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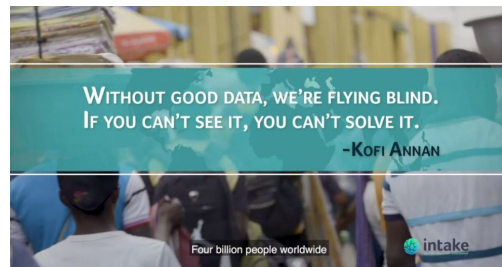
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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

This [Intake video](#) shows how dietary data can help inform the development of evidence-based nutrition programs and policies. *Intake* is a Center for Dietary Assessment at FHI 360.

Access the featured video with [French](#) and [Spanish](#) subtitles.

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DID YOU KNOW...

There are around 56 million people in urgent need of food, livelihood, and nutrition assistance living in eight countries and regions that are experiencing protracted conflict. Learn more in [this update](#) where the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) provide an overview of the magnitude, severity, and drivers of acute food insecurity in these countries and regions.

## FFP Seeks Input on Technical Resources for Value Chain & Market System Development

The Markets and Food Security Team at USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) would like to hear your thoughts on the availability and quality of technical resources for value chain and/or market systems (VC/MS) assessments and development programming. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete a [short survey](#),

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understanding of partners' practices.

Please contact Ryan Vroegindewey ([rvroegindewey@usaid.gov](mailto:rvroegindewey@usaid.gov)) with any questions or needs for assistance.

## Extended Comment Period for Draft Request for Applications (RFA) for Kenya

Comments due February 11, 2019

Please find the [draft Fiscal Year 2019 Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) for development food security activities (DFSAs) in Kenya. All background and programmatic information for this solicitation can be found directly within the RFA. Comments on the FY 2019 draft RFA for Kenya are due on Monday, February 11, 2019 at noon ET.

USAID/Office of Food for Peace (FFP) is proposing a phased approach for this development activity in Kenya. The first 18-24 months will constitute a research and collaborative design phase (Phase 1), with a subsequent transition to a systems-driven implementation and institutional strengthening phase (Phase 2). As part of this approach, a Technical Steering Committee, made up of USAID staff, DFSA staff, and Government of Kenya representatives, will serve to provide strategic and technical direction to the DFSA(s) and to support the program objectives and outcomes.

Because this version of the RFA for Kenya is in draft and subject to change, all potential applicants are strongly advised to wait for the final version before starting to work on an application.

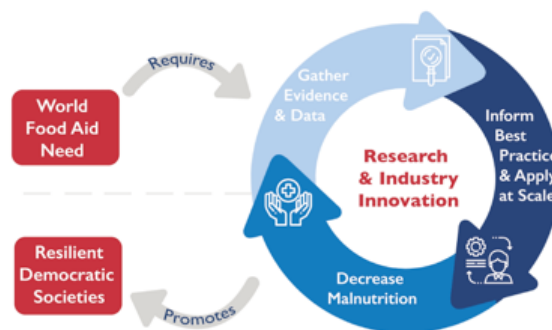
Please note that no USAID/FFP country backstop officers or field representatives should be contacted in any way about information contained in the draft RFA materials. As stated in the draft RFA, all comments and inquiries should be directed to [FACG@usaid.gov](mailto:FACG@usaid.gov) by **Monday, February 11, 2019 at noon ET**.

## Featured Resource

### New Summary Report and Policy Brief from the Food Assistance for Nutrition Evidence Summit

In June 2018, the Food Aid Quality Review (FAQR) project with USAID's Office of Food for Peace hosted the Food Assistance for Nutrition Evidence Summit in Washington D.C.

The [Evidence Summit Policy Brief](#) and [Summary of the Food Assistance for Nutrition Evidence Summit](#) both seek to capture the main discussion points and priority actions to support advancing food assistance for nutrition programming.



These actions include:

- More funding for careful studies that document best practice for food assistance in all humanitarian contexts, with particular attention to measurable impacts on maternal and child nutrition.
- Innovations should be promoted in product formulations, food packaging technology, food safety quality, and food aid supply chain optimization tools.
- Multi-sectoral and multi-institutional collaboration and communication must be enhanced. No one donor, government or agency can effectively operate alone.

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here: <http://foodaidquality.org/food-assistance-nutrition-evidence-summit>.

