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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Submitted by FINTRAC

The video Understanding Harmonized Seed Regulations in Southern Africa, developed by the Feed the Future Enabling Environment for Food Security project, highlights the evolving work of the Southern Africa Regional Seed Sector Assessment. Specifically, challenges are being addressed through a set of coordinated actions affecting regulations across countries in Southern Africa to improve access to safe and high quality seeds.

Submit photos or videos for future newsletters.

DID YOU KNOW...

In the past year, People in Need (PIN) worked on developing www.indikit.net, online guidance on using a range of relief and development indicators across different sectors, including food security and nutrition. IndiKit aims to help aid workers with generating more accurate evidence of the results their interventions bring. It was developed in consultations with the UN Global

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Draft Agenda Now Available! TOPS/FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting - Successes, Challenges, and the Way Forward: Seven Years of Community Building
July 19-20, 2017
Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, DC 20005

Join us for the final TOPS/FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting on July 19-20, 2017 in Washington, DC! As we look back over the past seven years of The TOPS Program, we look forward to engaging in productive discussions about our collective accomplishments and innovations, lessons learned, and ways in which the greater food security and nutrition community can keep advancing in the years to come.

View the draft agenda here**.** Please note the agenda is subject to change. You can also view the draft agenda for lunchtime table topics here.

We hope you will join The TOPS Program for this unforgettable capstone event. If you have any questions about the Knowledge Sharing Meeting, please email events@fsnnetwork.org, and **learn more about the meeting here**.

Thursday, June 29, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM EDT
InterAction, 1400 16th St NW #210, Washington, DC 20036 & online

The Open Data Policy Compliance Guide is a practitioners' guide to interpreting and complying with USAID's Open Data Policy. Developed by Project Concern International (PCI) using a micro grant from the Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Program, this guide provides data management best practices, policy compliance information, a library of useful tools, and step-by-step procedures for submitting data to USAID's Development Data Library (DDL). Designed to be easy to read and follow, the guide will enable development practitioners and other stakeholders to strengthen their internal data management systems, maximize ways that data and information can be utilized strategically to improve program quality, and ultimately support USAID's broader vision for the value of open and shared data.

During this event, PCI will introduce the guide to practitioners, provide a summary of its contents, offer advice for how organizations can implement tips and adopt best practices, provide a forum for questions, challenges and concerns, and address plans for additional events and adoption support programs. Members of the USAID Open Data Team who are tasked with implementing ADS 579 will also be on hand for a Q&A session.

Learn more here!

Register Now

This event is funded by a TOPS Small Grant. Learn more about the Small Grant Program here.

Care Groups Design and Implementation Workshop
Tuesday, July 25, 2017 - Thursday, July 27, 2017
Washington, DC

Whether you are new to the Care Groups (CG) approach or an experienced implementer this training on the Care Group model will be useful and thought provoking for practitioners with a wide range of experience.

The three-day workshop is open to program staff and consultants and will build capacity in the design, training, implementation and monitoring of Care Group programs. For more information on the approach see: Care Groups: A Reference Guide for Practitioners.

The event will take place in downtown Washington DC. Space is limited to 25 people. There is no charge to attend this training. Participants or their organizations will need to cover their own travel, lodging, meals and other costs. Snacks, coffee and tea will be provided.

The deadline to apply is July 12, 2017.

Learn more here!

Fundamentals of Cash Transfer Programming: An Introductory Face-to-Face Course on Cash and Voucher Programming
Wednesday, July 26 2017 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM EDT
Save the Children, 899 N Capitol St NE #900, Washington, DC, 20002

voucher programs in humanitarian contexts. No previous knowledge of CTP is required.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

1. Define cash transfer programming, including key terminology and definitions, and state principles for good practice in CTP
2. Describe modalities, delivery mechanisms and different tools for cash transfers
3. Define the preconditions for the implementation of cash transfers
4. Explain the relevance of cash transfers in different humanitarian contexts and advocate for CTP to a variety of stakeholders
5. List the key steps and associated tasks for cash transfers in the humanitarian project cycle
6. Identify the roles and responsibilities of different staff functions in the project cycle

Learn more here!

