USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) will work with partners to implement field-based projects in developing countries through the use of locally procured commodities. These efforts will complement existing U.S. government food assistance programs, especially the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, which supports school feeding and maternal and child nutrition projects around the world. In FY 2018, applications will be prioritized for Guatemala, Honduras, Malawi, and Senegal. [Learn more here!](#)

### USAID Request for Applications for Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Safety Research | Public Webinar for Q&A: June 5; Written Questions Deadline: June 13; Concept Notes Deadline: June 22

USAID is seeking applications for a cooperative agreement from qualified U.S. colleges and universities to fund a program entitled Feed the Future Innovation Lab on Food Safety (FSIL). [Learn more here!](#)

## Upcoming Events

[Small Grants: Tips for Success for Grantors and Grantees](#): The TOPS Program; May 31; Online

[Building Sustainable Food Futures: Global and Local Action to Overcome Today's System Failures](#): University of

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[Global Health Practitioner Conference: Community Health Action for the Humanitarian-Development Nexus:](#) CORE Group; June 4-7; Bethesda, Maryland

[The Promise and Pitfalls of Index Insurance: Building Resilience Through Responsible Implementation:](#) Agrilinks; June 6; Online

[Cracking the Nut '18: Promoting Agricultural Technology Adoption and Resilience:](#) Connexus Corporation; June 12-13; Antigua, Guatemala

[REAL Short Course in Resilience Measurement:](#) REAL Award; June 13, 20, and 27; Online

[ICTforAg 2018: New Technologies for Smallholder Farmer Communities:](#) June 14; Washington, DC

### [More Events](#)

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## New Reports, Guides & Tools

[Bridging the Gap: Engaging Adolescents for Nutrition, Health and Sustainable Development](#) from WFP and Anthrologica

[Manual for Country-Level Nutrition Advocacy Using PROFILES and Nutrition Costing](#) from FANTA Project

[World Food Assistance 2018: Preventing Food Crises](#) from WFP

[Coordinate, Integrate, Invest: How Joint Child Health and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene \(WASH\) Interventions Can Deliver for Your Country's Future](#) from WaterAid and PATH

[Soil Pollution: A Hidden Reality](#) from UN FAO

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## Recent Articles

[Why Food System Transformation is Essential and How Nutrition Scientists Can Contribute?](#) from UN FAO

[New Community Organizations Need Longer Trainings to Perform Effectively](#) from Agrilinks

[Education and Roads Key to Withstanding Food Crises](#) from Reuters

[The Cutting Edge of Malnutrition Research in India is Inside the Gut](#) from Malnutrition Deeply

[Top Six Digital Transformation Trends in Agriculture](#) from Forbes

[In Rohingya Camps, Monsoon Threatens Hard-Won WASH Progress](#) from Devex

[From Satellites to Farmers: How Does Climate Information Reach the Sahel's Most Vulnerable?](#) from Agrilinks

[Will AI be a bane or boon for global development?](#) from UNDP

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