## Job Postings

- [Senior Food Security Technical Advisor](#) based in Washington, DC with Mercy Corps on the IDEAL Activity
- [Resilience and Adaptive Management Senior Specialist](#) based in Washington, DC with Mercy Corps on the IDEAL Activity
- [Program Associate](#) based in Washington, DC with Mercy Corps
- [Knowledge Management Senior Specialist](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children on the IDEAL Activity
- [Small Grants Manager](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children on the IDEAL Activity
- [Communications Senior Coordinator](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children on the IDEAL Activity
- [Senior Business Development Manager - Food Security and Livelihoods](#) based in Washington, DC with World Vision International
- [Monitoring and Evaluation Lead](#) based in Malawi with World Vision International
- [Strategic Learning Lead](#) based in Malawi with World Vision International
- [Chief of Party \(COP\)](#) based in Malawi with World Vision International
- [Health Specialist, Midterm Evaluation of Suaahara II](#) based in Kathmandu, Nepal with CAMRIS International
- [Evaluation Specialist \(Health/Nutrition\)](#) based in Kathmandu, Nepal with CAMRIS International
- [Head of Officer - Operations and Logistics](#) based in Bambari, Central Africa Republic with Mercy Corps
- [Gender, Youth, and Social Dynamics Advisor](#) based in Madagascar with Catholic Relief Services
- [Strategic Learning Advisor](#) based in Madagascar with Catholic Relief Services
- [Grants Management Assistant](#) based in Atlanta, Georgia with CARE
- [Nutrition Value Chain Specialist](#) based in Kampala, Uganda with FHI 360
- [Research Assistant/Research Analyst](#) based in Washington, DC with IFPRI

## Funding & Other Opportunities

### [Call for Proposals: Leading from the South](#) | **Deadline: February 19, 2019**

Fondo de Mujeres del Sur is pleased to announce the Second Call for Proposals for women's groups, organisations, movements and networks, working at local, national, sub-regional and/or regional levels. Proposals should focus on the defense and promotion of women's rights and gender equality. [Learn more here](#).

### [Call for Proposals: African Climate Smart Agriculture Grant Funding](#) | **Deadline: February 21, 2019**

Wehubit has launched a Call for Proposals to increase use and access to digital solutions that support adoption and scale of proven practical climate-smart agriculture methodologies and technologies to reach the minds and hands of farmers. Applicants can propose innovative digital solutions between 50,000-350,000 Euros for each project.

### [Call for Nominations: Equator Prize 2019](#) | **Deadline: February 26, 2019**

The Equator Initiative is looking for innovative, nature-based solutions for climate change mitigation and/or adaptation and sustainable development at the local level. Nominations are open to all indigenous peoples' groups from any country, operating in rural areas. For full eligibility requirements and selection criteria, please visit [www.equatorinitiative.org](http://www.equatorinitiative.org).

### [Call for Nominations: 2019 Africa Food Prize](#) | **Deadline: May 14, 2019**

The Africa Food Prize celebrates Africans who are taking control of the continent's agriculture agenda and

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## Upcoming Events

[Report Launch: Risk and Resilience: Advancing Food and Nutrition Security in Nigeria](#): CSIS; February 13; Washington, DC & Online

[PRO-WASH Webinar Series: WASH & Women's Leadership](#): PRO-WASH; February 27; Online webinar

[Establishing Forest Gardens](#): Trees for the Future; February 28; New York, NY

[Beneficiary Data Protection in Asia](#): Asia Regional Cash Working Group (RCWG) and the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP); March 7; Online webinar

[BE.Hive: Climate Change Needs Behavior Change](#): Rare; March 19; Washington, DC

[Global Food Security Symposium 2019](#): The Chicago Council on Global Affairs; March 20-21; Washington DC

[Core Cash and Voucher Assistance \(CVA\) Skills for Programme Staff](#): The Cash Learning Partnership; March 25-29; Washington, DC

[World Congress on Advancing Nutritional and Food Sciences](#): PULSUS; September 23-14, 2019; Rome, Italy

[Cracking the Nut 2019: Leveraging Systems for Improved Food Security](#): Connexus Corporation; October 14-15, 2019; Dakar, Senegal

### [More Events](#)

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## New Reports, Guides & Tools

[Monitoring food security in countries with conflict situations](#) from FAO and WFP

[FAO + Italy-Partnering for food security and prosperity](#) from FAO

[Food in the Anthropocene: the EAT–Lancet Commission on healthy diets from sustainable food systems](#) from EAT–Lancet Commission

[FAO Early Warning Early Action report on food security and agriculture \(January - March 2019\)](#) from Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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## Recent Articles

[Talking about climate change: walking the line between hope and despair](#) from Medium

[Thaw of Himalayas set to disrupt Asia's rivers, crops: study](#) from Reuters

[How forgotten local plants could ease malnutrition in East Timor](#) from Reuters

[Hand in Hand, Bringing Water to Senegalese Farmers](#) from Trees for the Future

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[Can governments promote homestead gardening at scale? The case of Ethiopia](#) from IFPRI

[Innovating for our future of food and agriculture: How innovations are helping bring the number of hungry down to zero](#) from FAO

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