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Submitted by Action Against Hunger

The MAM'Out Project is a scientifically designed research project testing the effect multi-annual and seasonal unconditional cash transfers have on the prevention of acute malnutrition, a topic that humanitarian agencies have seldom studied. Action Against Hunger and partners have been collecting data on this topic since 2013, and this award allowed them to thoroughly analyze the data and disseminate results. They presented findings at three workshops in Burkina Faso and one in Senegal, in addition to the annual Research for Nutrition Conference in Paris and the World Health Organization's Global Health Cluster meeting in Geneva. Watch a video about the project here!

Submit photos or videos for future newsletters.

DID YOU KNOW...

At The TOPS Program, we love learning about new platforms that encourage knowledge exchange. **Open For Good** is a new call to

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published reports on IssueLab, or exploring funder insights on GrantCraft, or digging into examples of foundation transparency on Glasspockets, you benefit from shared knowledge. And, when you share more of what you do and how you do it, you create momentum that makes knowledge sharing a regular part of doing business. The more you share your foundation's work, the greater the opportunities to make all our efforts more effective and farther reaching.

Contribute to the Newsletter!

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/FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting: Successes, Challenges, and the Way Forward: Seven Years of Community Building
July 19-20, 2017 | Washington, DC

Thank you for attending the final TOPS/FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting! Our vast array of in-person and online participants, including implementers, USAID and USG, researchers, and other donors and organizations, made this a truly unforgettable two days of knowledge exchange and learning. We will be posting all materials from the meeting on the FSN Network website this week and sending out an announcement shortly.

Stakeholder Consultation on FFP Development Food Security Activity Design
Monday, August 7, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT
Save the Children, 899 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC 20002 & Online

As an accompaniment to Food for Peace (FFP) Request for Applications (RFAs), FFP produces a number of analytical and design documents intended to assist applicants in designing development food security activities.

funding for development food security activities remains uncertain, FFP feels it is important to capture the experience of past RFA applicants in using these materials in order to better understand their effectiveness and utility. Whether in the near-term or the long-term, this will provide FFP the opportunity to apply important lessons learned to the development of stronger RFA supporting materials in the future.

Register Now

World Breastfeeding Week Webinar Series
Monday, July 31, 2017 - Friday, August 4, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM EDT
Online

Join USAID for the **World Breastfeeding Week 2017 Webinar Series**!

Every webinar is at 9:00 AM EDT for one hour. See the list of webinars below:

- July 31 - Barriers to Breastfeeding: Findings from a Systematic Review of Practices in 20 Countries
- August 1 - Working Together to Save Lives in Emergencies: Initiatives and Tools to Support Breastfeeding in Emergencies
- August 2 - The Global Partnership for HIV-Free Survival: Quality Improvement and Breastfeeding/ART Compliance
- August 3 - Human Milk Feeding for Small/Sick Newborns
- August 4 - Revitalizing the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative: Experience from Malawi

Details for each webinar, including presenters and links, are available online at the FSN Network. 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

This course is designed for anyone who wants to learn more about cash transfer programming (CTP) in humanitarian contexts. This course will cover the fundamental definitions, terms, and principles of cash and 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!

Pipeline and Resource Estimate Proposal (PREP) Guidance

Please find attached the final Pipeline and Resource Estimate Proposal (PREP) Guidance and pipeline analysis. These documents can also be found on the USAID website. Note that this guidance was optional while out in draft, but will be mandatory as of October 1, 2017. Awards from FY 2016 and earlier can continue to break down detailed budgets by program area/element, but are encouraged to only provide this level of detail in their comprehensive budgets. Please discuss with your Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR). Even if an awardee's budget does not change, the documents required will be applicable as per the guidance. Please see a summary of major changes:

- **The M&E Plan update and the Environmental Status Report (ESR) should now be submitted in advance of the PREP, ideally at least 3 months before the anticipated PREP submission by the partners.** The plan is for these two components to be in clearance by USAID before the PREP is submitted, to permit any necessary programmatic or budget adjustments to be approved by USAID in the PREP. Please consult with your AOR about when these annual requirements would be submitted. For more information you can see the M&E Policy and Guidance or the ESR Guidance.

