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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Produced by The TOPS Program
Photo by Emmanuel Museruka

To round up 2016, [watch this video summary](#) of the [TOPS/FSN Network East & Southern Africa Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting](#) held in Kampala, Uganda on September 20-22. The conference welcomed over 200 implementers, donors, and researchers from over 95 organizations worldwide under the theme: Changing Landscapes of Food Security.

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

DID YOU KNOW...

Feed the Future recently released its ["2016 Year in Review: The path to prosperity runs through agriculture"](#), which highlights its leadership, progress, partnership, and momentum this year.

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Dina Esposito Writes 5 Lessons Learned While Leading Food for Peace

Dina Esposito, Director of USAID Office of Food for Peace, [reflects on her six years serving as the program's head](#) on [USAID's 2030 blog](#). She discusses conflict returning as the major force shaping humanitarian assistance today, resilience-building and sustainability strategies, and advancing SDG2 - ending hunger.

These lessons were drawn from a [keynote speech](#) Dina delivered at the USAID and USDA 2016 International Food Assistance and Food Security Conference in October in Des Moines, Iowa.

USAID OFDA and FFP Intend to Issue Multi-Year Annual Program Statement for a Rapid Response Nutrition and WASH Project in Ethiopia

January 12, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

National Press Building, 529 14th Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC, 20045

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Notice of Intent to Issue multi-year Annual Program Statement for a Rapid Response Nutrition and WASH project in Ethiopia

USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) and Office of Food for Peace (FFP) intend to issue a joint, multi-year Annual Program Statement (APS) entitled "APS for Rapid Response Mechanism for Nutrition and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Ethiopia"

No APS applications will be accepted through this Notice.

OFDA's mandate is to save lives, alleviate human suffering, and reduce the economic impact of disasters worldwide. FFP's Mission is to work together with others to reduce hunger and malnutrition and to ensure that adequate safe and nutritious food is available to, accessible to, and well utilized by all individuals at all times to support a healthy and productive life. In joint pursuit of these goals, USAID anticipates issuing two cooperative agreements to the single successful applicant or consortium for a rapid response mechanism (RRM) through this APS. USAID anticipates that one award will be made with International Disaster Assistance (IDA) funds through OFDA for nutrition and WASH sectors and the second with Title II funds from FFP for the nutrition sector only. However, both will support the same overarching program.

The envisioned program targets emergency nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) activities countrywide to support populations affected by rapid onset shocks or localized emergencies that arise over the course of the awards.

[Read the full notice here.](#)

A public consultation on this notice will be held at the National Press Building. For those who wish to call in, please dial 877-336-1829 from the U.S. or +1 636-651-0002 internationally, using Access Code 1589141.

FFP Releases Draft Request for Applications for Title II Development Food Security Activities in Uganda

Comments on the draft documents are due January 27, 2017

USAID Office of Food for Peace has released a [draft Fiscal Year 2017 \(FY2017\) Request for Applications \(RFA\) for Title II development food security activities in Uganda](#). In addition, they have also released the draft version of [country-specific information \(CSI\) for Uganda](#).

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 FFP removed the technical information from the RFA in 2015 and created helpful new technical reference chapters, which can be found on the USAID website.
- As in prior years, the BEST reports, food security desk reviews and some other materials signaled in the CSIs will be posted soon for your consideration.
- FFP would greatly appreciate receiving consolidated comments on these draft materials from the representative groups of the FACG.
- Please note that no FFP country backstop officers or field representatives should be contacted in any way about information contained in the draft RFA materials. As stated in the draft RFA, all comments and inquiries should be directed to Michael Keegan at mkeegan@usaid.gov. Please note the FACG email has changed.

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All documents are available on the USAID website [here](#).

Help Identify Priorities for Future FFP/PVO Consultation Sessions

Fill out the survey by December 31, 2017

The TOPS Program has facilitated a number of half-day consultations between the PVO community and USAID's Office of Food for Peace. These consultations are an opportunity for PVOs to gain clarity on issues and for FFP to consult with the PVO community on how to improve processes related to FFP-funded programs.

At a suggestion of members of The TOPS Program Advisory Committee, TOPS agreed to survey the implementing community to prioritize topics for the future consultations. The results will be used to schedule a series of consultations, each focusing on one of the topics in the survey. The topics you collectively deem most important will be the first to be covered in the forthcoming series.

