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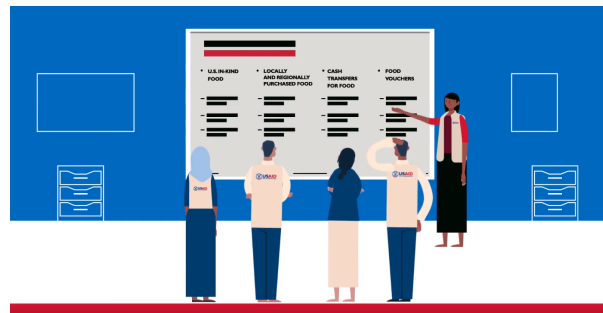
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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Published by USAID

This video highlights the four ways USAID provides emergency food assistance depending on the crisis' context. Response options include: (1) American food, also known as "in-kind" food aid, (2) food purchased in the affected country or region, (3) cash transfers for food or (4) food vouchers, which both help people buy food in their local markets. The video was shown at the recent June 6 FACG meeting. [Watch the video here.](#) [Access the FACG meeting presentation here.](#)

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DID YOU KNOW...

Since 2016, [The Cash Learning Partnership](#) (CaLP) has been working on several research projects to document the use of cash transfers as a means of response to the Ebola crisis. The last piece of research analyzes the food security outcomes of the USAID/Food for Peace funded Ebola cash transfer intervention in Sierra Leone and Liberia. Some interesting micro-level changes in market recovery and growth were

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Gender and Resilience Framework Workshop

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT

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.](#)

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

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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.

Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant, and all preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

- 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, with a copy to FACG@usaid.gov and "RFA FY 2018" in the subject line.

New Training Courses from the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP)

A variety of sessions for junior staff and technical staff.

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

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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](#)

Core Cash Transfer Programming Skills for Program Staff

This course is structured around the project cycle and covers all of the key skills required to design, implement, 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.

Featured Resource

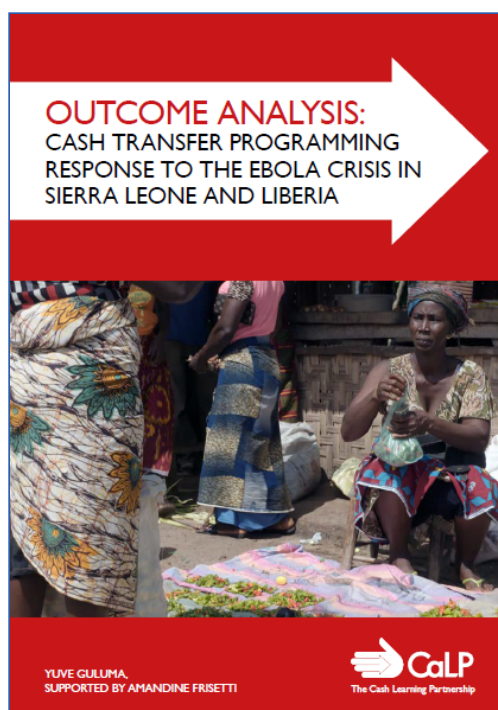
Outcome Analysis: Cash Transfer Programming Response to the Ebola Crisis in Sierra Leone and Liberia

USAID/FFP supported Cash Transfer Programming (CTP) response to the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone and Liberia greatly contributed to the recovery of affected communities and households. The CTP response provided a safety net to assist targeted communities to deal with transient food insecurity and went beyond achieving this objective by also contributing to the recovery of livelihoods eroded by the Ebola crisis.

Over a period of six to approximately 31 months, and in a highly challenging context of poor road and telecommunications networks, seven USAID/FFP implementing partners in Sierra Leone and Liberia came together with Government focal points, service providers and community leaders to successfully provide monthly or quarterly cash payments to over 120,000 households.

This analytical document takes a consolidated and comprehensively look at the food security and livelihoods outcomes of the CTP Ebola response, especially from the perspectives of the communities that benefited from the cash transfers. It seeks to examine the short and medium term impacts of mainly unrestricted and unconditional cash transfers and complementary activities on household food security, livelihoods, and resilience, and identifies critical lessons to inform future programming decisions in similar contexts.

[Access the resource here.](#)



Job Postings

- [Spanish Translator, Resources \(Consultancy\)](#), TOPS Program with CORE Group

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Funding & Other Opportunities

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!](#)

Intake - Center for Dietary Assessment Request for Concept Notes on Development and Validation of Diet Quality Metrics for Women of Reproductive Age in LMICs | Deadline: June 15

Intake aims to strengthen policies and programs to improve nutritional status by increasing the availability, quality, comparability, and use of reliable dietary intake data and metrics in LMICs. To help achieve this aim, *Intake* is interested in catalyzing and supporting the development and validation of novel metrics of diet quality for use in LMICs. [Learn more here!](#)

USAID Request for Comments for NEW Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security Research, Capacity and Policy Influence | Deadline: June 19

The purpose of this award is to advance food security policy through high quality, relevant research from credible and sound country and regional policy research institutions. The Innovation Lab will do this by strengthening the capacities of select country and regional research institutions and implement a global research agenda. [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!](#)

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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

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

[Webinars on Gender and Nutrition Livestock Systems](#): Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems; June 13 and 27; Online

[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

[Storytelling for International Development: An In-Depth Workshop](#): CORE Group; June 18; Washington, DC

[Gender and Resilience Framework Workshop](#): Gender and Resilience Working Group and The TOPS Program; June 19; Washington, DC

[Global Breastfeeding Webinar Series 2018](#): 1,000 Days and Upswell; June 21-July 26 (select dates); Online

[Food Assistance for Nutrition Evidence Summit](#): FAQR; June 27-28; Washington, DC

[More Events](#)

New Reports, Guides & Tools

[NACS: A User's Guide](#) from FANTA Project

[The Many Faces of Exclusion - End of Childhood Report 2018](#) from Save the Children

[Market Systems Analysis for Refugee Livelihoods in Jigjiga - Ethiopia](#) from International Labor Organization

[Access to Nutrition Index 2018](#) from Access to Nutrition Foundation

[Trainings in pre-schools can improve nutrition outcomes](#) from Save the Children, IFPRI, and University of Malawi Chancellor College

[Perceived nutrition benefits and socio-demographic factors affecting consumption of forest foods in eastern and southern Cameroon](#) from Bioversity

[Definition of Minimum Expenditure Baskets \(MEB\) in West Africa](#) from The Cash Learning Partnership

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