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#### VIDEO OF THE WEEK

**Produced by Medical Teams International**

Partnership Defined Quality is a proven methodology for improving the quality and accessibility of services through community involvement. In Liberia, PDQ is being used in Grand Cape Mount County to improve health service delivery. Watch this new PDQ instructional video [here](#), and access the accompanying learning tool [here](#). This project was funded by a [TOPS Small Grant](#). Learn more about the video and toolkit by accessing [last week's webinar event page](#).

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

#### DID YOU KNOW...

The [Soybean Innovation Lab](#) is conducting a study in Ghana on the acceptability and feasibility of a soy-blend complementary food in northern Ghana to support efforts to introduce sustainable early childhood nutrition to the

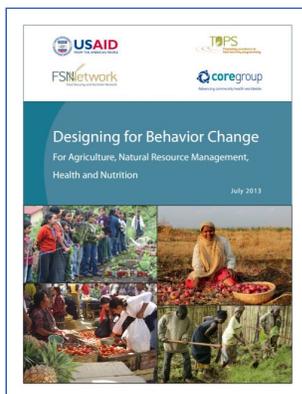
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## TOPS 10: Our Top 10 Most Downloaded Resources of 2016

### 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.](#)

## Issues and Opportunities: Addressing Food Safety Concerns in Animal Source Foods for Improved Household Nutrition

January 25, 2017 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM EST  
Online

Using an interactive webinar format, co-hosted by Agrilinks and Microlinks, speakers will discuss issues related to food safety, livestock production, animal source foods, human health and nutrition. We will look at approaches to improving food safety and quality through livestock production methods, processing and storage technologies, risk assessments, policy impacts, opportunities for the private sector and consumer education. Three presentations will illustrate different approaches to providing clean, safe animal source foods affordable to poor urban and rural households.

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*This webinar is part of a four-part learning series partially funded by a TOPS Small Grant. Read more about the series below.*

Land O'Lakes International Development and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) are co-convening a four-part learning series around livestock and household nutrition beginning in June 2016 and concluding in April 2017. The series brings together industry experts from the public and private sectors to share the latest in research and project findings. Through presentations, panel discussions and facilitated group discussions, we will tackle a broad set of issues affecting the design, implementation and monitoring of livestock development interventions that positively impact household nutrition.

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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.](#)

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## **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.

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## 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](#), Policy Manager 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.](#)

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## 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

The TOPS Program will host Louise Sperling, Senior Technical Advisor at Catholic Relief Services, and Julie March, Agriculture and Food Security Advisor at USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, to share practical insights for reinforcing the seed security of smallholder farmers, with a particular focus on Africa.

At this participatory event, they 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', this interactive event aims to build capacity for seed security analysis and program design that can be affected within 1-4 year time frames.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

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## Training of Trainers: Forest Garden Training Program

February 6 - February 10 2017

Lilongwe, Malawi

Trees for the Future is presenting a pilot workshop for a new Training of Trainers Certification for its Forest Garden Training Program. The workshop is funded through the TOPS Small Grant Program, funded by the USAID Office of Food for Peace. The Forest Garden Training Program guides farmers through a process of protecting, diversifying, and optimizing agricultural production on their farms. The Training of Trainers will

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The aim of this pilot is to certify our first set of field technicians as Certified Forest Garden Training Facilitators and, through the process, collect feedback to improve the training materials and program.

The workshop is planned near Lilongwe, Malawi from February 5-11, 2017 (exact location and dates TBD). Trees for the Future invites field technicians working on Food for Peace-funded programs to the workshop. We specifically aim to attract participants who interface directly with farmers and farming communities. A total of six spaces will be available for participants from Food for Peace-funded programs, which will include all in-country travel and accommodations (e.g. food and field day transport). Additional participants must secure travel and lodging at the training facility at their own expense. Attendees must participate for the entire workshop.

[Learn more here.](#)

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## The TOPS Program Video of SPRING's Community Nutrition Activities in Southwestern Uganda Video Screening

February 22, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EST

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

The TOPS Program will share a video they made in the field which captures some of the key elements at the community level of a [SPRING](#) nutrition project in southwestern Uganda. In particular, the video documentation focuses on the use of community video groups of Great Mothers, Fabulous Fathers, and Wise Women, along with community mobilization for nutrition based on the Community Action Cycle. Participants will be asked to "spot" the key elements that the video hopes to convey and further discuss how the combination of community-led video with community mobilization can contribute to improvements in the nutritional status of women and children.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

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## 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.

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and inquiries should be directed to Michael Keegan at [mkeegan@usaid.gov](mailto:mkeegan@usaid.gov). Please note the FACG email has changed.

**Comments on the FY 2017 draft documents are due January 27, 2017, by midnight.** However, please do not wait until the last day to submit your consolidated comments and inquiries.

