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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Photo by [Sumon Yusuf](#)

This photo of Afghan school girls taken in Kabul won 1st Place/Best of Show in the 10th Annual Photoshare Photo Contest. [Learn more.](#)

[Submit](#) photos/videos for future newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW...

The FSN Network website hosts a Behavior Bank, featuring results from Barrier Analysis and Doer/NonDoer Studies conducted by food security and other practitioners globally. [Browse the Bank and submit your own studies.](#)

Contribute to the Newsletter!

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

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FY 2015 RFA for FFP Development Food Assistance Projects in Bangladesh and Mali

The Fiscal Year 2015 (FY 2015) Request for Applications (RFA) for the Office of Food for Peace (FFP) Title II development food assistance projects in Bangladesh and Mali are now available, in addition to the country-specific information (CSI) for Bangladesh and Mali and the Technical References.

Applications should be based on these documents and are due May 28, 2015, by 11:59 AM EDT. Please do not wait until the last day to submit applications. FFP will work toward an expedient decision and will inform successful applicants of its decision.

Learn more and download the documents [here](#).

Aflatoxin: The Agriculture, Nutrition, and Behavior Change Perspectives

April 9, 2015; 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Beacon Hotel, Washington, DC & Online

This knowledge sharing event will be an opportunity to discuss aflatoxin from an agriculture, nutrition and behavior change viewpoint. It is an opportunity for the development community to learn more about aflatoxin and discuss potential interventions from the FFP community.

As a part of the technical presentations, Mercy Corps' PROCOMIDA program will present findings from their barrier analysis on aflatoxin conducted in Guatemala through the use of a TOPS Small Grant.

Learn more and RSVP [here](#). Online participation will also be available.

FANTA Webinar for M&E Staff of FFP Development Food Assistance Projects

Are you an M&E staff member working for a Food for Peace (FFP)-funded development project?

In partnership with TOPS, FANTA will be hosting a webinar for M&E staff of Food for Peace-funded Development Food Assistance Projects (formerly known as Title II Development Programs). The webinar will address a topic identified by the FSN Network community, and we have created a brief survey to get your input on M&E topics you would be most interested in.

Please consider completing this [three-question survey](#) to help us with planning and development of the webinar, as well as determine interest in a follow-on series of webinars.

Measuring and Monitoring Gender Behavior Change in Agriculture Programs

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CARE will present several tools and processes developed for measuring, monitoring, and encouraging processes of change among key intervention partners. Following the technical presentations, there will be an opportunity to engage with program implementers in small groups, discuss the potential applicability of the tools to other FFP-funded activities, and take part in hands-on demonstrations of the tools.

This gender-indicator set was funded by a TOPS Micro Grant.

[Learn more and Register.](#)

Save the Date: Partnership Defined Quality (PDQ) Webinar

May 7, 2015; 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Online

The SBC Task Force is pleased to offer a presentation and discussion on the application of the Partnership Defined Quality (PDQ) method, a Quality Improvement (QI) method that brings the unique perspective of the community into a facilitated, four-step process towards improved health services. Using examples from several countries, this webinar will provide an overview of the steps involved in conducting PDQ, along with common challenges, and benefits of its application.

[Learn more.](#)

For Comment: Environmental Compliance Budgeting Toolkit

A new draft toolkit, "[Aligning Budgets for Implementing Environmental Compliance Safeguards in USAID Development Food Assistance Programs](#)," was produced based on comments and suggestions from extensive bilateral, USAID, and FFP implementing partner consultation and input.

This toolkit serves as a resource for USAID staff and Implementing Partners throughout the iterative process of developing and refining budgets to ensure that environmental compliance requirements are identified early in project design and incorporated throughout the project cycle.

Please send comments on the toolkit to Erika Clesceri (eclesceri@usaid.gov) and Emily Kunen (ekunen@usaid.gov). There will also be an opportunity to discuss the toolkit at a later date.

From the Online Community: Care Group Registers

Nicole from Mercy Corps is wondering if anyone in the FSN Network has suggestions for simplifying registers for Care Group volunteers and for neighbor mothers. Do you have experience working with Care Group registers? Do you have any suggestions or experiences you can share?

Join the discussion and share your thoughts at fsnnetwork.org.

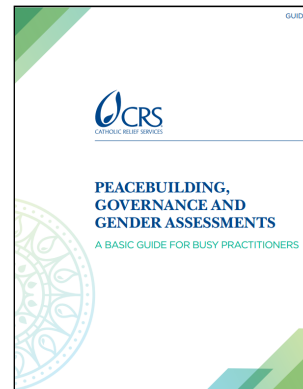
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Featured Resource

Peacebuilding, Governance and Gender Assessments: A Basic Guide for Busy Practitioners

CRS has developed basic, “good enough” guidelines for assessing conflict dynamics, governance institutions, and gender relations that will provide a deepened understanding with which to ground holistic, integrated projects.

These guidelines are designed to provide agency staff and partners preparing proposals in various sectors, (e.g., agriculture, health, emergency response) with a very short list of questions to consider—questions that may help them to avoid doing harm and contribute to transforming systems for social justice and ultimately, integral human development.



