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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Produced by Trees for the Future

In this brand new, first ever, short documentary, learn how [Trees for the Future](#) have implemented the Forest Garden Solution to end hunger and poverty for the past 28 years. [Check out the video here!](#)

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

DID YOU KNOW...

The call for the [UN Youth Envoy's](#) next class of **Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals** is now open! The world is currently home to the largest generation of young people in history. With 50% of the world's population being under the age of 30, young people's ideas and talents will drive the success of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals before 2030. That's why the United Nations is on a mission to unearth 17 of the world's greatest young changemakers. Follow the campaign on social media [@UNYouthEnvoy](#) and find out more information about the Young Leaders for the SDGs initiative at www.sdgyoungleaders.org.

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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.

EFSP DC Stakeholder Workshop

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM EST

Save the Children, 899 North Capitol St. NE, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20002 and Online

The USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP) and TANGO International are pleased to host a stakeholder workshop and webinar for Market Based Emergency Food Assistance Program implementing partners.

TANGO will present the main findings from their review of FFP's Market-Based Emergency Food Assistance Programs, with examples from seven country case studies. The objectives of the review are to (1) document the history and evolution of FFP's market-based emergency food assistance programs; (2) review program design and implementation processes; (3) analyze program cost-efficiency trends; and (4) qualitatively assess the effects of FFP projects on local economies and market actors. The presentation will be followed by a plenary discussion and small group work to respond to findings and recommendations.

The workshop will be geared toward organization staff who oversee market-based emergency food security activities, including directors, heads of M&E for emergency programs, and VP level staff.

The event will be In-Person and Online. For our remote participants, the livestream will only include the presentation and the plenary discussion. Lunch to follow the event.

For any questions, contact Karyn Fox at kfox@tangointernational.com.

[*Register here by Friday, November 3, 2017!*](#)

Frontiers in Resilience Measurement and Evaluation

Thursday, November 9, 2017 | 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM EST

Washington Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, DC 20008

Incredible progress has been made in measuring household resilience to the impacts of natural disasters and other crises. This has been achieved through efforts to monitor recovery post shock (e.g. post-earthquake Nepal, post-typhoon Philippines, complex emergencies in Somalia, etc.) as well as prospective holistic assessments to understand the dynamic social, ecological and economic systems within which communities operate and how they are affected by shocks.

Knowing what makes households resilient is only half the battle - now practitioners must evaluate what works to build resilience. Validating a resilience approach to international development must be built on empirical evidence demonstrating efficacy and cost-effectiveness - otherwise resilience proponents remain vulnerable to skepticism, critique, and rejection. This panel at the [American Evaluation Association Conference](#), comprised of four resilience measurement experts from Mercy Corps, Oxfam UK, TANGO International, and Tulane University will share their experience and insights of recently concluded studies responding to these questions. Presenters will discuss methodological approaches, challenges, key findings, and issues for future research.

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The USAID Food Aid Product Mix: Presentation of Stakeholder Feedback

Thursday, November 16, 2017 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM EST

Online

Food aid programs are often used in places where undernutrition is a major public health challenge. The USAID-funded Food Aid Quality Review Phase III (FAQR), implemented through Tufts University, has been conducting interviews with development, nutrition, and health practitioners working on USAID-funded programs that use food aid. In these interviews, FAQR asked: Does the mix of available food aid products meet programming needs? Is guidance on their use helpful and sufficient? How can donors better communicate about food aid with implementing partners? FAQR will present the responses to these questions, elicit feedback from participants on their experience with these issues, and explore possible solutions with participants. CORE Group's Nutrition Working Group invites program designers, nutrition advisors, commodity managers, and others involved in programming food aid to join this conversation.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

The Use of Mobile Phones to Support Improved IYCF

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM EST

Online

The TOPS Program will host a webinar on November 21 at 9:30 a.m. EST. Alison Mildon, registered dietitian and doctoral student at the University of Toronto, will present the results from research conducted by the University of Toronto on the use of mobile phones to support improved infant and young child feeding in low- and middle-income countries. Implications for projects and areas for further research will be shared for audience discussion.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Updated Food for Peace Information Bulletins (FFPIB)

Comments due November 13, 2017

Two draft Food for Peace Information Bulletins (FFPIBs) are now available regarding the eligible uses of Internal Transportation, Storage, and Handling (ITSH) and Section 202(e) funds. Access the FFPIB on eligible uses of Section 202(e) and CDF for FFP awards [here](#), and access the FFPIB on eligible uses of ISTH, Inland Freight, and Monetization Proceeds for FFP awards [here](#).

