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Looking Beyond Food for Better Nutrition



#### VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Submitted by **SPRING**

Hunger and malnutrition continue to be major global issues. SPRING collects evidence and shares experience and tools for development practitioners who are designing programs to alleviate hunger and improve nutrition globally. Watch SPRING's new video on their agriculture-nutrition work [here!](#)

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

#### DID YOU KNOW...

[Trees for the Future](#) recently launched its Forest Garden Training Center! This online certification aligns with Trees for the Future's mission, providing materials on ending deforestation in the developing world. The training materials are [available online](#). Learn more about the launch of the online training center [here](#), and access the [Forest Garden Training Center](#).

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## The Gender Analysis Process in Food for Peace Development Programs: Bridging the Gap between Consultants and Implementing Partners

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM EST  
Online

The demand for gender analysis consultants is growing. Earlier this year, TOPS distributed a survey to consultants and implementing partners to find out what each is seeking and where gaps exist in the gender analysis process. During this one hour webinar, we will summarize the survey results and share resources to bridge the connection between consultants and implementing partners of Food for Peace development programs. Participants will have the opportunity to contribute comments and resources in response to the survey results as well as answer questions.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Questions? Please contact Kristi Tabaj, [ktabaj@savechildren.org](mailto:ktabaj@savechildren.org)

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## FY 2017 Annual Results Report (ARR) Guidance

USAID's Office of Food for Peace shares final guidance information

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Food for Peace (FFP) is pleased to share with you the final fiscal year (FY) 2017 Annual Results Report (ARR) guidance. Please note that this year there is separate guidance for development and emergency/International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) awards. FFPMIS is scheduled to open for reporting on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

For FY 2017 results reporting, FFP updated the ARR guidance to improve the overall quality and consistency of reporting on progress towards achieving results. As a reminder, development and emergency awards that use cash, voucher and/or local and regional procurement (LRP), are required to directly input data on cash, voucher and LRP into FFPMIS via the Actuals tab (accessible through the Program search criterion). If a development or emergency award programmed a Specialized Food Product, it **must** report on the product and the corresponding planned/reached beneficiaries by age within the 'Nutrition' Program Area/Element.

ARRs for both development and emergency awards are due no later than Monday, November 6, 12:00pm EST. **FFP encourages awardees to take advantage of the various checklists in the annexes to assist with quality reporting**, in particular Annex A, the Standardized Annual Performance Questionnaire (SAPQ), which presents updates on indicators.

The guidance and associated templates are available via the Food for Peace website. Access them here: <https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/agriculture-and-food-security/food-assistance/guidance/implementation-and-reporting>

- Awards signed less than three months prior to the ARR submission due date for the FY that they were awarded, are not required to submit an ARR for the reporting FY.

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- Awardees are required to submit all ARR information through **FFPMIS**. FFPMIS Users' Guides can be found on the [FSN Network website](#). Questions or problems related to FFPMIS may be directed to the Help Desk at [FFPMIS\\_Support@devis.com](mailto:FFPMIS_Support@devis.com). The Help Desk hours are Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM EST, not including holidays.

**If you have any additional questions, please contact your respective AORs.**

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## Survey of Interest for a new Social Accountability Interest Group

FFP's strategy calls for systems strengthening through increased Social Accountability. Social accountability approaches can be critical for sustaining improved access to essential services in education and health, public and private extension, financial services and social protection.

Although Social Accountability as a field is not new, its application in food security is relatively nascent. World Vision and CARE are seeking to join hands with other organizations interested in the topic to build a learning community around the application of social accountability in food security programming.

If you are interested to participate in the Social Accountability Interest Group, please email Gitau Mbure at [gmbure@worldvision.org](mailto:gmbure@worldvision.org) and/or Vidhya Sriram at [vsriram@care.org](mailto:vsriram@care.org) for further details.

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## Featured TOPS Small Grant Resource #1

### Cash or In-Kind? Why Not Both? Response Analysis Lessons from Multimodal Programming

This research reviews lessons learned about response analysis from multimodal responses, that is, responses in which practitioners determined that more than one response modality between cash, vouchers, and in-kind, was a "best fit" or in which the conclusions about "best fit" changed over the course of the project. The research hypothesizes that comparing the reasons for choosing different types of response within the same project and among the same beneficiaries should provide concrete examples of the relative importance of different criteria in response and, by extension, the conditions under which cash or vouchers or in-kind assistance may be most appropriate.

