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# FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR NUTRITION EVIDENCE SUMMIT

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## Schedule of Events: Day I

<b>Day I: Wednesday, June 27</b>			
8:00-9:00	<i>Coffee, Breakfast and Registration</i>		
9:00-10:00	<b>Welcome and Keynote Address:</b> Thomas H. Staal, USAID & Roger Thurow, Chicago Council on Global Affairs <i>Grand Ballroom</i>		
10:00-12:00	<b>Food Aid for Nutrition: Where Do We Stand on Current Evidence?</b> <i>Grand Ballroom</i>		
12:00-13:00	Lunch <i>Grand Ballroom</i>		
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17:15-17:30	<i>Break</i>		
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18:30-19:30	<i>Social Reception—B Too (1324 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005)</i>		

### Schedule Key

- = Plenary Session
- = Concurrent Session
- = Special Session

## Schedule of Events: Day 2

<b>Day 2: Thursday, June 28</b>			
8:30-9:00	<i>Coffee and Breakfast</i>		
9:00-10:45	<b>Tools and Resources Roundtable</b> <i>Grand Ballroom</i>		
10:45-11:00	<i>Coffee</i>		
11:00-12:15	<b>Food Assistance and Complementary Activities: Linking Evidence to Programming Decisions</b> <i>Grand Ballroom—Salon A</i>	<b>Raising the Bar on Food Aid Research: Challenges and Methodological Considerations to Guide Policy and Programming</b> <i>Grand Ballroom—Salon B/C</i>	<b>Improved Packaging for Optimal Protection of Food Aid Products</b> <i>Thomas Circle Suite</i>
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13:15-14:30	<b>Metrics of Food Aid Effectiveness for Nutrition: Beyond Z-scores</b> <i>Grand Ballroom—Salon A</i>	<b>Food Safety and Quality is More than Procurement Compliance: A Systematic Approach to Ensuring Product Quality In Food Aid</b> <i>Grand Ballroom—Salon B/C</i>	<b>Optimizing the Food Aid Supply Chain: From Procurement to Distribution</b> <i>Thomas Circle Suite</i>
14:30-14:45	<i>Coffee</i>		
14:45-15:00	<b>Closing Keynote:</b> Representative Jim McGovern		
15:00-16:45	<b>The Future of Food Assistance Evidence</b> <i>Grand Ballroom</i>		
16:45-17:00	<b>Closing Remarks:</b> Brian Bacon, USAID <i>Grand Ballroom</i>		

## Statement of Purpose

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The United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Office of Food for Peace (FFP), Food Aid Quality Review (FAQR) project, led by Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and its partners, convene the Food Assistance for Nutrition Evidence Summit to: i) synthesize the current state of research on food assistance for nutrition; ii) facilitate dialogue on key policy and program-relevant findings; and iii) identify priority domains for future investments.

At the Evidence Summit, researchers, policymakers, implementing partners, donors and industry representatives will come together to share and discuss their work and its implications on policies and programs. Through a series of presentations, panels, roundtable discussions and displays, the Summit will review the current state of evidence and aim to provide evidence-based recommendations to the food assistance community, driving forward future investment in food assistance for nutrition research.

## Key Messages

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### **1. Inform best practice using innovations and new insights.**

As the environments in which we work become more complex and more challenging, the evidence base upon which policy and operational decisions rely continues to grow. While much is known from past experience, continuing to build credible evidence on effective actions, measurable impacts and viable alternatives is still a top priority.

### **2. Use rigorous evidence to support rigorous practice.**

We must be confident in our evidence of what works and in which context. Optimal actions using food assistance for nutrition must be informed by the best possible evidence available.

### **3. Apply best practice at scale to achieve impact.**

All partners must decide among the most cost-effective solutions and maximize the impact of every dollar spent. This requires real-time monitoring of implementation processes and desired outcomes, and an ability to respond to needs in a timely fashion.

## A Message from the Organizers

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Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to have you participate in the 2018 Food Assistance for Nutrition Evidence Summit. The Food Aid Quality Review (FAQR) team is proud to convene this important gathering with the support of USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) to take stock of what we know and what we still need to learn in food assistance programming for nutrition. The task of synthesizing available research, assessing its relevance to policy and programmatic decision-making, and identifying areas in need of further evidence generation has never been more critical. Last year, four countries were at risk of famine and it was reported that hunger was once again on the rise globally. The necessity of getting food assistance and related humanitarian and development operations right have never been stronger. Responding effectively to the world's many challenges requires us to maximize the impact of each dollar spent. Ensuring value for money is key and depends upon selecting the correct food assistance modalities and products as well as choosing the best approaches to programming.

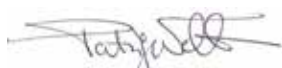
Over the course of the next two days, we will discuss what the evidence tells us. We will explore what we have learned so far as well as examine the promising new frontiers and innovations which will make food assistance even more efficient and cost-effective in the very near future. We will also discuss persistent knowledge gaps which must be addressed in coming years to ensure that we continue to improve what we do in the name of the U.S. Government and its many partners around the world.

Since 2009, we have led a diverse team based at Tufts University to provide FFP with actionable recommendations on enhancing the food aid agenda. The FAQR's work and recommendations have been wide-reaching and impactful. They include the reformulation of food aid products, developing tools to support more cost-effective food aid programming, accomplishing enhanced data and information flow across government partners, and the promotion of innovations in product packaging and delivery. FAQR recommendations have helped optimize the impact of U.S. government food assistance, thereby, securing greater value-for-money for U.S. taxpayers.

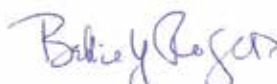
We look forward to sharing and discussing our work with you over the next few days, and to highlighting the work of many other partners who have been engaging in similar evidence-generation to answer similar questions. We urge everyone to participate as actively and as fully as possible, to share their experiences and insights, contributing to a highly-successful Food Assistance for Nutrition Evidence Summit.

Our collective contributions will help to identify the critical areas in which confirmation is still needed to support continued improvement in food assistance for nutrition.