- This new segmentation of the documentation will allow FFP and the partner to adapt the management and implementation of the award in light of any changes. In addition, it will better connect the Annual Results Report learning with future planning. This change will focus on the analytical elements of the M&E Plan update and ESR. In doing so, the logical connection of these aspects – performance and environmental monitoring, indicators, approvals – contributes to a greater effectiveness and efficiency in the process.

- The detailed budget is no longer required to be split by program area/element. The comprehensive budget should show the funds broken out by program area/element. A blank example budget will be available shortly on the FFP website. Thanks to CNFA, CRS, and Mercy Corps for the use of their budgets to compile.

- Portions of the PREP, which are only required if they have been updated, have been changed to "as applicable" in the guidance.

Thank you for your patience. Specific questions should be directed to the AOR, while general questions on the PREP guidance can be sent to FACG@usaid.gov.

Implementer-led Design, Evaluation, Analysis and Learning (IDEAL) Request for Applications (RFA)
Deadline: August 9, 2017 at 11:59 AM EDT

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA), Office of Food for Peace (FFP) is seeking applications from qualified institutions to fund a program entitled Implementer-led Design, Evidence, Analysis and Learning (IDEAL) through the award of one Leader with Associates (LWA) Cooperative Agreement. You can access the request for applications (RFA) here.

The closing date for applications is **August 9, 2017 at 11:59 AM EDT.** The deadline for clarifications and questions has passed.

The point of contact (POC) concerning this RFA is Joan Whelan, acting Collaborating, Learning and Adapting Team Lead at jwhelan@usaid.gov. Any questions concerning this RFA or its appendices must be submitted in

You can also find the RFA on www.grants.gov. If you have difficulty registering on www.grants.gov or accessing the RFA, please contact the Grants.gov Helpdesk at 1-800-518-4726 or via email at support@grants.gov for technical assistance.

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).

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Featured Resource
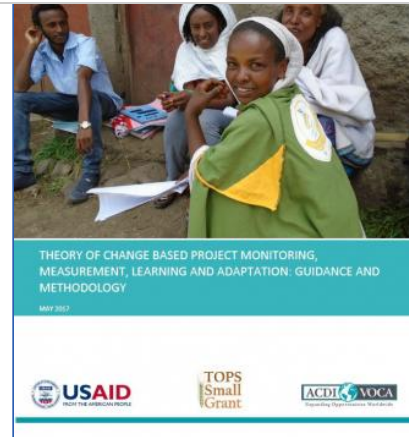**Theory of Change Based Project Monitoring, Measurement, Learning and Adaptation: Guidance and Methodology**

Over the past few decades, the development community has become more aware that the challenges people, communities, cities, and countries face are embedded within multiple inter-dependent and dynamic environmental, social, organizational, and political systems. Affecting change in complex environments requires a systems approach - one which looks at the interrelationships between parts of a system, as much as the parts themselves. Theory of Change (ToC) is a powerful, systems approach tool for project design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and learning in complex environments.

ToC has become a central project design framework for many bi- and multi-lateral institutions and foundations, including but not limited to USAID, DFID, the Gates Foundation, Annie E Casey foundation, and others. As ToC based project *design* has become more mainstream across the development community, there is a growing need for learning and sharing of best practices in ToC based project *management*, including monitoring and

This document presents guidance, tools, and other resources to help an organization implement a ToC based project.

