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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Produced by The TOPS Program

Do you use the [FSN Network website](#)? Are you getting the most out of our resources, online communities, events calendar, and more? Watch [this video](#) to learn about the many features of the online home of the FSN Network community of practice. Share this video with your colleagues so they can take advantage of the FSN Network website, too!

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

DID YOU KNOW...

Farmer-to-Farmer and CNFA are looking for volunteers to go to Angola for a Food Nutrition and Food Security Training! Farmer-to-Farmer is a USAID-funded initiative that sends American agricultural/agribusiness experts to developing countries to offer technical assistance.

Volunteers go on two to three week trips, and all trip-related expenses are covered by CNFA.

[Learn more here!](#)

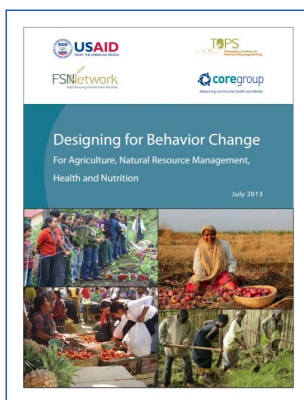
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The FSN Network News is a community newsletter, and we welcome your input. Let us know of upcoming events, new publications, and interesting articles. We also share new job openings, funding opportunities, calls for input, and photos. Email submissions to news@fsnnetwork.org.

TOPS 10: Our Top 10 Most Downloaded Resources of 2016

Designing for Behavior Change for Agriculture, Natural Resource Management, Health and Nutrition



We rounded up the Top 10 most downloaded resources from the FSN Network Resource Library in 2016. The number 1 resource is Designing for Behavior Change for Agriculture, Natural Resource Management, Health and Nutrition, by The TOPS Program and CORE Group. This is an FSN Network Recommended resource as well as a TOPS Product. [Read it here!](#)

FSN Network's Resource Library is home to 800+ guides, tools, and manuals addressing a variety of technical, cross-cutting, and performance quality topics in food security and nutrition.

[Check out the rest of the list here.](#)

Stakeholder Consultation for a Rapid Response Nutrition and WASH Project in Ethiopia

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

National Press Building, 549 14th Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC

USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) and Office of Food for Peace (FFP) will be hosting a stakeholder consultation on the Notice of Intent to Issue a Multi-Year Annual Program Statement for a Rapid Response Nutrition and WASH Project in Ethiopia that was posted recently. See previous announcement [here](#).

The consultation will be held January 12th, from 9:00 am - 11:00 am EST at the National Press Building, 549 14th Street NW, Suite 700, a short walk from Metro Center.

For those who wish to call in, please dial [877-336-1829](tel:877-336-1829) from the U.S. or [+1-636-651-0002](tel:+1-636-651-0002) from outside the U.S., using Access Code 1589141.

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Apply Now for the February Theory of Change Workshop in Washington, DC

February 13-17, 2017

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

The TOPS Program is pleased to announce a Theory of Change (TOC) workshop to be held February 13-17, 2017 at the offices of Save the Children in Washington D.C.

The workshop, designed and taught by TANGO International, is a hands-on, highly participatory course that takes participants through the process of developing a TOC and explores how to use a TOC in each stage of the program cycle.

The TOC workshop is designed for practitioners involved with FFP-funded development programs. We seek diversity in organizational roles and technical expertise (agriculture, nutrition, NRM, livelihoods, gender, DRR, business development, program management, etc.), as all should routinely have a role in the development and implementation of a TOC.

[Apply before the January 27th deadline!](#) There are a limited number of spaces available for this free training.

[Learn more here.](#)

Registration Now Open! Video Storytelling: Narratives for Impact

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

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

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.

[Learn more and register here.](#) Registration is open to all, and no previous video experience is required. There are a limited number of spaces available for this event, and registration will be open until the workshop is filled.

Webinar on MTI's Partnership Defined Quality

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM EST

Online

Partnership Defined Quality (PDQ) is a methodology that engages community members alongside providers in designing, implementing and monitoring quality improvement. Over the past several months, [Medical Teams](#)

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Join MTI staff as they share their experiences with PDQ and lead participants in a series of questions from a post-video Learning Tool. This webinar is intended for health and development practitioners in multiple sectors, especially those interested in community mobilization and ways to improve service delivery.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

The instructional video and Learning Tool are products of [The TOPS Small Grants Program](#).

Integrated Pest Management and Fumigation Safety Training

January 24-26, 2017

Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

SAVE THE DATE!
Integrated Pest Management and Fumigation Safety Training

Project Concern International (PCI), in collaboration with TOPS and Kansas State University's (KSU) Department of Grain Science and Industry, will be hosting a 3-day Integrated Pest Management and Fumigation Safety Training.

The purpose of the training is to:

- Familiarize participants with USAID's Program Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Fumigation
- Introduce Integrated Pest Management techniques for management of insects and vertebrate pests
- Instruct on proper use of residual insecticides and proper and safe use of the fumigant phosphine
- Demonstrate proper use respiratory protection and gas monitoring devices
- Demonstrate container and warehouse fumigations for replication at field level
- Introduce participants to the PCI/TOPS developed Warehouse Staff Safety Guide
- Prepare participants to conduct field level trainings

Date
January 24-26, 2017

Location
Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas

Please refer to www.pciglobal.org/FST for additional details. Space is limited, please RSVP as soon as possible.

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[Learn more here.](#)

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](#).

Randomized Evaluations in Practice: Opportunities and Challenges

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

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

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.

