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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Submitted by [Save the Children](#)

Photo by [Caine Cortellino](#)

A member of the Luziru distribution committee verifies recipient identities during a recent USAID-funded “Food for Work/Assets” commodity distribution in eastern Dem. Rep. of Congo (DRC). Food for the Hungry, USAID’s implementing partner for this Multi-year Assistance Program, is providing its field staff and food monitors copies of the *TOPS Commodity Management Handbook* to support the use of best practices in supply chain management.

Submit your photos to

news@fsnnetwork.org to be featured in the next newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW...

MEASURE Evaluation released [Gender M&E](#) on USAID's Global Health eLearning Center. The online course introduces key concepts in gender M&E, including

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challenges in data collection and interpretation.

See Your Words Here

The FSN Network News is a community newsletter, and we welcome your input. If you know of a relevant upcoming event, you're releasing a new publication, or you come across a cool article, send it our way for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter. We also share new job openings, funding opportunities, calls for input, and photos. Email submissions to news@fsnnetwork.org.

Food for Peace Updates

Final Food for Peace Information Bulletin 14-01 for Comment

- The final Food for Peace Information Bulletin (FFPIB) 14-01, Eligible Uses of Section 202(e), ITSH, Community Development Funding, and Monetization is now available on the [Food for Peace website](#).
- This document is an update to FFPIB 12-03 and reflects changes in authority made by the Agricultural Act of 2014.

Draft Budget Matrix for Comment

- The [draft Food for Peace Budget Matrix](#), similar to the matrix included in FFPIB 12-03, is available for your review and comment. FFP would greatly appreciate receiving consolidated comments on the Food for Peace Budget Matrix from the representative groups of the FACG.
- The comment period will last for 45 days from the date materials are released. Therefore, comments are due no later than noon on Monday, September 29. However, please do not wait until the last day to submit comments and inquiries. Comments should be submitted to facg@amexdc2.com.

Online Consultation for FFP Strategic Plan Update

August 21 - September 5, 2014

As a step in the consultative process around the revision and updating of the Food for Peace (FFP) Strategic Plan, Susan Bradley of FFP posed nine discussion questions to representatives of implementing organizations at the TOPS/FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting in July 2014.

The TOPS Program has posted these questions to the [online discussion forum](#) of the FSN Network Portal in an effort to open up the conversation to all implementers of FFP-funded projects:

- [Question 1: Targeting FFP Non-Emergency Resources](#)
- [Question 2: FFP's Unique Role in Reducing Hunger and Poverty](#)
- [Question 3: FFP's Goal Statement](#)
- [Question 4: FFP's Contribution to USAID's Mission](#)
- [Question 5: "Nutrition Security" and the Concept of "Utilization"](#)
- [Question 6: FFP and Urban Hunger](#)

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- [Question 9: Working Ourselves Out of a Job](#)

We invite you to browse through the questions below and share your thoughts with FFP through the FSN Network Portal **by Friday, September 5**. View the full set of questions in the Food for Peace Strategy Update online discussion forum at fsnnetwork.org.

Regional Workshop on Sustainable Impact

September 8 - 10, 2014

Blantyre, Malawi

Please join PCI for a TOPS-funded, 3-day practitioner-driven workshop to share promising practices and models related to sustainability. This workshop is designed to help international development practitioners (especially food and nutrition security related programming) enhance the sustainability of their programs' impact through practical guidance and tools that could be applied to existing program and management processes.

As space is limited (maximum 60 participants), applications for the workshop will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Learn more [here](#), and email workshops@pciglobal.org for an application.

Learn more about how a TOPS micro grant can support your learning event at thetopsprogram.org.

Integrated FFP MIS and ARR/SAPQ Training

September 17 - 18, 2014; 9am - 5pm

USAID Washington Learning Center, 2231 Crystal Drive in Arlington, VA

The Office of Food for Peace will be offering an ARR/SAPQ training session for PVO partners on September 17-18. This two-day training will cover submission of quality Annual Results Reports (ARRs) and Standardized Annual Performance Questionnaires (SAPQs) into the Food for Peace Management Information System (FFPMIS). Training topics will include guidance on indicator data entry, information on different indicators types, and common mistakes in submitting ARR and SAPQs.

While the training will cover entering ARR into FFP MIS, the bulk of the training is focused on SAPQ data entry for FFP development programs. The targeted audience for this training is PVO staff who will be entering FY 2014 SAPQ data into FFP MIS. The training is two full days and participants are expected to attend both days. Space is limited.

If you would like to attend the training, please register online [here](#). Registration closes at 5 pm EDT on September 2.

Please contact Joseph Tordiff at jtordiff@usaid.gov with questions related to this training.

Food Assistance Commodity Management Workshop

September 22 - 26, 2014

Dakar, Senegal

The TOPS Commodity Management Team has begun planning its upcoming [Food Assistance Commodity](#)

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Senegal.

Any inquiries about the workshop should be sent to Julia Crowley at jcrowley@savechildren.org.