[Access the survey here](#). Feel free to forward the survey to colleagues with your organization whose participation would be appropriate. **The survey will be open until December 31, and we will get back to you with results in 2017.**

Resilience Concepts and Measurement Workshop

January 11-12, 2017 | Washington, DC

The TOPS Program will be hosting a Resilience Concepts & Measurement workshop in Washington, DC, January 11-12, 2017. The workshop aims to strengthen implementing partner and USAID staff capacity around resilience concepts, frameworks, and analyses. Facilitated by TANGO International President, Tim Frankenberger, the workshop intends to strengthen capacity to construct appropriate scopes of work and provide technical guidance to ensure quality performance in monitoring and evaluation products that help build an evidence base for focused resilience efforts.

[Click here for more information and to register](#). **Registration will be open until December 31 and participants will be notified whether they have been selected by January 3, 2017.**

Save the Date! Introduction to Randomized Evaluations

January 30, 2017 | 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Save the Children, 899 N Capitol St NE, Ste. 900, Washington, DC, 20002

The TOPS Program and the [Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative \(ATAI\)](#) will host [Kyle Murphy](#), Senior Policy Associate of [MIT's Abdul Latif Jameel's Poverty Action Lab \(J-PAL\)](#), to present on randomized evaluations, and hold a discussion on what makes them powerful and what lessons can be drawn from them.

The TOPS Program has recently been introduced to ATAI, a joint research initiative of J-PAL and [UC Berkeley's Center for Effective Global Action \(CEGA\)](#). ATAI's mission is to develop and rigorously test programs that improve adoption and profitable use of agricultural technology by small-scale farmers in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. ATAI also works with practitioners, funders, and developers to define the most critical issues, technologies and adoption strategies in agricultural development, to ensure that the resulting research has

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planning and decision-making, can be harnessed to the benefit of the FSN Network.

The TOPS Program and ATAI will collaborate on a series of presentations in 2017. This event is the first in the series.

Registration will open soon. [Learn more here.](#)

Save the Date! Seed security responses that help farmers in chronic stress contexts: Focus on seed systems that support resilience and nutrition

February 2, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Save the Children, 899 N Capitol St NE, Ste. 900, Washington, DC, 20002

This event, coordinated by The TOPS Program with Louise Sperling from Catholic Relief Services, will share practical insights for reinforcing the seed security of smallholder farmers, with a particular focus on Africa. It will review the latest tools available for identifying diverse seed security constraints and share on-the-ground implementation responses to address common resilience and nutrition constraints (e.g., diversity and nutrition fairs, vegetable seed interventions, and small seed pack outlets). Geared to the 'lay agricultural expert', discussion will aim to build capacity for seed security analysis and program design that can be affected within 1- 4 year time frames.

Agenda forthcoming. [Learn more here.](#)

Save the Date! Video Storytelling: Narratives for Impact

February 8, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FHI 360, 1825 Connecticut Avenue NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20009

Video is a powerful tool in the context of international development. It can be used for program promotion, project documentation, and as a catalyst for education and behavior change. A video narrative may inform donors how their money is used and why they should care. It may educate colleagues by sharing knowledge on how a successful model can be replicated. In the field, a video may teach and encourage behavior adoption such as proper handwashing, exclusive breastfeeding, or climate-smart irrigation techniques.

This February, The TOPS Program will be hosting an interactive, one-day workshop where participants will be exposed to different types of video storytelling, practice the full process of video production, and learn about the impact of effective videos. Take on the role of director, writer, videographer, or editor as you brainstorm, storyboard, film, and edit in small groups.

Registration will open soon.

Soy-blended Complementary Food Could Prevent Childhood Stunting and Improve Nutrition in Northern Ghana, Feed the Future's Soybean Innovation Lab To Assess

[Feed the Future's Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research \(Soybean Innovation Lab\)](#) will assess the

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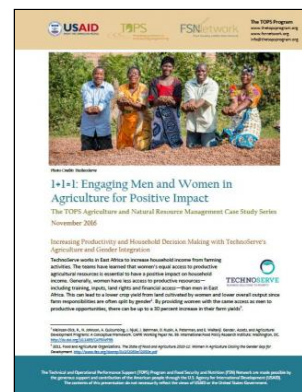
To learn more about the study, [click here](#).

To receive more information about the study or to get involved, contact soybeaninnovationlab@illinois.edu.

