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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Submitted by **SPRING**

The nexus of agriculture and nutrition programming is increasingly recognized as important for achieving the ambitious goals of the Feed the Future Initiative and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy. Both agricultural market development and nutrition activities have their own established principles, standards, and practices, resulting in both convergences and tensions in efforts to collaborate to improve nutrition. [Watch this short animation](#), which highlights key ideas for making agricultural market development activities more nutrition-sensitive.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recent Articles		Global Learning Forum in Thailand? The forum will focus on three themes: Women's Empowerment On and Off the Farm, Employment Opportunities through Enterprise Development and Job Creation, and Leveraging Finance to Advance Women's Empowerment. Early bird registration ends on April 14! Learn more here. #WEEForum2017

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Announcing the TOPS/FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting! July 2017 | Washington, DC



The next TOPS/FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting will be in July in Washington, DC. Be on the lookout for further announcements on date, venue, theme, and more!

At our Knowledge Sharing Meetings, the connections you make are as substantial as the knowledge you gain. Every session you attend, from energizing plenaries to intimate lunch tables, encourages active

participation and engagement with your peers.

Take advantage of frequent exchanges with colleagues from around the world and across the food security and nutrition spectrum as you learn firsthand what works and what doesn't, and share your own experiences and challenges.

With each conversation, both in and out of sessions, you are building momentum toward our common goal of ending hunger and malnutrition for all.

[Learn more about our Knowledge Sharing Meetings here.](#)

Register Now! Evidence in Agriculture: Information Constraints to Technology Adoption

April 6, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM EST

Save the Children, 899 North Capitol Street NE, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20002

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Are you interested in hearing answers to these questions? Join The TOPS Program and Kyle Murphy from [ATAI](#) for an overview of emerging insights from the Randomized Control Trial (RCT) literature on information constraints to agricultural technology adoption among smallholder farmers in the developing world. The session will review results from evaluations on agricultural extension, social networks, and improving the pedagogical method of extension services.

This is the second session in a series related to randomized evaluations. To listen to the first session, visit [here](#).

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Updated CMAM Toolkit Webinar: Rapid Start-Up Resources for Emergency Nutrition Personnel

**April 13, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EST
Online**

The CMAM Toolkit is a collection of technical documents and tools often needed by program managers to enable them to plan for an initiate CMAM program implementation, either at the onset of a crisis, during a protracted crisis, or as a new nutrition activity. The Toolkit is envisioned as an easy-to-use compilation of these tools and resources that will allow managers to rapidly access needed inputs and begin implementation as soon as possible.

With funding from The TOPS Program, Save the Children has been working with nutrition professionals from different organizations to update the content of the CMAM Toolkit with new evidence and enhance its applicability to both emergency and long term programming. TOPS will be hosting a webinar to disseminate the updated Toolkit, exploring the new sections and major revisions to the existing Toolkit. Participants will also be taken through a brief simulation exercise on specific sections of the Toolkit, followed by a question & answer session. The presentation will conclude with a brief outline of the future of the Toolkit and how nutrition practitioners can stay engaged.

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Take a Survey: Interest on Local and Regional Procurement (LRP) of Commodities

The TOPS Program would like to hear about your interest in LRP, how it works, issues and challenges with LRP, and any lessons learned from Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) involved in LRP.

Take the Survey

Updated USAID Food for Peace Uganda CSI

[Click here](#) to access the amended Fiscal Year 2017 Uganda Country Specific Information (CSI) for USAID/Office of Food for Peace development activities. The CSI has been updated to include the possibility of Title II funding, alongside the previously planned Community Development Funds. All changes have been highlighted.

Multiplier Effects of Humanitarian Assistance: The Local Economy-Wide Impact Evaluation (LEWIE) Method and its Findings Among Refugees in Uganda and Rwanda

April 10, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

American Red Cross Board of Governors Hall, 430 17th Street, Washington, DC 20006

While the number of refugees around the globe is on a rise, their economic impact on host economies is under-researched. Dr. J. Edward Taylor will present two studies on this topic from Rwanda and Uganda.