Sincerely,



Patrick Webb  
FAQR Principal Investigator



Beatrice Rogers  
FAQR Co-Principal Investigator

## A Message from the Sponsor

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Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to welcome you to the 2018 Food Assistance for Nutrition Evidence Summit. USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) is proud to convene this meeting to discuss the current state of evidence on food assistance for nutrition, and how we as a community can use and apply best practice to all that we do.

FFP and its global partners have a tremendous role to play in this regard. With an annual budget of more than \$3.8 billion, we have a unique perspective and much to contribute to the conversation. FFP uses a range of tools, including U.S. commodities, locally and regionally procured food, food vouchers, cash transfers and other complementary activities, to reach the world's most food insecure with life-saving assistance. Last year, our food assistance reached nearly 70 million people in 53 countries.

USAID is committed to assisting as many people as possible, maximizing the impact of our resources and working to leverage assistance from others. We have worked with our international partners to identify strategic opportunities to make global humanitarian assistance more effective and efficient, including prioritizing needs, reducing duplication and costs, and improving overall impact of food assistance products.

But humanitarian work involves making tough decisions. We're continually seeking ways to make our dollars stretch further, to reach the most people with the assistance they urgently need. Ensuring this value for money requires using the best available knowledge to design optimal programs and continued support for the research that makes informed decision making possible.

We hope that the presentations and discussions over the next few days will also serve to reinforce and reaffirm the commitments made by the U.S. government to global food security and improved nutrition.

You will hear a lot over the next few days about what the evidence can tell us about how to make our interventions more effective and efficient. But you will also hear much about what knowledge gaps persist. It is imperative that the donor community continue encouraging research on food assistance for nutrition to address these gaps.

We look forward to a productive two days, and expect that the insights generated from both the presentations and the participants will contribute to advancing this agenda.

Sincerely,



Matthew Nims  
Acting Director, USAID/Office of Food for Peace

## FAQR Project Background

For the last nine years, a team led by Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy faculty has been carrying out a Food Aid Quality Review (FAQR) for USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP). FAQR seeks to provide USAID and its partners with actionable recommendations on ways to improve nutrition among vulnerable people for whom the direct distribution of food aid can make a significant impact. The project accomplishes its goal by integrating the latest science on the nutritional needs of beneficiary populations across the developing world and increasing understanding of the role specially-formulated commodities have in meeting nutritional needs.

## FAQR IS FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING:

### EVIDENCE GENERATION

Generating new field-based evidence to support cost-effective use of products for wasting and stunting



Identifying food aid packaging innovations



### EFFICIENCY GAINS

Calculating cost effectiveness of food aid products and programming



Optimizing food aid supply chains



### INDUSTRY STANDARDS

Enhancing food safety and quality assurance systems along food aid procurement and shipping claims



Promoting public-private partnerships in food aid



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CaLP	Cash Learning Partnership
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CIFF	The Children's Investment Fund Foundation
CMAM	Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition
CORTASAM	Council of Research & Technical Advice on Acute Malnutrition
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
ECHO	European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
EED	Environmental Enteric Dysfunction
FANTA	Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FAQR	Food Aid Quality Review
FFP	Office of Food for Peace
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
icddr;b	The International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh
IFPRI	The International Food Policy Research Institute
INCAP	Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama
IRC	International Rescue Committee
IRSS	Institute de Recherche en Sciences de la Sante (Burkina Faso)
IYCF	Infant and Young Child Feeding
MAM	Moderate Acute Malnutrition
MSF	Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NICHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
NIH	National Institute of Health
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
REFINE	Research Engagement on Food Interventions for Nutritional Effectiveness
RUTF	Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods
SAM	Severe Acute Malnutrition
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Emergency Fund
UPS	United Parcel Service
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization

## Key Terms

**Development Food Assistance:** USAID provides development food assistance to target the underlying causes of hunger and malnutrition. These activities aim to reduce chronic malnutrition among children under five and pregnant or lactating women, increase and diversify household income and strengthen and diversify agricultural production and productivity to build resilience and increase food security.

Source: <https://www.usaid.gov/food-assistance/what-we-do/development-activities>

**Emergency Food Assistance:** During an emergency in which people face the threat of imminent starvation, USAID provides food assistance in the form of food, cash transfers or vouchers to save lives and reduce suffering.

Source: <https://www.usaid.gov/food-assistance/what-we-do/emergency-activities>

**Food Aid vs. Food Assistance:** **Food Aid** refers to in-kind food transfers, whether used directly or monetized. **Food Assistance** is a broader term that refers to both in-kind food transfers (i.e. food aid) as well as cash-based programs including cash transfers and food vouchers.

Source: [https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/USAID\\_Food\\_Assistance\\_Overview\\_2017.11.20\\_v2.pdf](https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/USAID_Food_Assistance_Overview_2017.11.20_v2.pdf)

**MAM:** Moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) is defined as a weight-for-age between -3 and -2 z-scores below the median of the WHO child growth standards. It can be due to a low weight-for-height (wasting) or a low height-for-age (stunting) or to a combination of both. Similarly, moderate wasting and stunting are defined as a weight-for-height and height-for-age, respectively, between -3 and -2 z-scores.

Source: [http://www.who.int/nutrition/topics/moderate\\_malnutrition/en/](http://www.who.int/nutrition/topics/moderate_malnutrition/en/)

### Nutrition-Specific Actions:

- Management of severe acute malnutrition
- Preventive zinc supplementation
- Promotion of breastfeeding
- Appropriate complementary feeding
- Management of moderate acute malnutrition
- Periconceptual folic acid supplementation or fortification
- Maternal balanced energy protein supplementation
- Maternal multiple micronutrient supplementation
- Vitamin A supplementation
- Maternal calcium supplementation

Source: <https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1867/FFP-Strategy-FINAL%2010.5.16.pdf>

**SAM:** Severe acute malnutrition (SAM) is defined by a very low weight for height (below -3z scores of the median WHO growth standards), by visible severe wasting, or by the presence of nutritional oedema.