Sustainable Impact Resource Guide Workshop

October 14, 2014**Washington, DC**

Join PCI for a 1-day TOPS-funded workshop to share PCI's Resource Guide for Enhancing Potential for Sustainable Impact. Participants will be oriented to this brand new, practical Guide designed to improve program design and implementation for maximum sustainable impact.

Learn more and RSVP [here](#).

Learn more about how a TOPS micro grant can support your learning event at thetopsprogram.org.

Featured Member of the FSN Network

Bonnie Kittle

"It's a myth that behavior change takes a long time. Behaviors will change quite quickly if you hit on the right thing."

Bonnie Kittle is a member of the Designing for Behavior Change Interest Group of the Food Security and Nutrition Network. She works as an independent consultant who, among other things, carries out field-level trainings on the designing for behavior change framework, on care groups, and much more.

Read the full interview at fsnnetwork.org.

Featured Resource

Care Groups: A Guide for Policy Makers and Donors

This report describes a delivery strategy for expanding coverage of key RMNCH interventions called Care Groups. We will describe here what Care Groups are, their history, the field experience with the use of this delivery strategy, evidence of their effectiveness and cost, how they might be integrated into government health programs, and proposed next steps for expanding their use and further documenting their effectiveness.

View the tool and leave your comments [here](#).

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Care Groups – An Effective Community-based Delivery Strategy for Improving Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health in High-Mortality, Resource-Constrained Settings

A Guide for Policy Makers and Donors

July 31, 2014

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⁶ World Relief/Mozambique, Chikwe, Mozambique

Job Postings

- [Emergency Response Officer](#) based in DRC with WFP
- [Nutritionist](#) based in South Sudan with WFP
- [Senior Technical Advisor for Resilience](#) based in Baltimore with Lutheran World Relief
- [Program Associate, Monitoring & Evaluation](#) based in Baltimore with Lutheran World Relief
- [Program Officer, Livelihoods in Emergencies](#) based in NYC with Women's Refugee Commission
- [Gender Research Associate Scientist](#) based in Lima, Peru with International Potato Center
- [Associate Director, Food Security Monitoring and Evaluation](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Labor Market Assessment Consultancy](#) based in Ethiopia with Save the Children
- [Director, Monitoring, Research and Evaluation](#) based in WDC with Women for Women International
- [Community Nutrition Interventions Associate/Full Professor](#) based in Ithaca, NY with Cornell University
- [Gender and Social Inequality Research Leader at CCAFS](#) with CGIAR
- [Global Health and Nutrition Associate/Full Professor](#) based in Ithaca, NY with Cornell University
- [Nutrition Coordinator](#) based in Cameroon with International Medical Corps
- [Nutrition Advisor](#) based in Kenya with International Medical Corps

Task Force Meetings

Newcomers are welcome! Learn more about Task Forces [here](#).

[Agriculture and Nutrition & Food Technology](#) (Joint Meeting): Monday, September 8 at 1:00pm EDT

[Agriculture](#): Thursday, September 18th at 11:00AM EDT

Funding & Other Opportunities

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Micro Grants RFA, selected projects will receive a maximum of \$50,000 per award and a project completion period of April 30, 2015.

[Submit concept notes](#) to InnovATE for awards for **Contemporary Challenges in Agricultural Education and Training - Due September 15, 2014**. InnovATE is funding 10 awards to support research on creative approaches to the complex challenges of agricultural education institutions.

[Submit full proposals](#) for horticultural research projects to the **Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Horticulture - Due September 30, 2014**. Research projects should be related to postharvest handling, nutrition, and gender/social equity.

Upcoming Events

[Webinar: What Factors Affect Sustained Adoption of Clean Water and Sanitation Technologies: A Systematic Review of Literature](#): CORE Group; August 25, 2014; Online

[Integrating Very Poor Producers into Value Chains Training](#): TOPS; August 28, 2014; WDC

[Regional Workshop on Sustainable Impact - Malawi](#): PCI; September 8 - 10, 2014; Blantyre, Malawi

[More Events](#)

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Do We Produce Enough Fruits and Vegetables to Meet Global Health Need?](#) from PLOS ONE

[HIV Programming Comes of Age: The Malawi Experience of Co-locating HIV and Livelihoods Programming](#) from Catholic Relief Services

[Plausible Role for CHW Peer Support Groups in Increasing Care-seeking in an Integrated Community Case Management Project in Rwanda: a Mixed Methods Evaluation](#) from Global Health: Science and Practice

Recent Articles

[Food Security Alarm for East, Central Africa](#) from IRIN

[Nutritious Crops for Healthier Mother and Children - Part 1](#) from Outrage and Inspire Blog

[Development Goals Must Adapt to New Nutrition Challenges](#) from the Huffington Post

[Ebola Epidemic Heightened by Poor Facilities and Distrust of Healthcare](#) from The Guardian

[Ebola May Leave 1 Million in Need of Food Help](#) from the AP

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[Boosting Farm-level Disaster Resilience in Timor-Leste](#) from IRIN

[Seeds of Doubt: An Activist's Controversial Crusade Against Genetically Modified Crops](#) from the New Yorker

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