ATAI is a joint research initiative of J-PAL and [UC Berkeley's Center for Effective Global Action \(CEGA\)](#), and its 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 maximum impact on the lives of the poor.

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

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Seed Security Responses that Help Farmers in Chronic Stress Contexts

February 2, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST

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

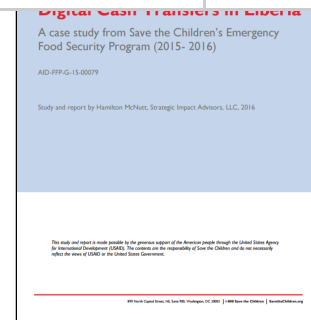
This event, coordinated by The TOPS Program with Louise Sperling from Catholic Relief Services, will share practical insights for reinforcing the seed security of smallholder farmers, with a particular focus on Africa. It will review the latest tools available for identifying diverse seed security constraints 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. Registration will open soon. [Learn more here.](#)

Featured Resource

Digital Cash Transfers in Liberia: A Case Study from Save the Children's Emergency Food Security Program (2015-2016)

Through its USAID-funded Emergency Food Security Program, Save the Children was the first organization to implement cash transfers through mobile money at scale in Liberia, where mobile money services are nascent. From liquidity management to incentivizing agents, the challenges, lessons, and opportunities are documented in this study conducted by Strategic Impact Advisors, LLC.

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Job Postings

- [Specialist, Communications and Documentation](#) based in Washington, DC with The TOPS Program, Save the Children
- [Director, Agribusiness and Market Systems](#) based in Nepal with Save the Children
- [Food Security Advisor](#) based in Washington, DC with Mercy Corps
- [Program Officer - Analyst II](#) based in Davis, California with Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Horticulture
- [Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Learning Specialist](#) based in Washington, DC with Dexis Consulting for USAID LEARN
- [Senior Learning Specialist](#) based in Washington, DC with Dexis Consulting for USAID LEARN
- [Learning Specialist](#) based in Washington, DC with Dexis Consulting for USAID LEARN
- [Senior Consultant - Agriculture 4 Nutrition](#) based in Delhi with SPC Management for the Government of India
- [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
- [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

Funding & Other Opportunities

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 2017 McGovern-Dole Program - [Applications due January 19, 2017](#)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the 2017 McGovern-Dole Food for

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commodities that are used to support school feeding and maternal and child nutrition projects.

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 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.

Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

[Monitoring & Evaluation - Washington, DC](#): Friday, January 13; 3:00 PM-4:30 PM; Save the Children, 899 North Capitol Street NE, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20002

[Nutrition & Food Technology/Agriculture & Natural Resource Management](#): Thursday, February 9; 10:30 AM-1:30 PM; Save the children, 899 N Capitol Street NE, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20002 and Online via Adobe Connect

Upcoming Events

[Resilience Concepts and Measurement Workshop](#): The TOPS Program; January 11-January 12, 2017; Washington, DC

[Rapid Response Nutrition and WASH Project in Ethiopia RFA Stakeholder Consultation](#): USAID FFP and USAID OFDA; January 12, 2017; Washington, DC

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

[Webinar Series: Marketing Nutrition for the Base of the Pyramid](#): The Practitioner Hub for Inclusive Business; January 13 & January 19, 2017; Online

[Webinar on MTI's Partnership Defined Quality: Giving the Community a Voice in Service Delivery. Instructional Video and Learning Tool](#): The TOPS Program and MTI; January 17, 2017; Online

[Webinar on Save the Children's Use of Mobile Money in Liberia](#): Save the Children; January 17, 2017; Online

[Rothamsted Open Innovation Forum](#): Rothamsted Open Innovation Forum; January 18-January 20, 2017; West

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[INGENAES Global Symposium and Learning Exchange](#): INGENAES; January 23-January 25, 2017; Lusaka, Zambia

[Integrated Pest Management and Fumigation Safety Training](#): Project Concern International and The TOPS Program; January 24-January 26, 2017; Kansas State University

[Introduction to Randomized Evaluations](#): The TOPS Program and ATAI; January 30, 2017; Washington, DC

[Webinar on Leveraging Local Market Systems Development Networks](#): BEAM Exchange; January 31, 2017; Online

[More Events](#)

New Reports, Guides & Tools

[How Markets Alleviated the Impact of Ebola for Vulnerable Families and Children](#) from Save the Children

[Clinic to Community Referrals: Linking Health and Economic Strengthening to Improve Client Outcomes](#) from LIFT II/FHI 360

[Early Newborn Ritual Foods Correlate with Delayed Breastfeeding Initiation in Rural Bangladesh](#) from International Breastfeeding Journal

[Colombia Fails to Tackle Malnutrition in Indigenous Children](#) from The Lancet

[Making Content Meaningful: A Guide to Adapting Existing Global Health Content for Different Audiences](#) from K4Health

[Straight to the Point: Practical Governance Assessment](#) and [Straight to the Point: Practical Management Assessment](#) from Pathfinder International

[Tanzania Nutrition Assessment, Counseling, and Support \(NACS\) Training Package for Facility-Based Service Providers](#) from FANTA

Recent Articles

[Reducing Poverty in China by Connecting Farmers to Markets](#) from The World Bank

[Oxfam Warns of Hunger in Haiti 3 Months After Hurricane Matthew](#) from Oxfam

[Lake Chad Most Neglected Crisis in 2016 Despite Hunger on 'Epic Scale'](#) from Reuters

[With Continued Drought, Horn of Africa Braces for Another Hunger Season](#) from FAO

[The Baby is Getting Fed - But What?](#) from The New York Times

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