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#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Photo by Alex Maina / USAID (*Contest Winner*)

Meet the winners of USAID's Office of Food for Peace 2018 Photo Contest! [View here](#) to see the top five photo contest winners and the important work they highlight.

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

#### DID YOU KNOW...

Smallholder farmers provide 80 percent of Asia's food supply, but greater access to seed varieties that respond to changing climate and population trends are necessary. A new [Access to Seeds Index](#) evaluated the 24 foremost seed companies in South and Southeast Asia, and results reveal that training is insufficient in much of the region, preventing farmers from effectively accessing and using certain seeds.

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for input, and photos. Email submissions to [news@fsnnetwork.org](mailto:news@fsnnetwork.org).

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## Last Issue Before the Holidays

Happy Holidays, FSN Network! The FSN Network News e-newsletter will be observing the season by taking a holiday break in December. We will resume publication in January 2019.

The TOPS Bridge Award wishes you all the happiest of holidays! See you in the new year!

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## 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 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, which is part of an effort to better understand the challenges and opportunities in this area. Anyone wishing to take the survey is welcome, but we especially seek the input from your organization's technical support staff, in order to have a global understanding of partners' practices.

[Take the survey here.](#)

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

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## USAID's Office of Food for Peace Releases FY 2019 Draft RFA and CSI for Madagascar and Malawi

**Comments on the draft documents due Friday, December 28, 2018, 12:00PM EST**

Please find the [draft Fiscal Year 2019 \(FY 2019\) Request for Applications \(RFA\) for development food and nutrition security activities in Madagascar and Malawi](#). In addition please find country-specific information (CSI) for [Madagascar](#) and [Malawi](#).

Because these materials are in draft and subject to change, all potential applicants are strongly advised to wait for the final versions before starting work on an application. Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant, and all preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

USAID reserves the right to adjust the number of awards, funding levels and sources of funding, given the budget environment and other considerations. Recall that USAID/FFP removed the technical information from the RFA in 2015 and created helpful new technical reference chapters, which can be found on the [USAID/FFP website](#).

As in prior years, market fundamentals reports, food security desk reviews, and any other materials signaled in the CSIs have been or will be posted on the appropriate country fact sheet page soon for your consideration. Please note that no USAID/FFP country backstop officers or field representatives should be contacted in any

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**Comments on the FY 2019 draft documents are due Friday, December 28, 2018 at noon.** However, please do not wait until the last day to submit your consolidated comments and inquiries. USAID/FFP is planning to have a stakeholder consultation again this year while the RFA is in draft. Please stay tuned for an invitation.

All documents will be available on the USAID website at <https://www.usaid.gov/food-assistance/what-we-do/development-activities>.

## Featured Resource

### The Role of Wild-Caught Fisheries in African Development

The 2016 Global Food Security Act calls for the U.S. Government to develop and implement a comprehensive, strategic approach to achieve global food security and nutrition, and promote inclusive, sustainable and resilient development. This multi-objective approach should focus on small-scale producers, including fishers, farmers, pastoralists and foresters. Feed the Future, the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative, has primarily focused on terrestrial crops and aquaculture (i.e., fish farming), rather than fishing and fisheries (i.e., harvesting of wild-caught fish). Given the Act's mandate for a more comprehensive approach, this resource addresses the following questions: what is the role of fishing and wild-caught fisheries in achieving global food security and nutrition goals? How can the lessons learned from farming reforms and other strategies through Feed the Future be successfully applied to fisheries management?

[Access the resource here.](#)



## Job Postings

- [Senior Director, Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Advisor, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Program Coordinator, READY Project](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Grants Management Assistant](#) based in Atlanta, GA with CARE
- [Kenya Program Director](#) based in Nanyuki, Kenya with BOMA Project
- [Director of Research, Evaluation and Learning](#) based in Manchester, Vermont or remotely with BOMA Project
- [Regional Food Fortification Program Manager](#) based in Dakar, Senegal with HKI

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### **UN One Planet Network's Sustainable Food Systems Program Launches e-Consultation - Towards a common understanding of Sustainable Food Systems | Deadline: December 7, 2018**

The [Sustainable Food Systems Program](#) of the UN One Planet Network has launched an online consultation [Towards a common understanding of Sustainable Food Systems](#). This work is in support of the development of a publication on Key Approaches, Concepts and Terms in Relation to Sustainable Food Systems to help reach a common understanding of the challenges faced in the transformation of our food systems. [Learn more here!](#)

### **Agrilinks Announces 2018 Photo Challenge | Deadline: December 20, 2018**

Do you have great photos depicting global agriculture and food security that you want to share with the development community? Agrilinks wants to hear from you! The Agrilinks 2018 Photo Challenge, open to all, is a great opportunity to share your work or that of your organization with their community of 15,000 food security and ag practitioners. [Learn more here!](#)

### **UNSCN Calls for Contributions for *UNSCN Nutrition* | Deadline: January 10, 2019**

*UNSCN Nutrition* is the flagship, peer-reviewed publication of the [United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition \(UNSCN\)](#). The 2019 edition will focus on food environments to enable healthy and nutritious diets. This Call for Contributions welcomes academically rigorous examples of the positive and negative effects of our current food environments on nutrition. Programs that increase consumer demand for healthy food such as consumer behavior change communications, social marketing and nutrition education are also welcome. [Learn more here!](#)

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## Upcoming Events

[Accelerating the End of Hunger and Malnutrition](#): IFPRI and UN FAO; November 28-30; Bangkok, Thailand

[Health, Resilience and Sustainable Poverty Escapes](#): Agrilinks; November 28; Washington, DC and Online

[Adaptation Community Meeting: Can Climate Services Serve African Farmers' Needs, At Scale? Evidence, Good Practice, and Remaining Gaps](#): CISRI Project; November 29; Washington, DC and Online

[Learning about Needs of and Challenges Faced by Program Workers and Recipients: A Case Study of Observational Implementation Research](#): The Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition; December 6; Online

[Webinar on Accelerating Data-Driven Agriculture Development in Nepal & Cambodia](#): mSTAR Project; December 13; Online

[Monitoring 4 CTP Workshop](#): The Cash Learning Partnership; December 14; Washington, DC

[More Events](#)

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## New Reports, Guides & Tools

[Agricultural and Food Systems Transformation for Better Food Security and Nutrition in Eurasia](#) from IFPRI, World Bank, and CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions, and Markets (IPM)

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[Large-Scale Social and Behavior Change Communication Interventions Have Sustained Impacts on Infant and Young Child Feeding Knowledge and Practices: Results of a 2-Year Follow-Up Study in Bangladesh](#) from Alive & Thrive

[OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2018-2027 Special Focus: Middle East and North Africa](#) from UN FAO

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## Recent Articles

[WFP and Alibaba Partner for Zero Hunger](#) from WFP

[USAID Announces Winners of the Feed the Future Fall Armyworm Tech Prize](#) from Agrilinks

[South Africa: Mobile Kitchens a Game Changer for School Nutrition](#) from AllAfrica

[A Food Safety Approach to Strengthening Resilience](#) from USAID

[Kenya: Instant Forest? 'Tree Hopping' Takes Off in Kenya](#) from AllAfrica

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