Source: [http://www.who.int/nutrition/topics/severe\\_malnutrition/en/](http://www.who.int/nutrition/topics/severe_malnutrition/en/)

**Specialized Nutritious Food Products:** Specialized Nutritious Food Products are fortified milled flours and fortified flours blended with a protein fortifier (usually soy) as well as calorie and nutrient dense, ready-to-use foods. They are formulated to prevent and treat acute malnutrition in children, to prevent stunting and as meal replacements for children and adults in emergency situations.

Source: [https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/FFP\\_Specialized\\_food\\_table\\_81816\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/FFP_Specialized_food_table_81816_FINAL.pdf)

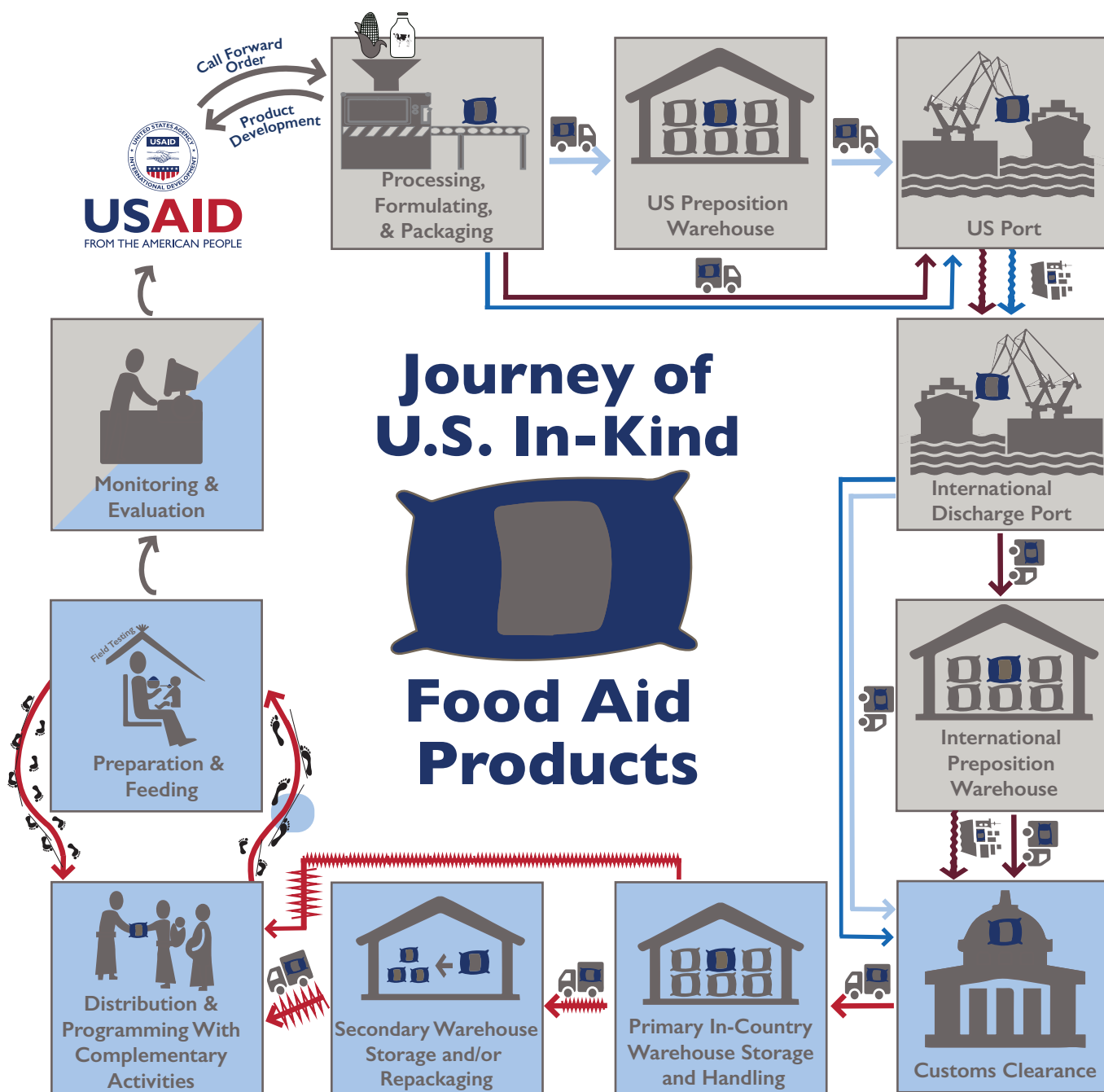
**Title II Food Aid:** As part of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (Public Law 480) provides U.S. food assistance in response to emergencies and disasters around the world, and provides development-oriented resources to help improve long-term food security.

Source: <https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/101430.pdf>

### Nutrition-Sensitive Actions

- Family planning: healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)
- Nutrition-sensitive agriculture
- Food safety and food processing
- Early childhood care and development
- Girl's and women's education
- Economic strengthening, livelihoods, and social protection

# Journey of U.S. In-Kind Food Aid Products



USAID		In-Country Implementation Partner Organizations	
USAID Food Aid Product Transport by: Truck Boat Foot	US Prepositioning International Prepositioning Direct Delivery to Recipient Country In-Country Route Knowledge Exchange	Paved Road Ocean In-country roads (sometimes in unpaved/rough conditions) Footpath Seasonal Flooding	

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [WWW.FOODAIDQUALITY.ORG](http://WWW.FOODAIDQUALITY.ORG) & [WWW.USAID.GOV](http://WWW.USAID.GOV)

## Thomas H. Staal

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Thomas Staal has spent most of his career working overseas in international development. He has worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) since 1988, beginning in Sudan as an Emergency Program Officer. In the early 1990s he worked in the USAID regional office in Kenya, managing food aid and doing project development throughout eastern and southern Africa. From 1996 to 2002 he worked in the USAID West Bank and Gaza program, providing assistance to the Palestinians, focusing on water supply projects, as well as local community development. Between 2003 and 2004, he served as the USAID Regional Representative for Southern Iraq, overseeing all USAID projects in that part of the country. He also served as the Deputy Director of the Food For Peace Office in Washington, and he was the Director of the Iraq Reconstruction Office in Washington and USAID Mission Director in Lebanon. Mr. Staal was the USAID Mission Director in Ethiopia from 2009 to 2012, and Mission Director in Iraq from 2012 to 2013. From 2013 to 2016 he served in the Bureau for Democracy,

Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, initially as Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator and then as Acting Assistant Administrator. Following an assignment as the senior USAID faculty member at the National War College, he is currently the USAID Counselor.

