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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Submitted by The TOPS Program

As The TOPS Program ushers in another year of delivering learning and strengthening capacity for the food security implementing community, let's take a look back on the work TOPS has done and what the FSN Network community has achieved throughout the last seven years. [Watch the video here.](#)

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

DID YOU KNOW...

USAID's [Bureau for Food Security](#) and [Bureau for Global Health](#) have brought the best of agriculture extension and health behavior change communication together in a new e-learning resource, **Accelerating Behavior Change for Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture**. Developed by USAID's multi-sectoral nutrition project, [SPRING](#), this two-day interactive course is for people who design and implement agriculture projects, including those focused on food security, livelihoods, value chains, and/or

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skills needed to make agriculture projects become more nutrition-sensitive by leveraging agriculture's potential to contribute to specified nutrition outcomes or results. [Access the e-learning course.](#)

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.

TOPS Keeps On for You

As many of you may have known, The TOPS Program award was slated to expire on 31 January 2018. As you can see, we are still here. I am happy to report that, after almost seven and a half years of delivering learning, capacity strengthening, stakeholder consultations and many other services, TOPS will, in fact, continue for another year serving the food security implementing community. USAID's Office of Food for Peace has made it possible to extend TOPS and our learning and technical services beyond our expected termination.

TOPS will continue to manage the [FSN Network](#) and convene and facilitate many of the learning and knowledge sharing activities that have become signatures of The TOPS Program, such as another major Knowledge Sharing Meeting later in the year. (TOPS will be seeking your suggestions and advice, so keep following the [FSN Network](#) for details.)

TOPS will continue to carry out commodity management skills strengthening and working on new learning opportunities for other components of the response portfolio, for example, cash and voucher programming. TOPS will also continue to deliver Theory of Change training and stakeholder consultations and will host two major M&E practitioner workshops for M&E skills building.

The TOPS consortium will continue to deliver agriculture and natural resource management capacity strengthening with a broad new workplan to reach many more implementers and rural communities.

Finally, in a new undertaking, TOPS is launching a new initiative in WASH to examine the field of WASH interventions, history, and practice. With you, we will seek out knowledge and experience, tools, practices, and evidence to more clearly define successful WASH programming and facilitate opportunities to strengthen sustainable skills of implementers delivering high-quality WASH components in FFP-funded programs.

TOPS will provide further details on program and activities - again, keep following the [FSN Network](#) - as we move into our new phase. We will consult with you in the overall community of practice for your involvement and we will host activities to allow us all to share and learn in the TOPS way.

We are looking forward to a great new year!

- Mark Fritzier, Director, The TOPS Program

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) is now accepting applications for the 2018 [McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition program](#), which supports feeding of school-aged children, reduces hunger, promotes literacy (especially for girls), promotes food security and enhances nutrition for mothers and their children in low-income, food-deficit countries committed to education and school meals. The program provides U.S. commodities and financial and technical assistance to achieve these goals. While McGovern-Dole projects are typically funded for five years, all projects in this announcement will be funded subject to availability of a fiscal year 2018 budget for McGovern-Dole.

USDA has prioritized the following countries: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Malawi, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, and Timor Leste. FAS will also review submissions for non-prioritized countries.

Eligibility information, applicant requirements, and specific country guidance are all detailed within the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). **Applications are due Friday, March 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. EDT.**

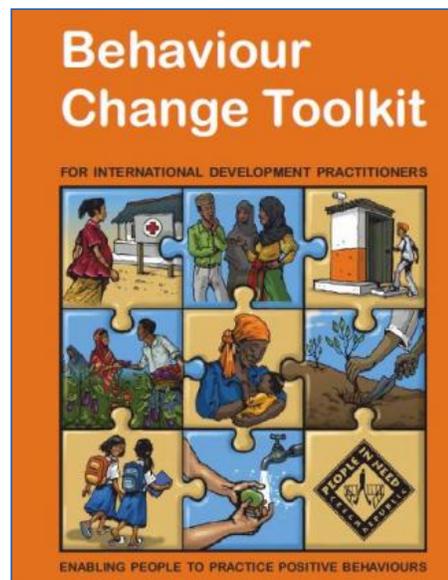
[Learn more here!](#)

Featured Resource

Behavior Change Toolkit for International Development Practitioners Enabling People to Practice Positive Behaviors

How can our projects be successful in enabling people to adopt dozens of new behaviors when we all know just how difficult it can be to adopt even a single new behavior? Fortunately for us, decades of research and the practical experience of development workers and social scientists have produced many useful insights into what determines how people behave. To make using these lessons easier for you, this toolkit summarizes the most relevant experiences into 29 pages of highly practical and easy-to-read guidance. Additionally, it gives you the know-how you need to understand people's behaviors and to help them make a positive change in their lives. Use it when preparing program strategies, developing project proposals, and reviewing the quality of your interventions.

This resource is available in [English](#) and [French](#).



