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Africa's Plates of hope



VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Submitted by **SNV USA**

In "Africa's Plates of Hope," the Procurement Governance for Home Grown School Feeding ([PG-HGSF](#)) Program's Kenya team shows how linking smallholder farmers to school feeding markets leads to economic growth within communities, and fresh, healthy food for school children. PG-HGSF is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and implemented by SNV USA.

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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.

Upcoming Food for Peace Management Information System (FFPMIS) Trainings

FFPMIS Training for New Users

December 4, 2014; 9:00AM - 5:00PM.

- Designed to introduce new FFPMIS users to the data entry procedures for emergency applications, development applications, and Pipeline and Resource Estimate Proposals (PREPs).
- Target audience: Attendees designated within their organization as an individual responsible for entering application and program information into FFPMIS. (Current FFPMIS users who would like a refresher on how to create and submit emergency and development applications may be considered for the course, depending on space availability.)
- **To register: Complete the [registration form](#) by November 14th.**

Integrated FFPMIS Pipeline Resource Estimate Proposal (PREP) Training for Current FFP Awardees

January 22, 2015; 9:00AM - 5:00PM.

- Training will address how to create and submit a quality PREP, how to enter your PREP into the Food for Peace Management Information System (FFPMIS), key components of a quality PREP, and common questions regarding the PREP cycle.
- Target audience: Staff who will be entering PREPs into FFPMIS, but the training is also open to other staff involved in the PREP process. Partners are not limited in the number of staff that can attend the training, but space is limited so please register early for the training.
- **To register: Complete the [registration form](#) by October 31.**

Both trainings will take place at the Washington Learning Center at 2231 Crystal Drive in Arlington, VA. If you have any questions please contact Ford Tordiff at jtordiff@usaid.gov.

USAID Announces Consultative Effort to Highlight Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Food for Peace Programs

USAID will be holding stakeholder consultations with FFP implementing partners to capture best practices and needs for integrating climate change adaptation into development food assistance programs.

Over the upcoming two months, GEMS II staff members will be coordinating with FFP AORs and the

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staff.

Learn more and schedule an in-person or virtual consultation [here](#).

Training of Trainers Workshop in the Updated Essential Nutrition Actions Framework and Tools for Health Providers and Community Volunteers

December 8 - 12, 2014**Rosslyn, VA**

The Essential Nutrition Actions (ENA) framework is a field-friendly program that aims to integrate doable nutrition actions into facility- and community-based health services as well as agriculture and food security programs, women's savings and business development groups, early childhood and primary education, and everywhere improved nutrition matters.

In this workshop, led by expert trainers MaryAnne Stone-Jimenez and Abdul Jirga, participants will:

- Learn through a participatory and practicum-based training on the newly revised ENA training modules for health facility staff and for community volunteers.
- Lead at least one of the training modules and be given constructive feedback on his or her training techniques by their peers.
- Collaborate to develop training plans to implement over the three months following the workshop to ensure the concrete translation of the TOT into follow-on training programs in Food for Peace and Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) priority countries.

Up to four **scholarships will be offered** to overseas nutrition program managers from priority Food for Peace countries.

For more information and to apply to attend the training, click [here](#).

This workshop, funded by a [TOPS Small Grant](#), is organized by CORE Group in partnership with JSI and Helen Keller International.

Save the Date: Food Assistance Commodity Management Workshop

December 8 - 12, 2014**Adama-Nazret, Ethiopia**

The TOPS Commodity Management Team has begun planning its upcoming Food Assistance Commodity Management (FACM) Workshop for all staff who handle commodities associated with Food for Peace-funded Title II programs in Ethiopia. This is a country-specific workshop for Ethiopia.

For questions, please contact Caine Cortellino at ccortellino@savechildren.org.

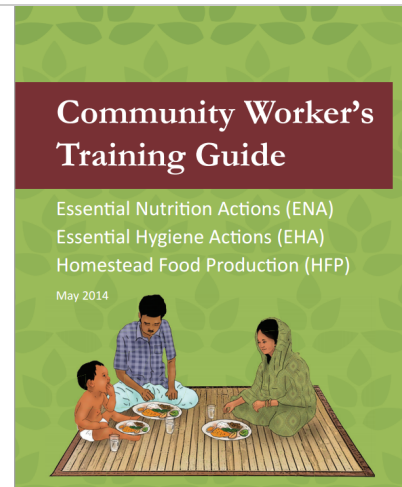
Featured Resource

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Actions, and Homestead Food Production

This guide was developed to train community workers on how to promote recommended health, nutrition, hygiene, and homestead food production practices when meeting with their community members. This training is intended to improve the capacity of community workers in the areas of facilitation and negotiation, to help them introduce nutrition themes and encourage families to adopt improved practices in health, nutrition, and homestead food production for pregnant and lactating women and families with children under the age of two.