View the tool in the Resource Library at fsnnetwork.org.

Job Postings

- [Senior Operations Coordinator, Commodity Management](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Manager of Network Operations - Membership & Events](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Director Nutrition Plus](#) based in Atlanta with CARE
- [Chief of Party, Bangladesh Nobo Jibon MYAP](#) based in Bangladesh with Save the Children
- [Gender Technical Specialist](#) based in Arlington, VA with Counterpart International
- [Program Manager II - Rice-Based Rainfed Agricultural Systems Project](#) based in India with CRS
- [PM I-Emergency Shelter/WASH Program Mgr & National Cluster Co-Facilitator](#) based in DRC with CRS
- [Associate Technical Advisor, Food and Nutrition Security](#) based in WDC with PCI Global
- [Director, Gender Econ Empowerment & Livelihoods](#) based in WDC with ICRW
- [Food Security Chief of Party](#) based in Niamey, Niger with Save the Children
- [Suchana Team Leader](#) based in Dhaka with Save the Children
- [Chief of Party, Development Food Assistance Program \(DFAP\)](#) based in Mali with CRS
- [Business Development Specialist – Food Security](#) based in Baltimore with CRS
- [Nutrition and Health Advisor](#) based in NYC with Concern Worldwide
- [Africa Livelihoods Advisor](#) based in WDC with Save the Children
- [Regional Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist – West Africa](#) based in WDC with ACD/VOCA
- [Policy Advisor, Food Security and Livelihoods](#) based in WDC with World Vision
- [Head of Nutrition Programs](#) based in Burkina Faso with HKI
- [Senior Advisor, Supply Chain Management](#) based in Baltimore with CRS
- [Director, Supply Chain Management](#) based in Baltimore with CRS

Funding & Other Opportunities

[Submit Good Practice Papers](#) to **The Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education (InnovATE) project - Due May 15, 2015**. Papers may focus on but are not limited to institutional and pedagogical practices, curriculum development, financial and administrative innovation, value chain workforce

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[Submit an abstract for a peer-reviewed manuscript - Due June 1, 2015](#). The book is called "Understanding Vulnerability, Building Resilience: Responses to Disasters and Climate Change." Nutritionists, sociologists, anthropologists, economists, policy makers, disaster managers, community leaders, indigenous community organizations, and others are invited to submit abstracts.

Task Force Meetings

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

[Agriculture and Natural Resource Management](#): Wednesday, April 8 at 10:00AM EDT

[Knowledge Management](#): Tuesday, April 21 at 1:00PM EDT

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK:

[Aflatoxin: The Agriculture, Nutrition and Behavior Change Perspectives](#): TOPS; April 9, 2015; WDC

[Where Poverty Evidence is Most Needed: An Evidence Gap Map](#): USAID; April 9, 2015; Online

[Care Groups in Emergencies](#): Save the Children; April 10, 2015; WDC

NEXT WEEK:

[CORE Group Spring 2015 Global Health Practitioner Conference](#): Core Group; April 13, 2015; Alexandria

[Healthy Food for a Healthy World: Leveraging Agriculture and Food to Improve Global Nutrition](#): Chicago Council on Global Affairs; April 16, 2015; WDC

[Measuring and Monitoring Gender Behavior Change in Agriculture Programs](#): CARE; April 16, 2015; WDC

FUTURE:

[AgKnowledge Innovation Sharefair](#): International Livestock Research Institute; May 24 - 25, 2015; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[Harvest the Future International Symposium](#): INMED Partnerships for Children; June 14 - 17, 2015; Montego Bay, Jamaica

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[Kyrgyzstan Spatial](#) from The University of Central Asia's Institute of Public Policy and Administration (UCA IPPA) and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

[Against the Grain: The Cereal Trade in Darfur](#) from Feinstein International Center

[Knowledge, Attitudes and Perceptions on Infant and Young Child Nutrition and Feeding among Adolescent Girls and Young Mothers in Rural Bangladesh](#) from Maternal & Child Nutrition

[The Impact of Natural Hazards and Disasters on Agriculture and Food and Nutrition Security](#) from FAO

[Agricultural Vulnerability to Climate Change in Sokoto State, Nigeria](#) from African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development

Recent Articles

[Healthy Food for a Healthy World: The Role of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Improving Nutrition](#) from The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

[Cash from Cassava: Better Breeds of the Staple Crop will Boost Development](#) from The Guardian

[From Food Security to Regional Security: How Community Resilience Can Prevent Conflict in Africa](#) from The Huffington Post

[Heat Tolerant, Tough Teeth, Lots Of Milk — They're Supergoats!](#) from NPR

[Integrating Indigenous Knowledge with Scientific Forecasts in Lushoto, Tanzania](#) from CGIAR

[We're Treating Soil like Dirt. It's a Fatal Mistake, as our Lives Depend on it](#) from The Guardian

If you are not already on our e-mail list, sign-up [here](#). We welcome news of events, tools, trainings, country updates and other content from the broad FSN Network community. Please send any suggested content to news@fsnnetwork.org.

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