This work does not aim to inform technical or operational considerations of how to do cash transfers or multimodal programming. Rather, this work is intended to help analysts, advisors, and decision-makers develop and articulate the nexus between emergency context and response through concrete examples of response analysis, both at project design and throughout a response.

The cases analyzed in this study span the globe and include low-, middle-, and high-income countries. The crises include sudden-onset and slow-onset natural disasters, as well as sudden-onset and protracted conflict.

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RESPONSE ANALYSIS LESSONS  
FROM MULTIMODAL  
PROGRAMMING

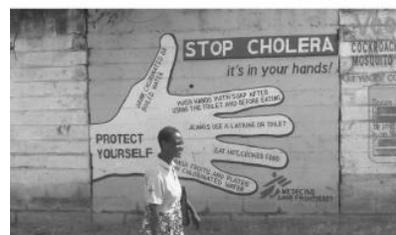


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## Emergency Toolkit for Food Security and Nutrition Protection: Cholera Disease Preparedness Community Group Module

Through a TOPS Program Small Grant, CORE Group has developed a module to improve preparedness for and response of communities in countries at risk of a cholera epidemic. The module consists of four lesson plans with accompanying flipcharts, intended to be delivered through community health workers. The lessons target mothers and caregivers of children under age five, a group that is at particular risk of death if infected. The module shares information about symptoms and risks; what families can do to prevent infection; how, when, and where to seek care; and what actions to take in the aftermath of an outbreak.

### CORE Group Cholera Module Flipcharts



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## Featured TOPS Small Grant Resource #3

### Essential WASH Actions: A Training and Reference Pack to Supplement Essential Nutrition Actions

The term Essential Hygiene Actions has been used recently and incorporated into TOPS and other reference manuals and training guides, referring to the range of nutrition-sensitive WASH actions. This toolkit offers a more comprehensive set of Essential WASH Actions, reference materials for health workers, nutrition managers and community workers, and training materials to build capacity of all cohorts to promote the EWAs in an outreach and discussion context.

This set of Essential WASH Actions clearly outlines five essential actions and a set of accompanying behaviors needed to support the Essential Nutrition Actions:

1. Safe disposal of human feces through latrine use and promoting "open defecation-free communities."
2. Wash hands with soap at critical times.
3. Safe storage and treatment of household drinking water.
4. Hygienic handling and safe storage of food (food hygiene).
5. Separating infants and young children from consuming soil and animal feces.

### ESSENTIAL WASH ACTIONS

A Training and Reference Pack to Supplement Essential Nutrition Actions



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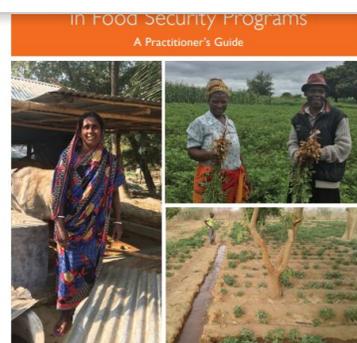
## Featured TOPS Small Grant Resource #4

### Improving the Management of Agriculture Demonstration Sites in Food Security Programs

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responsible for managing agricultural demos can refer to this guide to gain a better understanding of the factors they should consider to address common constraints and build on best practices for implementing demos. An assessment tool is provided to help practitioners evaluate their own programming against the guiding principles. Practical tools are provided for each guiding principle to help practitioners plan and implement successful demos.

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## Job Postings

- [Chief of Party - Niger DFSA](#) based in Niamey, Niger with CARE
- [Deputy Chief of Party - Niger DFSA](#) based in Niamey, Niger with CARE
- [Monitoring & Evaluation Advisor - Niger DFSA](#) based in Niamey, Niger with CARE
- [Consultant for Mid Term Evaluation of SHOUHARDO III](#) with CARE
- [Local Technical Consultant for Agriculture Value Chain](#) in Senegal with CNFA
- [Associate VP, Gender Equality and Girls Empowerment](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Senior Director, Evaluation & Monitoring](#) based in Washington, DC with Save the Children
- [Country Director](#) based in Maputo, Mozambique with Helen Keller International

