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Important announcement about TOPS Small Grants Program.

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## **SPECIAL ISSUE**

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## **TOPS Small Grants Program to Close January 31, 2015**

The TOPS Program would like to announce the closure of its <u>Small Grants Program</u>. TOPS is scheduled to end in mid-August 2015 and must close the program this month to meet all USAID reporting requirements.

Earlier, TOPS closed the Program Improvement Award branch of its Small Grants Program (maximum award of US\$100,000) and limited Micro Grant proposals (maximum award of US\$50,000) to short-term, one-off events, such as workshops or short learning events.

As of January 31, 2015, TOPS will no longer accept applications for Small Grants of any kind. TOPS will continue to review and forward to the USAID Office of Food for Peace for approval any Micro Grant proposals currently under consideration by TOPS or any new proposals received before January 31.

If you still plan to submit a Micro Grant proposal, please note that all activities funded under the Small Grants Program must be completed by April 30, 2015. Proposals will be reviewed as they are received, but there is no guarantee they will be approved in time to conduct activities planned prior to April 30.

If TOPS is able to re-open the Small Grants program for new applications in the future, we will announce it via our websites, <u>TheTOPSprogram.org</u> and <u>FSNNetwork.org</u>.

Please direct any questions to tops.microgrant@savechildren.org.

If you are not already on our e-mail list, sign-up <a href="here">here</a>. We welcome news of events, tools, trainings, country updates and other content from the broad FSN Network community. Please send any suggested content to <a href="news@fsnnetwork.org">news@fsnnetwork.org</a>.

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