Evidence in Agriculture: Credit
June 22, 2017
Resources Now Available

Thank you to those who attended Evidence in Agriculture: Credit on June 22, 2017 either in-person or online. If you were not able to make this event or want to review the materials, the presentations and recording are available online on the FSN Network website here. You can also access the presentation here and the recording here.

This was the third session in a series on emerging insights from randomized evaluations hosted by The TOPS Program and the Agriculture Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI). To listen to the first session, visit Randomized Evaluations in Practice: Opportunities and Challenges. To listen to the second session, visit Evidence in Agriculture: Information Constraints to Technology Adoption.

Make it Clear! Learn How to Write so Your Audience Understands
June 14, 2017
Resources Now Available

Thank you to those who attended Make it Clear! Learn How to Write so Your Audience Understands on June 14, 2017 either in-person or online. If you were not able to make this event or want to review the materials, the presentation, handouts, and recording are available online on the FSN Network website here. You can also access the presentation here and the recording here.

Give Your Feedback on Proposed Global Food Security (GFSS) Indicators!
Deadline: June 30, 2017

Your input is valued and needed to help select the new indicators for the Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS), which were developed out of requirements from the Global Food Security Act (GFSA) that was enacted into law last year.

Over the past four months, an interagency Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) working group (WG)

support accountability and learning on what programs have achieved and assess progress against the GFSS Results Framework. This draft set of indicators is now open for external review, and the feedback of the food security and nutrition community is requested.

In order to further explain how this MEL WG developed the draft set of indicators, informative recordings are available on each section of the Results Framework. You can listen to the sections that interest you and provide your feedback using the online survey tool. No need to listen to all the recordings nor take the survey for every indicator; simply do the parts that interest you or align with your area of expertise. **Feedback is being collected now through June 30 - visit** the Agrilinks website **for all the details and links!**

Take the Survey

Please share this opportunity with your technical staff and other stakeholders.

Seed System Security Assessment: Key Trainers Course Leading to Certification
September 15, 2017 - October 7, 2017

With increased global scrutiny focused on ill-tailored or dependency-generating seed responses, Seed System Security Assessments (SSSAs) are rapidly becoming the de-facto tool in preventing misdiagnosis of seed insecurity. Seed security is now widely seen as distinct from food security and there is growing worldwide interest in this new field of SSSAs.

With increased visibility, the demand for SSSAs is rising. Seed System Security Assessments have recently been integrated into USAID guidelines and standards for best practice and organizations like Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the UN-Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) are routinely commissioning actual field assessments. There is an urgent need to build a specialized set of experts who can lead such assessments worldwide.

Read the full announcement and access the course registration form here!

This course will train in both rapid and more comprehensive forms of SSSAs. It will focus on a) analysis of all seed channels (own stocks, social networks, local networks, formal seed sellers) and b) targeted response options to deal with problems at hand. Tools will be both qualitative and quantitative (including options for automated data tallies and table formats). Methods for training will figure prominently as the aim to create a training of trainers capacity as well as to strengthen direct field assessments. Note that the focus will embrace different types of disaster, chronic stress and developmental contexts (see seedsystem.org).

Register Now

Featured Resource
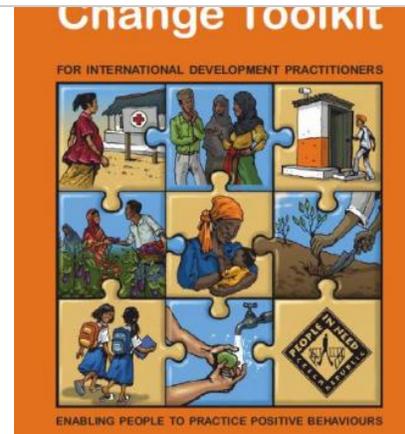**Behavior Change Toolkit for International Development Practitioners**

even a single new behavior? Fortunately for us, decades of research and the practical experience of development workers and social scientists have produced many useful insights into what determines how people behave. To make using these lessons easier for you, this toolkit summarizes the most relevant experiences into 29 pages of highly practical and easy-to-read guidance.