These documents serve as an update to [the previous FFPIB document](#) outlining eligible uses of Section 202(e) and ITSH funds published on August 15th, 2017.

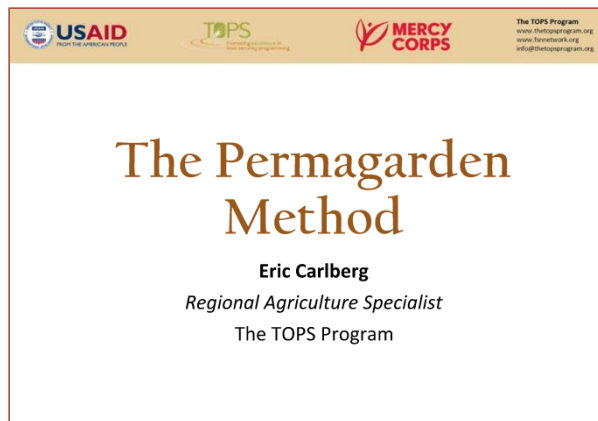
All comments and input on these two documents should be submitted to facg@usaid.gov by COB November 13, 2017.

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Narrated Presentation on the Permagarden Method

The Permagarden method draws from permaculture and bio-intensive agriculture to create a climate-smart approach to home gardening. The method combines sustainable agriculture practices from several approaches and movements, and teaches how to design and integrate multiple agriculture practices in order to increase production and create a more resilient garden. While it can be implemented anywhere, it was specifically developed for low-resource, dryland areas.

[Click here to watch the Narrated Presentation.](#)



[View the second edition Permagarden Technical Manual here, available in English, Spanish, French, and Amharic.](#)

Job Postings

- [Gender Technical Advisor II in Kampala, Uganda](#) with CRS
- [Women's Protection and Empowerment Coordinator](#) based in Maiduguri, Nigeria with IRC
- [Gender Officer, Program Integration](#) based in New York with IRC
- [Chief of Party, Rural Resilience Program](#) based in Abuja, Nigeria with Mercy Corps
- [Deputy Chief of Party, Rural Resilience Program](#) based in Abuja, Nigeria with Mercy Corps
- [Chief of Party, Social & Behavior Change](#) based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia with Save the Children
- [Social & Behavior Change Technical Specialist](#) based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia with Save the Children
- [Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Specialist](#) based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia with Save the Children
- [Livelihoods Manager](#) based in Kotido, Uganda with Mercy Corps
- [Deputy Chief of Party, Seed Systems Support](#) based in Baltimore, Maryland with CRS
- [Africa Regional Technical Advisor, Nutrition](#) based in Dakar, Senegal with HKI
- [Food Security Analyst](#) based in Washington, DC with Chemonics
- [Nutrition Advisor](#) based in Washington, DC with Chemonics
- [Deputy Decision Support Advisor](#) based in Washington, DC with Chemonics
- [Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist](#) for USAID's Office of Food for Peace
- [Chief of Party USAID Food for Peace DFSA](#) based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso with HKI
- [Senior Technical Advisor Gender Program Design & Resource Mobilization](#) based in Atlanta, Georgia with CARE

Funding & Other Opportunities

Request for Proposals for Peer Learning Sessions at the Global Savings Groups Conference 2018 | Deadline: November 10, 2017

SEEP is excited to announce the Request for Proposals for the upcoming Global Savings Groups Conference 2018, May 22-24 in Kigali, Rwanda. The Global Savings Groups Conference engages a large and diverse community of stakeholders, develops and promotes improved standards of practice, mobilizes knowledge, creates opportunities for cross-organizational learning, and strengthens partnerships and alliances among