## Roger Thurow

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Roger Thurow joined the Chicago Council on Global Affairs as senior fellow on global food and agriculture in January 2010 after three decades at The Wall Street Journal. For 20 years, he was a foreign correspondent based in Europe and Africa. His coverage of global affairs spanned the Cold War, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the release of Nelson Mandela, the end of apartheid, the wars in the former Yugoslavia, and the humanitarian crises of the first decade of this century—along with 10 Olympic Games.

In 2003, he and Journal colleague Scott Kilman wrote a series of stories on famine in Africa that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in International Reporting. Their reporting on humanitarian and development issues was also honored by the United Nations. Thurow and Kilman are authors of the book *ENOUGH: Why the World's Poorest Starve in an Age of Plenty*. In 2009, they were awarded Action Against Hunger's Humanitarian

Award. He is also the author of *The Last Hunger Season: A Year in an African Farm Community on the Brink of Change*, and his most recent book, *The First 1,000 Days: A Crucial Time for Mothers and Children—and the World*, was published in May 2016.

Thurow is an expert on agricultural development and speaks often on high-visibility platforms related to nutrition, hunger, and agriculture in the United States, Europe, and Africa. In 2013, he spoke about the power smallholder farmers in Africa at TedxChange Seattle event, hosted by Melinda Gates. Thurow graduated from the University of Iowa.

Learn more on Thurow's blog, [Outrage and Inspire](#).

## Representative Jim McGovern

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Congressman Jim McGovern was born in Worcester, Massachusetts and proudly represents Massachusetts' Second Congressional District. Jim attended The American University in Washington, D.C. where he earned both his bachelor's degree in History ('81) and his Master's Degree in Public Administration ('84). He worked his way through college as an intern in the office of Senator George McGovern. Jim worked for Massachusetts Congressman John Joseph Moakley (D-South Boston) from 1982 until 1996, serving as a staff assistant, press secretary, and legislative director.

Jim was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996, and through his work in Washington and at home in Massachusetts, he has been a voice for the most vulnerable and a strong advocate for working families. He has been an advocate for making college more affordable, and authored a bill to increase Pell Grant funding. To protect open space for future

generations to enjoy and enhance recreational community spaces in urban and suburban neighborhoods, Jim successfully fought to defend the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which provides grants to preserve open space. Jim authored legislation to give tax credits to employers who pay the salaries of National Guard members and Reservists called to active duty.

Jim is co-chair of the bipartisan Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, which investigates international human rights abuses and recommends how the U.S. should foster respect for democratic values abroad. In this role, he has held a spotlight to egregious international human rights violations that would have otherwise have gone largely unnoticed.

One of Jim's greatest passions is ending hunger at home and abroad. He is the founder and co-chair of the House Hunger Caucus and Ranking Member on the House Subcommittee on Nutrition, where he advocates tirelessly for funding programs that help working families, children, and the elderly put food on the table when times are tough.

He also authored the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program to provide school-based meals for millions of children in some of the world's poorest countries.

## Food Assistance for Nutrition: Where Do We Stand On Current Evidence?

Wednesday, June 27, 10:00-12:00; Location: Grand Ball Room

This plenary session will set the empirical foundation for the Evidence Summit. Experts will review current uses of food assistance for nutrition, what we have learned about the nutritional effectiveness of food aid products (as well as what we still don't know) and scientific controversies in the field. The session will focus on food aid used for preventing and treating SAM, MAM, stunting and micronutrient deficiencies in both development contexts and emergency situations.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the importance of investing in research focused on food aid effectiveness.
2. Understand the evolution of food aid products and their use for malnutrition.
3. Understand the remaining gaps in the evidence base around the use of food aid.

### Participants:



#### Patrick Webb, Tufts University (**Moderator**)

Patrick Webb is the Alexander McFarlane Professor of Nutrition at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University. As Chief of Nutrition in World Food Programme (2003-2006), he oversaw programs in 30 countries and played a key role in organizing response to food and nutrition needs in many emergencies. This underscores Prof. Webb's globally-recognized leadership in defining policies and actions relevant to food aid. He is also the Director of the Nutrition Innovation Lab, which generates empirical findings relevant to USAID programming in agriculture, health and nutrition. Prof. Webb was one of the core authors in the 2013 *Maternal and Child Health Lancet Series*.



#### André Briend, University of Copenhagen, Denmark and University of Tampere

André Briend (MD, PhD) has more than 30 years of experience in research on child malnutrition. In the late 1990s, he played a key role in the development of ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RUTF) which led to a revolution in the management of severe acute malnutrition. Dr. Briend joined WHO in 2004 at the department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development. He retired from WHO in 2009 and is now Adjunct Professor at the University of Tampere, Department for International Health, Finland, and Affiliated Professor, Department of Nutrition, Exercise and Sports, Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.



#### Mark Manary, Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. Manary's professional goal is to 'fix malnutrition for kids in Africa'. To this end, he developed ready-to-use therapeutic food and used RUTF in home-based therapy. He did the first clinical trial with this food in 2001. He is currently formulating and evaluating new foods for pregnant women at risk for poor outcomes and treatment of acute childhood malnutrition. He also recognizes the importance of work to prevent childhood malnutrition, and is exploring legumes and animal source foods as complementary foods. He believes solutions for malnutrition will incorporate improved agriculture, and hence have close relationship with USAID's global food security program.