This toolkit gives you the know-how you need to understand people's behaviors and to help them to make positive changes in their lives. Use it when preparing program strategies, developing project proposals, and reviewing the quality of your interventions.

Read more and view this document in the resource library on the FSN Network website.

Job Postings

- Senior Specialist, Food Security and Livelihoods Monitoring and Evaluation based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- Strategic Learning and Capacity Development Advisor based in Washington, DC with CORE Group
- Consultant: Assistant to Coordinator based remotely with CRS
- Data Management Officer based in Atlanta, Georgia with CARE
- Gender Consultant for Gender, Social Inclusion and Conflict Mitigation Assessment and Strategy Development based in Bukavu, South Kivu, DRC
- Team Leader and Policy Expert based in Karachi, Pakistan for GFA Consulting Group
- Chief of Party, Advancing Women's Empowerment based in Washington, DC with CARE
- Capacity Building Fellowship based in Washington, DC with Women Thrive Alliance
- Research Assistant based in New York with Global Insight

Upcoming Task Force and Interest Groups Meetings

Knowledge Management; June 29: 11 AM - 12:30 PM; Online

Upcoming Events

An Integrative Framework for Implementation Science in Nutrition: Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition (SISN); June 28; Online

Young Professionals Network International Development Trivia Night: CORE Group; June 28; Washington, DC

Soil Variation and Why it Matters: Agrilinks; June 29; Online

Interpreting and Complying with USAID's Open Data Policy: Presenting the Open Data Policy Compliance Guide as a Tool for Practitioners: InterAction and PCI; June 29; Washington, DC

Online

Sustainable Diets in the Context of Sustainable Food Systems: FAO; July 11; Rome, Italy

Improving Livelihoods, Food Security and Engagement in HIV Care through Integrated Referral Systems: LIFT II Project; July 11; Washington, DC

SMART Survey Manager Training: SMART; July 18-26; Entebbe, Uganda

How to Design a Successful Training of Trainers Certification: Trees for the Future; July 19-20; Washington, DC

Care Groups Design and Implementation Workshop: The TOPS Program; July 25-27; Washington, DC

Fundamentals of Cash Transfer Programming: An Introductory Face-to-Face Course on Cash and Voucher Programming: CaLP; July 26; Washington, DC

More Events

New Reports, Guides & Tools

Resilience Measurement Practical Guidance Series: Guidance Note 2 - Measuring Shocks and Stresses from the REAL Award

The Power of Multi-sectoral Governance to Address Malnutrition: Insights from Sustainable Nutrition for All in Uganda and Zambia from SNV

A 'How To' Guide to Measuring Women's Empowerment from Oxfam

Ambition and Action in Nutrition: 2016-2026 from WHO

Opportunities for Integrating Nutrition into Agricultural Information Systems in Northern Ghana from SPRING

Impacts of Agricultural Research on Poverty, Malnutrition and Resilience from USAID/Bureau for Food Security, Office of Agriculture, Research and Policy

Recent Articles

Trial and Error: How We Found a Way to Monitor Nutrition through SMS in Malawi from MVAM: The Blog

Promoting Diversity on the Farm - And the Plate from IIED

Asia-Pacific: Farming Rice and Fish Together to Reduce Poverty from Inter Press Service News Agency

11 Cost-Effective Uses of Drones in ICT for Agriculture from ICTworks

The Role of Breastfeeding in the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV from USAID Assist Project

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

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