These studies demonstrate the potential for cash and vouchers to generate more positive local economic growth than in-kind assistance, as well as for net positive economic impact of refugees on local economies. The presentation will also include a discussion of the LEWIE methodology.

Dr. Taylor is a Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics (University of California- Davis) and Director of the Rural Economics of the Americas and Pacific Rim (REAP) Program.

Please RVSP to: admin.northamerica@cashlearning.org

Register for the New Cash Learning Hub with CaLP

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Academy's learning platform Kaya. In this hub, CaLP will bring together a range of online courses, face-to-face training, and other learning resources such as videos and case studies. This will be the go-to place for all CaLP capacity building resources.

[Register on Kaya](#) now to access a wide range of learning resources related to cash transfer programming (CTP), and take a look at the newest e-learning courses, videos, and webinars.

Attend the Learning for Gender Integration Evaluation Event Series

Multiple dates and locations

From December 2016 to February 2017, Lutheran World Relief, Cultural Practice, LLC (CP) and several peer agencies evaluated the Learning for Gender Integration (LGI) projects in India, Uganda, and Nicaragua using a combination of two participatory, qualitative methodologies, Most Significant Change and PhotoVoice, to capture nuanced changes in food security and gender inequalities. Staff from Mercy Corps, Project Concern International (PCI), ACDI/VOCA, and Episcopal Relief and Development contributed to the 'learning' aspect of LGI, participating on the evaluation teams, sharing their knowledge throughout the process, and bringing the experience back to their home organizations for further dissemination.

Lutheran World Relief and Cultural Practice, LLC invite you to celebrate the culmination of over five years of LGI programming with us and attend a series of free events highlighting the LGI evaluation process and results.

Learn more about the events below:

- [LGI Evaluation Soirée](#) - April 6, Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009
- [LGI Evaluation Methodology Workshop](#) - April 13, Lutheran World Relief, 700 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230
- [LGI Evaluation Methodology Webinar](#) - April 20, Online

Featured Resource

Commodity Management Toolkit

The Commodity Management (CM) Toolkit is a one-step operational guide for anyone working on programs using food commodity. It provides staff quick access to the specific information they need on minimum requirements, whenever and wherever they need it. The toolkit is a set of interconnected flowcharts that provide a road map of the entire CM process - from project start-up through close-out - in simple steps. In addition to illustrating each activity required to promote compliance with USAID regulations - and the functional area(s) accountable - the toolkit provides instant access to 147 tools designed to help users implement these activities. The toolkit can be used both as a self-study training resource for new staff and as a quick reference for more experienced staff.



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

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Job Postings

- [Director of Partnership and Business Development](#) based in Washington, DC with CORE Group
- [Nutrition Policy Specialist](#) based in Yangon, Myanmar with UNOPS
- [Senior Research Assistant/Research Analyst](#) based in Washington, DC with IFPRI
- [Regional Director, East, Southern, Central Africa and New Business Development](#) based in Dakar, Senegal with HKI
- [Award Management Officer](#) based in Baltimore, Maryland with CRS
- [Contract for Gender Analysis and Action Plan in Central Malawi Fruit and Vegetable Value Chains](#) based in Malawi with Land O'Lakes International Development
- [Senior Technical Advisor - Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights](#) based in Washington, DC with CARE
- [Consultant: Food Security Assessment](#) for Nigeria with IMC
- [Consultant: Food Security](#) for Nigeria with IMC
- [Nutrition Surveillance and Early Warning Literature Review Consultant](#) with Action Against Hunger
- [Chief of Party, Advancing Women's Empowerment](#) based in Washington, DC with CARE
- [M&E Advisor, Uganda DFAP](#) based in Uganda with CARE
- [Grant Developer, Sahel/450](#) based in either Bamako, Mali or Niamey, Niger with Action Against Hunger
- [Director, Food, Nutrition & Livelihoods Security](#) based in Washington, DC with PCI