Job Postings

- [Project Management Specialist, Nutrition](#) based in Maputo, Mozambique with USAID/Mozambique
- [Senior Advisor for Community Health and Civil Society Engagement](#) based in Washington, DC with CORE Group
- [Communications and Knowledge Manager](#) based in Washington, DC with CORE Group
- [Advisor, Water Sanitation Hygiene \(WASH\)](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Senior Data and Learning Advisor](#) based in Portland, Oregon with Mercy Corps

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- [Senior M&E Specialist](#) based in Maradi, Niger with World Vision
- [Senior Gender Advisor](#) based in Maradi, Niger with World Vision
- [Strategic Coordination and Learning Advisor](#) based in Maradi, Niger with World Vision
- [Food Security Technical Coordinator](#) based in Maradi, Niger with World Vision
- [Cash Transfer Specialist \(Consultancy\)](#) with GOAL
- [Senior Nutrition Manager](#) based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso with HKI
- [Senior M&E Specialist](#) based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso with HKI
- [Strategic Coordination & Learning Advisor](#) based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso with HKI
- [Senior Gender Advisor](#) based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso with HKI
- [Cash Preparedness Delegate](#) based in Abuja, Nigeria with British Red Cross
- [Nutrition Technical Advisor](#) based in New York with IRC
- [Chief of Party](#) based in Niamey, Niger with CARE
- [Strategic Coordination and Learning Advisor](#) based in Niamey, Niger with CARE
- [Senior M&E Advisor](#) based in Niamey, Niger with CARE
- [Program Assistant, Humanitarian Assistance & Resilience/ Food, Nutrition, Livelihood & Security](#) based in Washington, DC with Project Concern International

Funding & Other Opportunities

3rd Agriculture, Nutrition & Health (ANH) Academy Week Call for Abstracts | Deadline: February 11, 2018

The ANH Academy will hold its 3rd Annual Agriculture, Nutrition and Health (ANH) Academy Week on June 25-29, 2018 in Accra, Ghana. The ANH Academy invites the submission of abstracts for the Scientific Conference on research at the nexus of agriculture-food systems and nutrition and health. The conference program will include invited papers for oral presentations of various formats as well as poster sessions. [Learn more here!](#)

2018 Ideas for Action Call for Proposals | Deadline: February 28, 2018

Ideas for Action, a joint program of the World Bank and the Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Research at the Wharton School, is a youth competition centered around financing sustainable development. Every year, students and young professionals from around the world participate to design ideas for financing and implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. Winners of the competition present their ideas during the IMF & World Bank Annual Meetings, receive support from a dedicated startup accelerator at the Wharton School, and benefit from unique networking opportunities with other young leaders as well as some of the most senior decision-makers in international development, academia, and the private sector. [Learn more here!](#)

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

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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

[Value Chains for Nutrition in South Asia: Who Delivers, How and to Whom?](#): Institute of Development Studies; February 7, Online

[Investment for Nutrition - UNSCN-IFPRI Joint Policy Seminar](#): UNSCN and IFPRI; February 8, Washington, DC

[Global Food + Speed Talks: New research at the nexus of food, agriculture, environment and health](#): Tufts University; February 16, Boston, MA and Online

[Balancing the Systems: Making Food & Market Systems Work for Nutrition](#): ACDI/VOCA and Agribusiness Systems International; February 22; Online

[Agricultural Biodiversity for Better Nutrition, Health and Improved Livelihoods in sub-Saharan Africa - the case of forest foods in Congo Basin](#): ANH Academy and African Nutrition Society; February 28; Online

[Global Food Security Symposium 2018](#): Chicago Council of Global Affairs; March 21-22; Washington, DC

[More Events](#)

New Reports, Guides & Tools

[Forest Garden Dream Field](#) from Trees for the Future

[The Urban Agenda: Meeting the Food and Nutrition Security Needs of the Urban Poor](#) from SNV

[Standing Tall: Peru's Success in Overcoming its Stunting Crisis](#) from World Bank

[Engaging Community Members to Adopt Effective WASH Practices for Nutrition](#) from SPRING

[Understanding and assessing farmers' resilience](#) from CRS

[A Guidance Note - Designing programs that improve young rural people's livelihoods](#) from IFAD

[Assumptions, conjectures, and other miracles: The application of evaluative thinking to theory of change models in community development](#) from CRS

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[Winners of the Zilient 2017 Resilience Awards](#) from Zilient

[Once upon a Statistic - Why We're Calling for Gender Data Impact Stories](#) from Devex

[A tale of two floods: Nepalese villages move from fear to resilience](#) from Mercy Corps

[Capacity Building for Monitoring and Evaluation: Lost in Translation](#) from Agrilinks

[Climate-Resilient 'Super Beans' Boost Food Rations for Refugees in Uganda](#) from The Guardian

[Is migration improving household food security? Evidence from Far West Nepal](#) from A4NH

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