[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
- [Senior Director, New Business - Maternal, Newborn and Child Health](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Director, Program Development - HIV/AIDS and TB](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Youth Policy Assessment Team Lead](#) based in Washington, DC with USAID LEARN
- [Knowledge Catalyst and Learning Advisor](#) based in Washington, DC with Mercy Corps
- [Consultancy - Concept Note for USAID's Office of Food for Peace Emergency Food Security Activity Survey Sampling Strategies](#) based remotely with FANTA
- [Director of Research, Evaluation and Learning](#) based remotely (U.S) with BOMA Project
- [Sr. Program Manager](#) based in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada with MEDA
- [Economic Recovery and Development Officer](#) based in New York City, New York with IRC
- [Technical Advisor for Social and Behavioral Change](#) based in Atlanta, Georgia with CARE
- [CaLP Regional Representative - North America](#) based in Washington, DC with Action Against Hunger
- [Program Manager](#) based in Washington, DC or St. Thomas with Fintrac
- [Contracts & Grants Manager](#) based in Washington, DC or St. Thomas with Fintrac
- [Regional Director, Programs - Asia Pacific](#) based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia with HKI
- [Gender Specialist](#) based in Washington, DC with World Vision
- [Senior Partnership Advisor, GirlSPARKS](#) based in London, United Kingdom with Mercy Corps
- [Gender Expert](#) based in Kabul, Afghanistan with Counterpart International
- [Nutrition and Health Technical Advisor](#) based in Paris, France with Action Against Hunger

Funding & Other Opportunities

Young Water Solutions Fellowship Program | [Applications close August 9, 2017](#)
The Young Water Fellowship Program aims to empower young leaders from low and middle income countries to implement projects to tackle water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH), water pollution and water scarcity issues, by offering them an intensive training program, seed funding grants for their projects, and mentoring support by senior level experts during one year. This program will bring about in its first edition (2017) 10 young community leaders capable of successfully designing and implementing sustainable and inclusive water projects that

INNOVATE Pre-Call Announcement | [Coming Soon!](#)
Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) is pleased to pre-announce an upcoming call for proposals as part of a three-year research initiative funded by International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Proposals will be accepted for testing and researching the potential of Non-Traditional Finance to enable large scale adoption of agricultural innovations among women and men smallholder farmers in South Asia, South America and East Africa. The call is due to open in summer 2017. [Learn more and read the full announcement here!](#)

Upcoming Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

[Social and Behavioral Change (SBC)](#): August 3; 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST; Online

Upcoming Events

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

[Global Atlas of Marine Fisheries - What is Happening with Marine Life?](#): Island Press; July 26; Online

[World Breastfeeding Week Webinar Series](#): USAID; July 31-August 4; Online

[Developing Gender-Sensitive M&E Systems: A Review of Guidelines on How to Integrate Gender into an M&E Framework and System Assessment](#): MEASURE Evaluation; August 3; Online

[Change Through Culture: A Workshop on How to Build Programs on Cultural Roles and Values to Increase Community Engagement and Achieve Lasting Results](#): The Grandmother Project - Change Through Culture; August 20-25; Mbour, Senegal

[More Events](#)

New Reports, Guides & Tools

[Essential WASH Actions: A Training and Reference Pack to Supplement Essential Nutrition Actions](#) from FHI 360

[A Training Workshop Guide: Planning for Qualitative Research for Nutrition](#) from The TOPS Program

[REALIZE: Social and Behavioral Change for Gender Equity and Diversity](#) from The TOPS Program

[TOPS Permagarden Technical Manual, Second Edition](#) from Mercy Corps and The TOPS Program

[CORE Group Cholera Module](#) from CORE Group

[Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates - Levels and Trends (2017 Editions)](#) from WHO

Facilitating Behavior Change Through Market Systems Virtual Conference from ACDI/VOCA

From Famine to Food Security: Lessons for Building Resilient Food Systems from IFPRI

Recent Articles

Understanding Seed Market Systems from Agrilinks

What Does Resilience Look Like? from SEEP Network

What Could Emojis Bring to Disaster Response? from Devex

India Presents National Review Report on SDG Implementation in UN from The Economic Times

The Future is Farming: Can You(th) Dig It? from Agrilinks

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