Featured Resource

1+1=1: Engaging Men and Women in Agriculture for Positive Impact

TechnoServe learned that focusing only on men or women in the household does not provide the greatest impact, because it neglects half of the agriculture labor force and because information is often not shared between men and women in the household. Instead, TechnoServe found that **engaging both men and women from the same household can have a bigger impact** on increasing women's equal access to productive resources, resulting in increased agricultural productivity. In addition, they found substantial gender and household dynamic benefits to engaging both women and men, including increased knowledge sharing, reduced intra-household conflict and domestic violence, and increased joint financial decision making, which increased women's control of agricultural income and assets.



[Read more and view the document in the resource library at fsnnetwork.org.](#)

Job Postings

- [Specialist, Communications and Documentation](#) based in Washington, DC with The TOPS Program, Save the Children
- [Knowledge Management and Communications Intern](#) based in Washington, DC with CORE Group
- [Program Manager - Food Security and Livelihoods](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Senior Director, Program Development and Quality - Hunger and Livelihoods](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Specialist, MEAL, Skills to Succeed - Hunger and Livelihoods](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Director - Resilience and Livelihoods](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Senior Director - Programs, Partnerships, Learning and Advocacy](#) based in Indonesia with CARE
- [Livelihoods Delegate](#) based in Kathmandu, Nepal with British Red Cross
- [Assistant Researcher/Researcher - INDDEx Project](#) based in Bangladesh with the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University
- [Assistant Researcher/Researcher - INDDEx Project](#) based in Burkina Faso with the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University
- [Senior Advisor - Agriculture & Livestock](#) flexible location with Mercy Corps
- [Food Security Advisor](#) based in Washington, DC with Mercy Corps
- [Regional Gender and Protection Advisor](#) based in Amman, Jordan with Mercy Corps
- [Social and Behavior Working Group Internship](#) based in Washington, DC with CORE Group
- [Nutrition Manager](#) based in Kampala, Uganda with UNICEF
- [Policy Analyst - Humanitarian Affairs](#) based in New York, New York with IPI
- [Chief of Party - Food for Progress - Honduras](#) based in Honduras with CRS
- [Organizational Learning and Knowledge Management Specialist](#) based in Nigeria with DevTech
- [Senior Program Officer - Nutrition](#) based in Tajikistan with IntraHealth International
- [P3 level Regional Nutrition Officer](#) based in Dakar, Senegal with WFP

Funding & Other Opportunities

Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program - [Applications due January 11, 2017](#)

The [Mickey Leland](#) International Hunger Fellows Program develops emerging leaders committed to improving the food and nutrition security of people worldwide. It is a unique two-year program that combines field and policy work experience with cohort learning and professional development. The 9th class of Fellows, will serve from Oct. 1, 2017-August 31, 2019. Apply to be a Leland Fellow today! All applications are due January 11, 2017!

Apply to be a Global Health Corps 2017-2018 Fellow - [Applications due January 18, 2017](#)

Our applicants are 30 years old and under, so we're not expecting you to have years of senior leadership experience under your belt. Instead, we are looking for alignment with our leadership practices and values: strong evidence of leadership *potential* and *some* leadership experience along the lines of organizing, collaborating, and working to affect change, however subtle it may be. The GHC fellowship is a one-of-a-kind leadership opportunity which places you in the real world, amidst real problems. It won't be easy, but it will be transformational and rewarding.

Accepting Applications for the RANFOSE Grant from USAID Haiti - [Applications due January 20, 2017](#)

The USAID Mission in Haiti is issuing this Funding Opportunity to solicit technical applications for Ranfose Abitid Nitrisyon pou Fè Ogmante Sante (RANFOSE), a \$4 million four-year Health & Nutrition Activity designed to address the linked issues of micro-nutrient deficiencies and food fortification in Haiti. The program objectives in this Funding Opportunity are designed to allow participants the flexibility to develop and propose a detailed concept that includes high impact, cost-effective, and sustainable market-based interventions. USAID encourages applicants to submit results-oriented applications that present a logical, comprehensive, concrete, and measurable set of interventions/activities to achieve the stated objectives.

Accepting Applications for the 2017 McGovern-Dole Program - [Applications due January 19, 2017](#) (Please note the change in Application Deadline from [our last newsletter](#))

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the 2017 McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program (McGovern-Dole), which helps support education, child development and food security in low-income, food-deficit countries around the globe. The program provides U.S. commodities that are used to support school feeding and maternal and child nutrition projects.