## Funding & Other Opportunities

### INNOVATE Call for Proposals | Deadline: October 6, 2017

The INNOVATE Call for Proposals (the Call) seeks applications from eligible organizations, companies and institutions (i) to pilot a Non-Traditional Finance (NTF) product/service focused on rapid testing and learning OR (ii) to document through a case study an ongoing or completed initiative related to NTF. The initiatives should demonstrate the potential and/or ability of products, services, or delivery channels that can catalyze and/or foster the adoption of agricultural innovations by women and men smallholder farmers in East Africa, South America (the Andes) and South Asia. INNOVATE aims to learn from the experiences of the grant recipients; to test and document which products, services or delivery channels have potential to catalyze agricultural innovation by smallholder farmers. Therefore, a key focus of the Call is learning. The Call also has a focus on gender, in which applicants shall clearly differentiate between women and men's priorities and needs, treating them as distinct market segments in the proposal and research process. [Learn more here!](#)

### Two Funded PhD Opportunities on Environmental Impacts of Canadian Food Choices | Rolling Deadline

University of Waterloo (starting ASAP) and Dalhousie University (starting Fall 2018). Are you interested in sustainable and healthy diets, addressing food security, and the challenge of eating within planetary boundaries? Professor Goretty Dias, of the Faculty of Environment, University of Waterloo, and Professor Peter Tyedmers of the School for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University, are looking for keen PhD students with a track record of successful research at the Masters level who enjoy engaging in multi-disciplinary research.

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**Food Systems for Healthy and Sustainable Diets Course | Deadline: April 23, 2018**

Food systems considers all the actors, elements and activities that relate to primary producing, processing, distributing, preparing and consuming food and waste disposal; and the socio-economic and environmental outcomes of these activities. The course explores food systems from a dietary perspective and discuss which components are related to the diet gaps for different populations groups at national, regional and global level. It discusses possible actions to be taken to transform the food system for addressing the gaps and how these actions can be leveraged in a sustainable way. The training targets staff of governmental and non-governmental organisations. The course is job-oriented and the training approach is interactive, experience as well as evidence-based: it provides the participants with the possibility to learn from expert facilitators as well as from each other. Transfer of knowledge goes hand in hand with case studies, working groups, etc. A mix of participants with different backgrounds, yet common interests, will provide a good basis for the exchange of experiences. [Learn more here!](#)

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## Upcoming Task Force Meetings

[Resilience Task Force Meeting](#): September 21; Washington, DC and Online

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## Upcoming Events

[As Easy as ABC: Accelerating Behavior Change in Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture E-Learning Course Webinar](#): SPRING; September 21; online

[Dr. Will Masters on the African Nutrition Transition](#): SAIS; September 21; Washington, DC

[Fall 2017 Global Health Practitioner Conference](#): CORE Group; September 25-29; Baltimore, MD

[Global Youth Economic Opportunities Summit](#): GYEO Summit; September 27-29; Washington, DC

[2017 SEEP Network Annual Conference: Catalyzing Transformative Change](#): October 2-October 4; Arlington, VA

[SPRING Global Learning Event](#): SPRING; October 4; Washington, DC

[The Gender Analysis Process in Food for Peace Development Programs](#): The TOPS Program; October 4; online

[Expanding Financial Inclusion in Africa](#): CRS; October 5; Arlington, VA

[Making Finance Work for Women Summit](#): Women's World Banking; October 24-25; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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## New Reports, Guides & Tools

[Multisectoral Nutrition Programming: FANTA Achievements and Lessons Learned](#) from FANTA

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[16 Countries](#) from WFP

[Cooking Contests for Healthier Recipes: Impacts on Nutrition Knowledge and Behaviors in Bangladesh](#) from SecureNutrition

[The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2017](#) from FAO

[Policy Brief: Index Insurance Could Effectively and Efficiently Protect Farmers in Ecuador](#) from Feed the Future Innovation Labs UC Davis

[A Guide to Integrating Gender in Improvement](#) from USAID ASSIST Project

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## Recent Articles

[The Great Nutrient Collapse](#) from Politico

[Preventing Hunger in the Horn of Africa through Improved Community Engagement](#) from Agrilinks

[World Hunger Worsens as War, Climate Shocks Hit Food Access](#) from Bloomberg

[The "Quiet Revolution" in the Aquaculture Value Chain in Bangladesh](#) from Aquaculture Journal

[Re-imagining the Small-Scale Trader in Ugandan Value Chains](#) from Chemonics

[Promoting Youth Participation in Agriculture through Football](#) from Agrilinks

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