#### Melissa Chapnick, Washington University in St. Louis

Melissa Chapnick RD, MS, MPH is the research coordinator for the E3 Nutrition Lab within Washington University's Brown School. The E3 Nutrition Lab is led by Dr. Lora Iannotti and focuses on research themes including: small livestock development for improving young child nutrition; animal source foods during the complimentary feeding period; implementation science; and evaluation research. Ms. Chapnick currently supports several projects aimed at improving maternal and infant nutrition in Haiti and Ecuador. She holds a Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics and a Master of Public Health from Saint Louis University and is a Registered Dietitian.

## Food Assistance For Nutrition: Where Do We Stand On Current Evidence?

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### Participants (Continued):



#### **Nancy Aburto, WFP**

Nancy Aburto joined the World Food Programme as a Nutritional Adviser in 2013 and continues to work for WFP as the chief of the Nutrition Specific Unit within the Nutrition Division. She is also currently an Adjunct Professor at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. Previously, Dr. Aburto worked at the WHO as was a scientist in the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development. Other prior experience includes time as a Health Scientist Officer and Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Aburto is an author and contributor to numerous scientific publications on a variety of health, nutrition and related issues and is a frequent lecturer across the globe.



#### **Steve Collins, VALID Nutrition**

Steve Collins is a medical doctor with a doctorate in nutrition who started working in emergency relief in 1985. He developed Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) in 1998 and has been the central figure behind the development and expansion of CMAM using ready-to-use foods (RUFs) since.

## Evidence on Interventions and Program Components Beyond Effective Food Aid Products: Behaviors, Environment and Modalities

Wednesday, June 27, 16:00-17:15; Location: Grand Ballroom

This session will focus upon the evidence base on factors external to the food aid products themselves which influence the effectiveness of food assistance. These factors include practices related to the sharing, change, preparation and consumption of the foods; the home and community environment; and delivery modalities (e.g. cash, vouchers, food). During the session, we will explore how programming decisions and considerations such as social behavior change communications can be the vehicles through which these influential factors can work to the advantage of food assistance programs.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Understand how factors other than product composition can influence the effectiveness of food aid in the context of food distribution programs.
2. Discuss and assess recommendations for components which contribute to more effective food assistance programming.
3. Distinguish between factors related to beneficiary behavior and those related to program design.
4. Learn about current evidence on the effectiveness of cash transfers and food vouchers versus in-kind food aid and appropriate contexts for these.

### Participants



#### Erin Boyd, USAID (Moderator)

Erin Boyd has more than 10 years of experience in emergency nutrition response covering policy, program management, monitoring and evaluation, coordination and operational research. She has lived and worked in ten countries with NGOs, UNICEF and USAID. She provided technical guidance and staff management for nutrition surveillance projects and emergency nutrition interventions in Darfur and Ethiopia. She served as Nutrition Cluster Coordinator in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake and worked with UNICEF to scale up the emergency nutrition response in Pakistan following the mega floods in 2010. Her expertise is in the management of acute malnutrition, with particular emphasis in improving the quality and coverage of CMAM and in the prevention of acute malnutrition through improved infant and young child feeding practices.



#### Deanna Olney, IFPRI

Deanna Olney is a Senior Research Fellow and Co-Theme Leader for Nutrition-Sensitive Programs at IFPRI. She has led several comprehensive evaluations of nutrition-sensitive programs in Asia, Africa and Central America to examine the impact of nutrition-sensitive programs on maternal and child health, nutrition and well-being outcomes, to understand how impacts are achieved and, in some cases, to estimate cost-effectiveness. The aim of her research is to improve program implementation, utilization and ultimately, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of nutrition-sensitive programs. She has a PhD in Nutritional Biology from the University of California, Davis with a designated emphasis in International Nutrition.



#### Blake Stabler, CaLP

Blake has been working in international relief and development, primarily in agriculture and food security, since 2003. Before joining CaLP, Blake worked as a Market Analyst and a Food Security Analyst for the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET), supporting analysis for East Africa and Central Asia. He is also a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Russia 2000-2002). Blake received his master's degree in Diplomacy and International Commerce from the University of Kentucky's Patterson School. He is based in Washington, DC.



#### Ilana Cliffer, Tufts University

Ilana Cliffer is currently a PhD student at the Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition as well as the Field Research Director on the FAQR field study in Burkina Faso. She earned her MPH Degree in Global Health from Emory University and her BS Degree in Neuroscience from the College of William and Mary. She was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Burkina Faso from 2008-2010. Previously, she worked for CARE, the CDC and the Carter Center.



## The Future of Food Assistance Evidence

Thursday, June 28, 14:45-16:30; Location: Grand Ballroom

During the final plenary session there will be reflection upon the evidence presented and evidence gaps identified during the Summit. We will suggest approaches to ensure that new science and evolving evidence informs best practices, driving real world impact. We will identify food assistance research priorities and the resources needed to achieve long-lasting impact while ensuring maximum value for money.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Reflect on the evidence presented and assess how it can be translated into future food assistance programming and policy design.
2. Identify research priorities and evidence gaps.
3. Propose strategies to promote and support the generation of new evidence in the field of food assistance for nutrition.

### Participants:



#### **Elizabeth Brown, USAID (Moderator; Reflecting on Evidence Presented Panel)**

Ms. Elizabeth Brown is the Acting Chief for the USAID Office of Food for Peace Technical Assistance, Learning and Planning Division, and is also the Division's Nutrition Security Team Leader. A Foreign Service Officer with USAID, Ms. Brown brings over eighteen years of professional experience to her current role including the design, implementation, management and evaluation of conflict, post-conflict, humanitarian and development programs. With over twelve years of overseas work in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Central America, she possesses broad technical expertise across many sectors including agriculture, trade, natural resource management, food security, nutrition, health, water, sanitation and hygiene, and local systems strengthening.



