

Strengthening WASH in Food for Peace Activities

The TOPS* Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Award is a five-year Associate Award led by Save the Children and funded by the USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP). Beginning in February 2018, this new initiative aims to strengthen the effectiveness and sustainability of WASH practices in FFP-funded development and emergency food security activities.

The TOPS WASH Award aims to improve the quality of activities, strengthen the capacity and skills of FFP implementing partners in WASH, and improve the level of knowledge and practices around WASH. The Award will bring together members of the larger WASH community of practice to share activity implementation and design practices; capture evidence of successful implementation and innovative practices; and analyze challenges affecting WASH activities in FFP's development and emergency portfolios. The TOPS WASH Award will build a platform of WASH capacity-strengthening activities and engage in applied research initiatives to identify field-viable solutions for improving WASH service delivery for chronically vulnerable and food insecure populations.

The TOPS WASH Award will:

- Consult widely with the WASH community of practice
- Collect and analyze evidence; identify effective practices;
- Strengthen skills and capacities among FFP implementing partners;
- Update or create new tools; share and disseminate knowledge;
- Link to other WASH actors, and support applied research into field-viable solutions for improving WASH service delivery.



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