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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Submitted by **CARE Bangladesh**

Strengthening Household Ability to Respond to Development Opportunities, SHOUHARDO II Program. Photograph by Asafuzzaman Captain.

Submit your photos to news@fsnnetwork.org to be featured in the next newsletter.

WHAT'S TRENDING IN FOOD SECURITY

IFPRI's 2020 Conference - Building Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security - was held on May 15 - 17, 2014, bringing together policymakers, practitioners, and scholars from around the world. Follow [#2020Resilience](https://twitter.com/2020Resilience) for conference insights.

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upcoming event, you're releasing a new publication, or you come across a cool article, send it our way for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter. We also look for new job openings, funding opportunities, calls for input, and photos. Email submissions to news@fsnnetwork.org.

Register Now for Knowledge Sharing Meeting



The TOPS/FSN Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting is a gathering of practitioners and donors that will spotlight activities that improve responses and processes for lasting successes in food security.

[Register Now](#)

Don't miss out on these participatory sessions and many more:

- Lend Your Voice: Shape USAID/FFP Learning Agenda
- Theory of Change: What Does It Mean for Implementers and How Does It Apply to Title II Programming?
- Linking Agriculture and Nutrition for Improved Program Outcomes
- Environmental Budgeting: Lessons Learned, Successful Strategies, and New Tools
- Safeguarding Food Aid Quality through Phosphine Fumigation: Tools and Guidance
- From Science to Practice: The Intersection of WASH, Environmental Enteropathy and Nutrition
- Communities of Practice in Motion: Transforming Gender Programming in Bangladesh and Connecting Agriculture and Nutrition Practitioners
- Women's Empowerment and Behavior Change: Establishing Effective Activities
- Resilience in Action
- Mobile Technology: Exploring Applications for Food Security Programming

[Click here](#) for the full meeting description. Send any questions to events@fsnnetwork.org.

Discussion Session on FFP Strategy Development: FACG Meeting

Thursday, May 22; 1:00 - 5:00pm

National Press Building (529 14th Street, NW), 7th Floor, Washington DC

In a breakout session at this meeting of the Food Aid Consultative Group (FACG), the Office of Food for Peace will host a one-hour discussion with FACG members to get their input on the process and key themes that should be explored as it launches a planning process to update its [FY 2006-2010 Strategic Plan](#).

A webinar will be available for those who cannot attend in person. Learn more [here](#).

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Engaging Men and Boys in Food and Nutrition Security: The Hidden Half of Gender Equality Programming

Thursday May 29th, 9:00am EDT

SPRING, TOPS, and USAID invite you to participate in the final segment of the three-part webinar series: Women's Empowerment and Men's Engagement: How a Focus on Gender Can Support Agriculture and Nutrition.

Theresa Hwang, Gender Director, and Maureen Miruka, Pathways Team Leader, will share experience from CARE's rights-based approach to gender equality, which recognizes that men are not only instrumental to women's empowerment, but that they are also affected by poverty and face specific vulnerabilities and limitations based on their gendered roles.

Learn more and RSVP [here](#).

Program-Level Early Warning – Relaunching the FSN Network Interest Group

June 10, 2014; 10:00 – 11:00am EDT
Save the Children Office, WDC & Online

What are promising practices for setting up early warning and response systems within Title II development programs? Or for engaging local institutions to create a coordinated supporting environment for early warning?

These are just some of the questions the Program-Level Early Warning (PLEW) community of practice will examine when we re-launch next month, but we know there are more. So join us (in person or remotely) for our kick-off meeting to see how colleagues from Land O' Lakes and PCI are incorporating the early warning and response element into their ongoing Title II programs, and to set the agenda for the other early warning topics to be discussed in future meetings.

Learn more [here](#).

Draft Food for Peace Information Bulletin 14-01 for Comment

The draft Food for Peace Information Bulletin (FFPIB) 14-01, Eligible Uses of Section 202(e), ITSH, Community Development Funding, and Monetization is [now available](#) for your review and comment. A copy of the draft FFPIB will also be made available on the Food for Peace [website](#).

This document is an update to FFPIB 12-03 and reflects changes in authority made by the Agricultural Act of 2014. A Food for Peace Budget Matrix, similar to the matrix included in FFPIB 12-03, is currently undergoing revision and will soon be shared for public comment with the FACG.

FFP would greatly appreciate receiving consolidated comments on draft FFPIB 14-01 from the representative groups of the FACG. The comment period will last for 45 days from the date materials are released. Therefore, comments are due no later than noon Wednesday, June 24, 2014. However, please

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Latest Food Assistance Communications Products from Food for Peace

Food Aid Reform:

[The Basic Calculation of Efficiency Savings: Supporting Data](#)

Frontlines:

["Sharing Out" to Move Out of Poverty in Malawi](#)

Success Stories:

[Smallholder Farmers in Uganda Profit by Linking to Markets](#)

FFPMIS PREP Training

In January, FFP provided PREP/FFPMIS training to current partners. View the slides from that presentation here: [The PREP Process: An Implementing Partner's Guide to a Quality PREP](#).

The presentation is meant to assist Food for Peace partners in preparing Pipeline and Resource Estimate Proposal (PREP) submissions for their ongoing development programs. It should complement FFP's current PREP and [FFPMIS guidance](#) for partners, and it is not exhaustive. Partners should consult with their respective FFP Officer in the field or with their AOR in Washington with questions or for clarification.