View the tool in the resource library at fsnnetwork.org.



Job Postings

- [Specialist, Communications and Documentation](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Pandemic Preparedness and Response Advisor](#) based in WDC with Mercy Corps
- [Technical Advisor for Food Security and Resilience](#) based in Baltimore with CRS
- [Project Manager - Food Security](#) based in Haiti with Medair
- [Food Assistance Advisor](#) based in Boone, North Carolina with Samaritan's Purse
- [Farmer to Farmer Volunteer Opportunities](#) based in Lebanon with Land O'Lakes International Development
- [Food Security Chief of Party](#) based in Niger with Save the Children
- [Food Security Deputy Chief of Party](#) based in Niger with Save the Children
- [Regional Nutrition Specialist, IYCF](#) based in Dakar with Helen Keller International
- [Monitoring and Evaluation, Associate Director, Corporate Analyses](#) based in WDC with ACIDI/VOCA
- [Chief of Party, Support to Agricultural Research and Development Program \(SARDP\)](#) based in Haiti with CNFA
- [Director of Research, Support to Agricultural Research and Development Program \(SARDP\)](#) based in Haiti with CNFA
- [Food Security Analyst](#) based in Madagascar with Chemonics
- [Chief of Party, USAID Food Security Project](#) based in Myanmar with Land O'Lakes International Development
- [Nutrition Specialists, Nutrition Emergency Team](#) based in South Sudan with Action Against Hunger
- [Technical Advisor, Social and Behavior Change Communication](#) based in Atlanta with CARE
- [Senior Technical Advisor, Knowledge Management and Research](#) based in Atlanta with CARE
- [Agricultural Economist, USAID BEST Project](#) based in WDC with Fintrac
- [Associate Director, Corporate Analyses](#) based in WDC with ACIDI/VOCA

Funding & Other Opportunities

[Apply for a grant](#) through the **TOPS Small Grants Program - Awarded on a rolling basis**. Under the Micro Grants RFA, selected projects will receive a maximum of \$50,000 per award and a project completion period of April 30, 2015.

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Nutrition Network publication that contains short, easy-to-read articles on nutrition program experiences and learning.

Task Force Meetings

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

[Knowledge Management](#): Wednesday, October 29 at 10:00AM EDT

Upcoming Events

[World Food Day Discussion: Family Farming in the 21st Century](#): FAO, National Geographic Society; October 22, 2014; WDC

[From Smallholders to Shareholders: Optimizing Private Sector Engagement for Smallholder Impact](#): Agrilinks; October 22, 2014; WDC & Online

[East African Pastoralism: Results from 13 studies sponsored by the Livestock Innovation Lab](#): Feed the Future Innovation Lab; October 24, 2014; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[Tropical Soybean for Development Workshop](#): USAID, Soybean Innovation Lab; October 28, 2014; WDC & Online

[The Making of a Messenger: Engaging Extension and Advisory Service Providers in Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture](#): SPRING, MEAS; October 29, 2014; Online

[More Events](#)

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Market Purchase Motivations Among Rural Men in the Khulna District of Bangladesh](#) from SPRING

[2014 Global Hunger Index](#) from IFPRI

[Participatory Approaches for Gender-sensitive Research Design](#) from CGIAR

[Building Livelihoods on the Front Lines of Climate Change: Identifying Market Opportunities and Agricultural Value Chains in the Sahel Regions of Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali](#) from CRS

[The State of Food and Agriculture 2014](#) from FAO

[GM Agricultural Technologies for Africa: A State of Affairs](#) from African Development Bank and IFPRI

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[Smallholders Benefit from Conservation Farming in Nicaragua](#) from WFP

[Coffee Rust in Latin America Showcases Need for Further Improvements in Smallholder Resilience](#) from WFP

["Hidden Hunger" Affects 2 Billion Despite Better Access to Food](#) from The Guardian

[Digging Deeper - Hunger, Undernutrition, and Poverty Linkages](#) from IFPRI

[First Remote Food Security Survey Finds Families in Ebola Heartland Struggling](#) from WFP

[New Study Finds that Orange Maize Improves Vitamin A in Children](#) from HarvestPlus

[World Food Day: 10 Myths About Hunger](#) from The Guardian

[One-Third of Food Is Lost or Wasted: What Can Be Done](#) from National Geographic

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