Accepting Proposals for the Mid-term Evaluation of the SABAL Program - Proposals due January 23, 2017

Save the Children US is requesting competitive proposals from qualified firms or individual consultants interested in conducting a mid-term evaluation of the Sustainable Action Resiliency and Food Security Program (SABAL) in Nepal. Contact Teresa Pemberton, tpemberton@savechildren.org, and Eyerusalem Tessema, etessema@savechildren.org for more information about this RFP.

IMMANA Fellowships Round 3 Call for Applications - [Applications due February 1, 2017](#)

The Friedman School of Nutrition at Tufts University and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine are pleased to announce the third of four planned rounds of Post-Doctoral Fellowships for Emerging Leaders in Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health Research (IMMANA Fellowships), funded with UK aid from the UK government through the Department for International Development (DFID). For 2017-18, IMMANA will award six 12-month post-doctoral fellowships to early career researchers who are using and developing or adapting these new methodological approaches with mentors in ongoing research programs in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). [Watch this webinar](#) for more application information.

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(UNSCN). It is printed and distributed to a readership of 7,500 nutrition professionals, programme managers and policy-makers – 75% of whom reside in developing countries. It is also made available online. The next issue of SCN NEWS will focus on the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016–2025). Please send your contributions electronically to the SCN News to SCN@fao.org with the subject line “SCN NEWS 42 Proposal”. For editorial information, please refer to the [SCN News Guidelines for Contributors available here](#).

Call for Proposals for the Intersections of Policy and Practice in Strengthening Agricultural Education and Training Systems Symposium - [Proposals due February 24, 2017](#)

The [Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education \(InnovATE\)](#) project is hosting a symposium, June 8-9, 2017 in Washington, DC that poses answers to the question: *How do internal or external, national or institutional policies affect agricultural education and training (AET) systems in the developing world?* The symposium has four tracks: Gender Transformation, Youth Development, Private Sector Engagement, and Cross-Sector Collaboration. For each track there will be a plenary session and concurrent sessions. InnovATE consortium partners will host one concurrent session in each track, and seek proposals for the remaining concurrent sessions.

Upcoming Events

[Fourth International Conference on Agriculture, Animal Sciences, Aquaculture & Fisheries](#): AAAF; December 28-29, 2016; Colombo, Sri Lanka

[ICAFB 2017: 19th International Conference on Agriculture, Forestry and Bioengineering](#): WASET; January 8-9, 2017; Singapore

[Hygienic Practices for Food Safety in Small & Medium-Size Businesses](#): Soybean Innovation Lab; January 9, 2017; Online

[Webinar on Leveraging Local Market Systems Development Networks](#): BEAM Exchange; January 10, 2017; Online

[USAID Adaptation Community Meeting: The Role of Decentralized Governance in Climate Change Adaptation](#): ATLAS Project; January 12, 2017; Washington, DC and Online

[USAID Private Sector Engagement Training for Implementing Partners](#): Center for Transformational Partnerships in the U.S. Global Development Lab; January 12, 2017; Washington, DC

[Rothamsted Open Innovation Forum](#): Rothamsted Research; January 18-20, 2017; Harpenden, United Kingdom

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New Reports, Guides & Tools

[A Cost of the Diet Analysis in Azraq Refugee Camp, Jordan](#) from International Medical Corps

[How to Prevent Cholera](#) from Hesperian Health Guides

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[Methods for Measuring Greenhouse Gas Balances and Evaluating Mitigation Options in Smallholder Agriculture](#) from CGIAR

[Improving Dietary Diversity to Enhance Women's and Children's Nutritional Status in Guatemala's Western Highlands: Recommendations for the Guatemalan Agriculture Sector](#) from FANTA Project

[Agronomic biofortification of crops to fight hidden hunger in sub-Saharan Africa](#) from Global Food Security

[Operationalizing Multi-sectoral Coordination and Collaboration for Improved Nutrition](#) from SPRING Project

[The long-run poverty and gender impacts of mobile money](#) from Science Magazine

Recent Articles

[Heat, Hunger and War Force Africans Onto a 'Road on Fire'](#) from The New York Times

[A Blueprint for the Future of Food](#) from The New York Times

[Funding for green infrastructure to protect, restore the world's water supplies reaches \\$25B](#) from Devex

[The never-ending harvest: Syrian refugees exploited on Turkish farms](#) from IRIN

[Mobile Phones are Transforming Africa](#) from The Economist

[Youth Voices at the Food and Agriculture Organization: A Seat at the Table for #ZeroHunger](#) from DipNote Blog

['Cloud fishing' reels in precious water for villagers in rural Morocco](#) from The Guardian

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