Featured Discussion

Explaining How Behavioral Change Works

Looking for novel ways to show people how social and behavioral change works? View a great TEDx talk on behavioral change and join other members of the FSN Network in exploring how best to communicate the essence of behavioral change with colleagues and trainees.

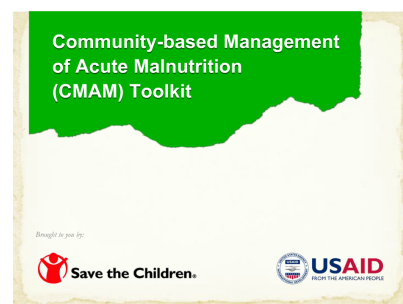
Join the discussion [here](#).

Featured Resource

CMAM Toolkit

The CMAM (Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition) Toolkit is a collection of resources for rapid start up of emergency nutrition programming.

View the document and leave your comments [here](#).



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Job Postings

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- [Chief of Party, Food Security](#) based in DRC with Mercy Corps
- [Director, Center for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods](#) based in Iowa with Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- [Digital Communications Specialist](#) based in WDC with Fintrac
- [Nutrition Surveillance Expert](#) based in Sierra Leone with ACF International
- [Nutrition Consultant](#) based in Rome, Italy with FAO
- [Design, Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist](#) based in Mali with Mercy Corps
- [Project Lead - Agricultural Finance](#) based in Uganda with Grameen Foundation
- [Deputy Director, Farmer Services & Systems](#) based in Seattle, WA with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- [Senior Business Development Specialist - Food Security and Agriculture](#) based in Baltimore, MD with CRS
- [Nutrition Consultant](#) based in Antakya, Turkey with GOAL/Syria
- [Senior Global Nutrition Advisor \(Maternity Cover\)](#) based in Dublin/London with GOAL
- [Director of Programs, Agribusiness, Afghanistan](#) based in Kabul with Mercy Corps

Funding & Other Opportunities

[Apply for a grant](#) through the **TOPS Small Grants Program - Awarded on a rolling basis**. The two types of grants include Micro Grants (maximum per award \$50,000) and Program Improvement Award (PIA) (maximum per award \$100,000).

[Submit a proposal](#) on policy-relevant priorities in **South Asia with Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia (LANSA) - Due June 28, 2014**. LANSA is a research partnership that sets out to answer the central question: "How can South Asian agriculture and related food policies and interventions be designed and implemented to increase their impacts on nutrition, especially the nutritional status of children and adolescent girls?"

[Submit a paper](#) to the **Journal of Gender, Agriculture and Food Security (Agri-Gender) - for the August 2014 issue**. The journal publishes research papers in the fields of agriculture including livestock, fisheries, crop sciences, agriculture economics, rural development, food security and nutrition as they relate to gender.

Learning Opportunities

[Postharvest Technology Short Course](#): UC Davis; June 16 - 17, 2014; Davis CA

[Programming for Nutrition Outcomes](#): London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Online

Call for Input

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U.S. government global investments in nutrition. A Technical Working Group, comprised of individuals across the U.S. government, seeks public comment on the Coordination Plan's draft outline and framework. Click [here](#) to learn more and give your feedback.

Upcoming Events

[Global Food Security Symposium 2014](#): The Chicago Council on Global Affairs; May 22, 2014; Washington, DC

[Quantitative Data Analysis Training](#): TOPS; May 23 - 29, 2014; Dhaka, Bangladesh

[International Symposium on Understanding Moderate Malnutrition in Children for Effective Interventions](#): International Atomic Energy Agency; May 26 - 29, 2014; Vienna, Austria

[Webinar: Engaging Men and Boys in Food and Nutrition Security: The Hidden Half of Gender Equality Programming](#): SPRING, TOPS; May 29, 2014; Online

[Micronutrient Forum Global Conference](#): Micronutrient Forum; June 2 - 6, 2014; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[4th Annual LCIRAH Research Conference](#): Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health; June 3 - 4, 2014; London, England

[Program-Level Early Warning - Relaunching the FSN Network Interest Group](#): TOPS; June 10, 2014; WDC & Online

[Food Assistance Commodity Management Workshop](#): TOPS; June 23 - 25, 2014; WDC

[17th World Congress of Food Science and Technology](#): International Union of Food Science and Technology; August 17 - 21, 2014; Montreal, Canada

[A Transformative Vision and New Actions for Agriculture](#): African Green Revolution Forum; September 1 - 4, 2014; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[Technical Meeting on Nutrition](#): Emergency Nutrition Network; October 7 - 9, 2014; Oxford, UK

[2014 Global Water for Food Conference](#): Water for Food Institute; October 19 - 22, 2014; Seattle, Washington

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Resources, Rights and Cooperation: A Sourcebook on Property Rights and Collective Action for Sustainable Development](#) from CGIAR

[Resilience in Africa's Drylands: Revisiting the Drought Cycle Management Model](#) from USAID/Ethiopia

[Fathers Matter](#) from Save the Children

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Recent Articles

[To Deal with Climate Change, We Need Agricultural Innovation - Now](#) from Huffington Post

[Monocrops: They're a Problem, but Farmers Aren't the Only Ones Who Can Solve It](#) from Washington Post

[WASH Gains Mask Growing Inequalities](#) from IRIN

[African Smallholder Farm Families Have Lost the Elasticity to Bounce Back](#) from AllAfrica

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