Funding & Other Opportunities

Request for Applications: YouthPower Learning Grants - Applications due April 13, 2017

Making Cents International (Making Cents) under the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded contract YouthPower Learning is seeking grant applications from qualified entities as part of its efforts to further assess, evaluate, document, and disseminate innovative work in positive youth development and cross-sectoral youth programming. YouthPower Learning is launching requests for applications (RFA) for grants in the following thematic areas: [Advancing the Evidence Base for Gender-Transformative Positive Youth Development](#) and [Advancing the Evidence Base for Youth Civic Engagement in Effective Peacebuilding or in Countering/Prevention of Violent Extremism \(CVE/PVE\)](#).

Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

[Knowledge Management](#): Thursday, April 27; Online

[Monitoring & Evaluation DC](#): Wednesday, May 10; Save the Children, 899 N. Capitol St. NE, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20002

Upcoming Events

[Women's Empowerment in Agriculture: Unexpected Impact of Farmer Nutrition Schools](#): SPRING; April 5; Online

[Communities of Practice in Development Coordination](#): KM4Dev; April 6-7; Seattle, Washington

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[Learning for Gender Integration Evaluation Soiree](#): Lutheran World Relief; April 6; Washington, DC

[How to Ask the Right Questions: Designing Formative Research for Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture](#): SPRING and HarvestPlus; April 11; Online

[Learning for Gender Integration Evaluation Methodology Workshop](#): Lutheran World Relief; April 13; Baltimore, MD

[Quantifying the Unobservable: The Foundations of Food Security Measurement for Applied Research and Analysis](#): George Washington University; April 13; Washington, DC

[Updated CMAM Toolkit Webinar: Rapid Start-Up Resources for Emergency Nutrition Personnel](#): The TOPS Program; April 13; Online

[Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig on Food, Farmers, & Climate: Report from the AgMIP](#): Johns Hopkins SAIS; April 19; Washington, DC

[Spring 2017 Global Health Practitioner Conference](#): CORE Group; April 20-21; Washington, DC

[Learning for Gender Integration Evaluation Methodology Webinar](#): Lutheran World Relief; April 20; Online

[Global Health & Innovation Conference](#): April 22-23; Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

[Training Course on Establishing and Strengthening Farmer Organizations](#): Indepth Research Services; April 24-28; Nairobi, Kenya

[CaLP Market Assessment Tools Training](#): CaLP; May 15-19; Baltimore, Maryland

[Reducing Childhood Stunting \(Nutrition-Specific E-Learning Opportunity\)](#): World Vision; May 15-July 7; Online

[Permaculture for Resilience: A Design Certification Course for People Working in International Development](#): May 21-June 4; Maricopa, California

[More Events](#)

New Reports, Guides & Tools

[An Overview of the Recurrent Monitoring System \(RMS\)](#) from the REAL Project and TANGO International

[Her Health. Her Lifetime. Our World: Unlocking the Potential of Adolescent Girls and Young Women](#) from CSIS

[Catalogue of Innovations & Good Practices on Gender & Resilience in Africa](#) from UN Women

[Enabling the Business of Agriculture 2017](#) from The World Bank

[Monitoring and Evaluation Digital Health Interventions: A Practical Guide to Conducting Research and Assessment](#) from WHO

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[Can Digital Technology Help Develop Nepal's Agriculture?](#) from Agrilinks

[World Has Just Months to Stop Starvation in Yemen, Somalia: Red Cross](#) from Reuters

[3 Ways Gender Data Could Go 'Big'](#) from Devex

[Drought and War Heighten Threat of Non Just One Famine, But Four](#) from New York Times

[High Demand for Yucca in Venezuela Leads to Sometimes Fatal Results](#) from WBUR

[Mapping the Benefits of Farm Biodiversity](#) from Civil Eats

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