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

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## New CaLP CTP Training Materials Available

Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) is excited to present their newly re-worked standard Cash Transfer Programming (CTP) training materials, along with a range of new specialized courses, covering a diverse range of topics from basic CTP fundamentals to linking CTP into Social Protection, and how to select the right market assessment tool.

As the training calendar for 2017 is developed, CaLP invites you to complete a short survey in [English](#) or [French](#). Your input will help prioritize modules and courses that will be delivered in North America.

To find out more about the range of new courses available from CaLP, please feel free to [browse their course catalogue on the CaLP website](#). And, be sure to access their current e-learning offerings.

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## Featured Resource

### Camp-based Barrier Analysis of Early Initiation of Breastfeeding, Iron-rich Food Consumption, and Early Antenatal Care Seeking Behaviors of Syrian Refugees in Azraq Camp, Jordan

Large numbers of Syrians have migrated to Jordan, in search of refuge from the deteriorating security situation in Syria. Azraq refugee camp, situated 90 kilometers from the Jordan-Syrian border, has registered 54,442 of these refugees (with 36,278 currently residing in the camp) (UNHCR July 2016). International Medical Corps, along with partner organizations, have been working in Azraq camp to deliver messaging, counseling and services to strengthen health and nutrition among refugees. Despite these ongoing efforts, several key maternal and child nutrition behaviors remain low. International Medical Corps was awarded a TOPS Microgrant to lead a Barrier Analysis (BA) training of partner organizations and three assessments in Azraq camp on 1) early initiation of breastfeeding, 2) iron-rich food consumption among children under two, and 3) early antenatal care (ANC) seeking behaviors.

Four determinants were found to be significant for early initiation of breastfeeding, 4 determinants for iron-rich food consumption, and 3 determinants for ANC. This report details these significant determinants and provides recommendations on how evidence from these assessments can be used to inform activity planning in International Medical Corps and other agencies' programs in Azraq camp, as well as contribute to advocacy toward policy changes that may be necessary to support behavior change.

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



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## Funding & Other Opportunities

### 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.](#)

### Call for Contributions to SCN News - Open until February 10, 2017

SCN NEWS is the peer reviewed publication of the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (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](mailto: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.

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Save the Children has partnered with [Rare](#), a sustainable livelihoods/conservation organization to promote “Farming for Biodiversity,” a global solution search contest to reward efforts for biodiversity conservation by farmers and agricultural actors. The contests ranges in prizes from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The deadline is March 10, 2017.

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## Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

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

(Contact Abby Love ([alove@mercy Corps.org](mailto:alove@mercy Corps.org)) for more information)

[Knowledge Management](#): Thursday, February 9; 11:00 AM-12:30 PM; online via Adobe Connect

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## Upcoming Events

[Issues and Opportunities: Addressing Food Safety Concerns in Animal Source Foods for Improved Household Nutrition](#): Land O'Lakes International Development and ILRI; January 25, 2017; Online

[Enhanced Evaluation of an Educational Nutritional Curriculum Among Adolescent Girls in Zambia](#): NEEP; January 25, 2017; Washington, DC

[Improving Public Health Emergency Programs with SBCC](#): HC3; January 26, 2017; Online

[Key Steps for Nutrition-Sensitive Social Protection](#): The World Bank; January 26, 2017; Washington, DC

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

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

[Recognizing the Complexity of Anemia in Bangladesh](#): SPRING; January 31, 2017; Online

[Seed Security Responses that Help Farmers in Chronic Stress Contexts](#): The TOPS Program; February 2, 2017; Washington, DC

[Double Burden of Malnutrition](#): CORE Group; February 2, 2017; Online

[Training of Trainers: Forest Garden Training Program](#): Trees for the Future; February 6 - February 10, 2017; Lilongwe, Malawi

[Video Storytelling Workshop: Narratives for Impact](#): The TOPS Program; February 8, 2017; Washington, DC

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[Sustaining Development: Results from a Study of Sustainability and Exit Strategies among Development Food Assistance Projects: India Country Study](#) from FANTA (read the brief [here](#))

[Training of Trainers: Peer Education Program for Inmates and Staff to Reduce Tuberculosis and HIV Risk in Tanzania Prisons](#) from USAID

[Water-Smart Agriculture in East Africa](#) from CGIAR and CARE

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

[Does Mass Deworming Affect child Nutrition? Meta-Analysis, Cost-Effectiveness, and Statistical Power](#) from SecureNutrition

[Ethiopia Climate-Smart Agriculture Scoping Study](#) from FAO

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## Recent Articles

[He Was Proud to be the Father of an Enormous Family - Until He Couldn't Feed Them](#) from Los Angeles Times

[Why Doctors Without Borders is Adding Food to its Medical Bag](#) from NPR

[Agriculture and Food Security - Where Are We Headed in 2017?](#) from Devex

[New Drought Risks in Ethiopia Put Recovery At Risk](#) from Relief Web

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