#### **Diane Holland, UNICEF**

Diane Holland is currently working as a Senior Nutrition Advisor at UNICEF New York with a focus on scaling up programming to provide treatment and care for children with severe acute malnutrition in all contexts, as well as programming to safeguard the nutritional needs and rights of children, adolescents and women affected by emergencies. Prior to joining UNICEF in New York, she has worked in the area of public health nutrition for 15 years with NGOs, academia as well as UN agencies at the country and headquarters level, including capacity development in Afghanistan, nutrition information systems in Sudan, and development of the first Global Nutrition Cluster Coordination Handbook. Recent emergency support has included the response to the Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar and South Sudan. She currently represents UNICEF on the IPC Steering Committee.



#### **Erin Boyd, USAID**

Erin Boyd has more than 10 years of experience in emergency nutrition response covering policy, program management, monitoring and evaluation, coordination, and operational research. She has lived and worked in ten countries with NGOs, UNICEF and USAID. She provided technical guidance and staff management for nutrition surveillance projects and emergency nutrition interventions in Darfur and Ethiopia. She served as Nutrition Cluster Coordinator in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake and worked with UNICEF to scale up the emergency nutrition response in Pakistan following the mega floods in 2010. Her expertise is in the management of acute malnutrition, with particular emphasis in improving the quality and coverage of CMAM and in the prevention of acute malnutrition through improved infant and young child feeding practices.



#### **Kerstin Hanson, MSF**

Kerstin Hanson is an American pediatrician who came to MSF immediately following her residency. In the year between the end of residency and the start of her neonatal fellowship, Dr. Hanson went on a series of missions to Chad, Nigeria, and Haiti. She earned her BS Degree in Biology and African Studies from the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science of Arts, her MD Degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and her MPH Degree in Global Health/Maternal & Child Health from Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

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### Participants (Continued):



**Melanie Thurber, USAID**

Melanie Thurber is a nutrition specialist with experience in designing, managing, monitoring, and providing technical assistance for development and emergency food and nutrition activities. Currently based at USAID/Ethiopia, Melanie worked for USAID/Food for Peace in Washington D.C. and in Mauritania. Melanie has also worked with Counterpart International in Mauritania, The Grandmother Project in Senegal, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore, and as a rural health educator in Southern Arizona and was a community health volunteer in Mauritania. Melanie holds a bachelors degree in International Development from the University of Arizona and a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



**Saskia de Pee, WFP**

Saskia de Pee is Senior Technical Advisor for Nutrition at the World Food Programme (WFP) where she leads the 'Fill the Nutrient Gap' team and is Adjunct Associate Professor at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University, Boston and at Human Nutrition, Wageningen University, the Netherlands. She has worked in public health nutrition for more than 20 years, focusing on science as well as practical applications, policies and strategies.



**Saul Guerrero, Action Against Hunger (Moderator; Research Gaps and Priorities Panel)**

Saul Guerrero is Director of Technical Expertise and Research for Action Against Hunger U.S. He oversees technical and research strategies and supports country programs as they implement lessons learned through research and apply technical policies and practices. In 2015, Mr. Guerrero co-founded the No Wasted Lives initiative, a collaboration between UNICEF, the Children's Investment Fund Foundation, ECHO, the UK's Department for International Development and Action Against Hunger to accelerate the scale up of treatment for acute malnutrition. Mr. Guerrero has previously served as Director of International Nutrition Initiatives at Action Against Hunger USA and Director of Nutrition at Action Against Hunger UK.



**Amy Mayberry, No Wasted Lives**

As Head of Evidence, Amy's work focuses on the technical and research activities of No Wasted Lives. This includes management of a portfolio of innovative operational research to generate new evidence and support to the Council of Research & Technical Advice on Acute Malnutrition (CORTASAM), to effectively drive the uptake and use of emerging evidence on acute malnutrition into policy and programmes. Prior to this, Amy worked for The Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) on the Evidence, Measurement and Evaluation (EME) Team for nutrition.



**Rufino Perez, USAID**

Rufino Perez (Ruffo) is a food scientist with a PhD from Michigan State University, Michigan USA. Before joining USAID/FFP in 2013 as Senior Food Technology Advisor, Dr. Perez worked for six years for Kraft Foods, both as corporate nutrition and ingredient principal scientist as well as corporate food safety and quality expert. Patented research work includes micro encapsulation technologies in flavor delivery and food safety ingredients, as well as dehydration technologies. He has vast experience on global food safety programs, particularly in HACCP-based systems conceived and developed through the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), in both capacities: implementation and auditing. Currently Dr. Perez is the main food technology, biotechnology and food safety resource within USAID Food For Peace Office, supporting country missions, local suppliers and assisting throughout USAID food aid supply chain.



**Zeina Maalouf-Manasseh, FHI 360**

Dr. Maalouf-Manasseh is a public health researcher with a focus on maternal and child nutrition and 11 years of experience in clinical and implementation research both in the US and around the globe. She is currently a technical advisor for nutrition research at FHI 360's Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA) project, managing a portfolio of research trials and activities on the treatment and prevention of malnutrition.

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### Participants (Continued):



#### **Brian Bacon, USAID (Moderator; Supporting New Evidence Panel)**

Prior to serving as Acting Deputy Director, Brian led FFP's Global Division and was responsible for oversight of the Middle East, Asia and Latin America food assistance portfolios. Immediately prior to joining FFP, Brian was Senior Policy Advisor with USAID's Bureau for Food Security (BFS). In addition to USAID, during his career Brian has served in the U.S. and abroad with the Peace Corps (Togo), international NGOs, the United Nations, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). He holds a Master of International Public Health (MPH) degree from Tulane University with a focus on nutrition and food security, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.



#### **Daniel Raiten, National Institutes of Health**

Educated in history and political science (BA) and animal science/agriculture (BS/MS), Dr. Raiten received his doctorate in Human Nutrition from Penn State University and followed that with a postdoctoral fellowship at the Child Study Center of Yale University Medical School. Dr. Raiten is currently the Program Director for nutrition, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health. In addition to his role as manager of a portfolio of grants covering all aspects of nutrition, maternal and child development, he serves as content expert on numerous USG and international technical working groups. He was also responsible for collaborations with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and members of the global food and nutrition community to 1) address factors affecting the safety and effectiveness of interventions for prevention and treatment of iron deficiency; 2) support discovery, development and implementation of nutrient specific biomarkers across the range of uses represented by the global food and nutrition enterprise (the "BOND Project").