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Sustainability, and Impact; Access to Formal Financial Services; Expanding Outreach to More Vulnerable and Diverse Populations; and Savings Groups and Gender-transformative Initiatives. [Learn more here!](#)

Abstract Submission Open for 2018 International Social and Behavior Change Communication Summit | Deadline: November 27, 2017

The 2018 International Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Summit featuring Entertainment Education is organized to understand better what works in shifting social norms, changing behaviors and in amplifying the voice of those who have most at stake in the success of development efforts. And, it is designed to wrestle with the profound issues of social justice and agenda setting that affect these decisions. Who decides, for example, what behaviors need changing or which norms should be shifted? How can people's realities and voices be put at the center of such change? How much emphasis should be placed on shifting norms and behaviors when power structures, policy environments or lack of services may constitute problems that overwhelm the capacity of individuals or communities to act? The 2018 Summit will address some of the primary challenges facing the SBCC community: understanding what approaches work and what investments in SBCC programming can expect to deliver, and making sense of the complexity and diversity in the field of SBCC that would facilitate greater investment. The Summit will be organized around three overarching themes: 1) What Works, 2) Making Sense of the Field Now, and 3) Voice and Agenda Setting. Abstracts and concept notes for the Summit sessions will be submitted by theme. [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. Students will join a newly established, SSHRC-funded project. [Learn more here!](#)

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!](#)

Upcoming Task Force Meetings

Commodity Management Task Force Meeting: November 14; location TBA

Upcoming Events

[Discussion on Water, Food, and Energy in the Eastern Nile Basin](#): SAIS; November 2; Washington, D.C.

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Agriculture, Nutrition & Health Academy and Africa Nutrition Society; November 6; Online

[EFSP DC Stakeholder Workshop](#): The TOPS Program; November 7; Washington, DC and Online

[2017 SUN Movement Global Gathering](#): SUN; November 7-9; Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

[Strengthening Civil Society's Role in Development](#): Agrilinks; November 8; Online

[Frontiers in Resilience Measurement and Evaluation](#): American Evaluation Association Conference; November 9; Washington, DC

[Closing the Digital Gender Divide](#): FHI 360; November 15; Washington, DC

[How Should We Measure Women's Economic Empowerment](#): Center for Global Development; November 15; Washington, DC and Online

[Roundtable: The Role of Agroforestry in the March to Zero Hunger](#): Alliance to End Hunger, Trees for the Future, FAO; November 16; Washington, DC

[The USAID Food Aid Product Mix: Presentation of Stakeholder Feedback](#): CORE Group Nutrition Working Group; November 16; Online

[Advanced Training Workshop in Results Measurement for Private Sector Development](#): Miehlsbradt Consulting; November 20-24; Bangkok, Thailand

[The Use of Mobile Phones to Support Improved IYCF in Low and Middle Income Countries](#): The TOPS Program; November 21; online

[Data Use Webinar](#): FFP and FANTA; November 30; online

[More Events](#)

New Reports, Guides & Tools

[Strengthening Civil Society's Role in Development: A Handbook for Engagement](#) from Feed the Future

[2017 Global Hunger Index: The Inequalities of Hunger](#) from IFPRI

[2017 Global Agriculture Productivity Report: A World of Productive Sustainable Agriculture](#) from Global Harvest Initiative

[Nutrition Reference Guide](#) from CORE Group's Nutrition Working Group

[Assessing How Agricultural Technologies Can Change Gender Dynamics and Food Security Outcomes](#) from Cultural Practice, LLC

[HC3 in Action Series: Engaging Men and Adolescent Boys](#) from HC3

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[Rabobank and UN Environment announce new billion dollar partnership to kickstart climate smart agriculture](#) from UNEP Newscentre

[Gender Roles in Agriculture: Did Anything Change?](#) from Agriculture for Nutrition and Health

[Nurturing Care: Bringing Early Childhood Development and Nutrition Together for Greater Impact](#) from SecureNutrition

[How development organizations can help women's empowerment](#) from IFPRI

['My baby went to sleep and didn't wake up': young lives lost to Ghana's silent killer](#) from The Guardian

[Only modernized commercial farms will fill Africa's plate, economists warn](#) from The Guardian

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