#### **Jocelyn Brown, USDA**

Jocelyn Brown is Deputy Administrator, Office of Capacity Building and Development in USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service. In this position, she oversees USDA's international food and technical assistance programs, including the McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, the Food for Progress Program, the Cochran and Borlaug Fellowship Programs and numerous technical assistance projects which promote U.S. Government food security and trade capacity building goals. She holds an MBA Degree with a concentration in international development from George Washington University and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University with a BA Degree in American Literature.



#### **Omar Dary, USAID**

Dr. Dary is a Nutrition Specialist of the Bureau for Global Health of USAID. He joined USAID in October 2013, but has been working with USAID projects since 2002. Before, he led the Micronutrient Group, and the Nutritional Biochemistry and Food Composition Laboratories at INCAP. He has been an advisor to WHO, UNICEF, FAO, WFP, IAEA, PAHO, the CDC, and similar institutions. He has a BS in Biology, and a PhD in Biochemistry. He has provided technical assistance for the last 28 years to more than 40 countries in the area of micronutrient interventions and nutritional surveillance.

### **Applying Cost-Effectiveness in Research for Food Aid and Nutrition Programming: Research Methods and Policy Application**

Wednesday, June 27, 14:00-15:15; Location: Grand Ballroom—Salon A

The value of applying cost-effectiveness analyses to support food assistance and nutrition programming is gaining recognition among both researchers and decisionmakers. However, a research gap exists in generating cost-effectiveness rather than effectiveness-only evidence. There is a policy gap in factoring cost-effectiveness into programming decisions. Drawing from findings and experiences of field research aimed at evaluating the cost-effectiveness of food aid and nutrition programming, the session will cover the following themes: 1) the value of incorporating cost-effectiveness in research; 2) research considerations and methods to assess cost-effectiveness: study design, data collection, data analysis and robustness check; 3) interpretation and translation of cost-effectiveness evidence to facilitate engagement in policy and programming discussions; and 4) gaps and challenges in generating cost-effectiveness evidence.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Understand the value of incorporating cost-effectiveness in research for food assistance and nutrition programming.
2. Cultivate the respective roles as researchers or decisionmakers in generating and using cost-effectiveness evidence for food assistance and nutrition programming.
3. Apply the lessons learned from past cost-effectiveness research into future research methods, interpretation and application of cost-effectiveness results.

#### **Participants:**

Beatrice Rogers, Tufts University  
Deana Olney, IFPRI

Jennifer Rosenzweig, WFP  
Natasha Lelijveld, SickKids

Stephen Vosti, University of  
California, Davis

### **Innovations in Ingredients, Formulation & Processing: Where Are We Now and Where Can We Go?**

Wednesday, June 27, 14:00-15:15 PM; Location: Grand Ballroom—Salon B/C

This session will debate and discuss food aid fortification, promising new fortified blended foods, and processing and manufacturing innovations. There will be a presentation on a recommended roadmap for integrating food science into food aid, and panelists will discuss the merits of those recommendations from industry and government perspectives.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Discuss the implementable and practical recommendations for improving the bioavailability of nutrients in food aid products.
2. Identify opportunities to make food aid products more cost-effective in terms of price, delivery methods and health outcomes per unit of food consumed.
3. Establish connections for public-private partnerships.

#### **Participants:**

Guarav Patel, Abbott Nutrition  
Juan Andrade, University of Illinois

Michael Joseph, Tufts University  
Omar Dary, USAID

Paul Alberghine, USDA  
Quentin Johnson, Quican, Inc.

### **Food Assistance & Complementary Activities: Linking Evidence to Programming Decisions**

Thursday, June 28, 11:00-12:15; Location: Grand Ballroom—Salon A

This session will investigate some important program design considerations in making food aid programming decisions, with emphasis on exploring the roles of donors and implementation partners and the challenges in integrating complementary activities. Specific considerations that will be covered include: WASH; Agricultural Development; Maternal, Child Health & Nutrition; Disaster Risk Reduction; and Natural Resource Management.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Identify a range of considerations in making better food aid programming decisions.
2. Learn about existing evidence and tools which can support these considerations.
3. Understand the role of both donors and implementation partners in integrating program design components.
4. Reflect upon ways to address challenges in integrating food aid programming considerations.

#### **Participants:**

Adam Reinhart, USAID

Heather Stobaugh, RTI International

Jennifer Burns, CRS

Judy Canahuati, USAID

Kathryn Reider, World Vision

Nancy Aburto, WFP

Sally Abbott, USAID

### **Raising the Bar on Food Aid Research: Challenges and Methodological Considerations to Guide Policy and Programming**

Thursday, June 28, 11:00-12:15; Location: Grand Ballroom—Salon B/C

In this session, we will review the research methods and approaches which have been used in recent years to study food aid, discuss key issues and challenges in study design and data collection methods, and address some methodological considerations in examining the impact of food aid products on nutrition outcomes in real-world programmatic contexts. The goal is to understand more clearly how we can generate information which will be more useful for policymakers and programmers. It will answer questions like: how can we maximize the quality of studies and still control cost?; what is “good enough” but still sufficiently rigorous?; are there changes in study design which can improve efficiency and still produce results which are useful? This session will include a panel discussion about key methodological options and innovations.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Review the range of current studies addressing various aspects of food aid.
2. Become familiar with challenges in food aid research methodologies.
3. Learn how these challenges have been resolved through specific experiences.
4. Share ideas about best practices in food aid research.

#### **Participants:**

Beatrice Rogers, Tufts University

Jennifer Rosenzweig, WFP

Laetitia Ouedraogo, IRSS

Tahmeed Ahmed, icddr,b

## Improved Packaging for Optimal Protection of Food Aid Products

Thursday June 28, 11:00- 12:15; Location: Thomas Circle Suite

This session will address key issues associated with food aid packaging, highlight alternative technologies with the potential to address packaging challenges and improve cost-effectiveness, as well as discuss next steps in food aid packaging research. Discussion will focus on ways to decrease food losses, optimize transport and storage, and preserve the integrity of the food aid products from production to distribution. A panel will also focus on the future of food aid packaging, discuss priorities for food aid packaging improvements, technologies developed in the industry and applicable to food aid, and next steps in food aid packaging research.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Review the current challenges of food aid packaging.
2. Identify packaging technologies with the potential to improve the cost-effectiveness protection of food aid products from production to the point of delivery to the beneficiaries.
3. Develop an understanding of the potential for investments in research on food aid packaging to achieve improvements in cost-effectiveness by reducing losses and prolonging shelf life.

### Participants:

Quentin Johnson, Quican, Inc.  
(Moderator)

David Silver, Didion Milling

Jo Ann Ratto Ross, US Army  
Natick Soldier RD&E Center

Ricky Speck, Michigan State University

Rufino Perez, USAID

Vance Fortenberry, ProAmpac

## Metrics of Food Aid Effectiveness: Beyond Z-Scores

Thursday, June 28, 13:15-14:30; Location: Grand Ballroom—Salon A

While anthropometry is a relatively simple and reliable method for determining nutritional status, additional measures can be used to give a more comprehensive picture of eventual health outcomes. In this session, we will discuss the evidence supporting the incorporation of additional measures to determine nutritional status including body composition, biomarkers (e.g. micronutrient status, leptin, amino acids), EED, neurocognitive tests and functional tests (e.g. grip strength). We will then talk about field-friendly ways of conducting these additional measurements and compare pros and cons of alternative approaches.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Identify and determine appropriate measures of nutritional status for specific health and development outcomes.
2. Understand the existing evidence-base of methods currently used for conducting measurements beyond anthropometry.

### Participants:

Irwin Rosenberg, Tufts University (Moderator)

Daniel Raiten, NIH

Jukka Leppänen, University of Tampere

Mark Manary, Washington University in St. Louis

Susan Roberts, Tufts University

Tahmeed Ahmed, icddr,b

### **Food Safety and Quality is More Than Procurement Compliance: A Systems Approach for Ensuring Product Quality in Food Aid**

Thursday, June 28, 13:15-14:30; Location: Grand Ballroom—Salon B/C

The value of food safety and quality systems goes beyond procurement compliance and is recognized as an important process for combatting malnutrition. This session will provide an overview of how food aid agencies ensure the safety and quality of foods using a systems approach, the difference between quality assurance and quality control, harmonizing food safety compliance, comprehensive auditing programs and how to engage with food suppliers. A focused discussion will present food safety and quality issues encountered in recent years and promising innovations to address the challenges.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Learn the standards that govern food safety and why they are important to nutrition.
2. Determine the difference between food safety and food quality.
3. Understand why food safety and quality systems are important and how they are being harmonized between international agencies.
4. Discuss the innovations, “blue-sky” thinking, changes coming along in food safety and quality systems in food aid products.

#### **Participants**

Maria Kasparian, Edesia

Mark Moore, MANA Nutrition

Odile Caron, MSF

Nina Schlossman, Global Food & Nutrition

Richard Boyd, USDA

Rufino Perez, USAID

Quentin Johnson, Quican Inc.

Shane Prigge, WFP

### **Optimizing the Food Aid Supply Chain from Procurement to Distribution**

Thursday, June 28, 13:15-14:30; Location: Thomas Circle Suite

This session will highlight the importance of optimizing the food aid supply chain to improve the cost-effectiveness of food aid programs and will feature two consecutive panels. In the first panel, experts from research groups, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and the private sector will discuss the impact of making optimal supply chain decisions on the cost-effectiveness of food aid programs. A second panel, including USAID implementing partners, will focus on the last mile of delivery (defined here as the segment between arrival at the main in-country warehouse and end distribution) and discuss challenges and opportunities in the “last mile” with a focus on tracking, oversight and the distribution network structure.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Develop an understanding of the role of supply chain management and optimization in the cost-effectiveness of food aid program.
2. Learn about tools developed to assist food aid stakeholders in making informed supply chain decisions.
3. Identify the main challenges in the food aid supply chain, including the “last mile,” and discuss opportunities for improvement.
4. Review current gaps in knowledge and the importance of making the optimization of the food aid supply chain and the “last mile” an on-going effort.

#### **Participants:**

Charles Ibaale, WFP

Gregory Olson, USAID

Hemant Bonde, Capgemini  
Government Solutions

Jack Levis, UPS

Koen Peters, WFP

Ozlem Ergun, Northeastern  
University

Richard Lankas, World Vision

Stephen Vosti, University of California, Davis

## Posters and Displays Sessions—Food Assistance for Nutrition Displays

Wednesday, June 27, 13:00-14:00 & 15:15-16:00; Location: National Ballroom

This session will provide an opportunity to highlight food assistance products, resources and activities through a combination of informational tables, displays and posters. Throughout this interactive session, participants will have the opportunity to explore current food assistance for nutrition activities and innovations.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Learn about food assistance products, resources and activities for nutrition-focused programs not highlighted in the Evidence Summit plenary and concurrent sessions, through displays and posters.
2. Introduction to new and innovative products and activities related to food assistance for nutrition.

### Displays will include:

ACDI/VOCA  
Catholic Relief Services  
Capgemini Government Solutions  
Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, University of Illinois  
Department of Grain Science and Industry, Kansas State University  
Didion Milling, Inc.  
Edesia  
FAQR Project  
Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, Tufts University  
JUST, Inc.  
MANA Nutrition

Mercy Corps  
ProAmpac  
Project Concern International  
R4ACT  
Save the Children  
The Sackler Institute For Nutrition Science  
TekPak Solutions  
TyraTech, Inc.  
USA Rice  
U.S. Army Natick Soldier RD&E Center  
WFP

## Emerging Evidence Lightning Talks

Wednesday, June 27, 17:30 PM - 18:30 PM; Location: Grand Ballroom

This special session will provide the opportunity to hear about some of the newly-emerging evidence in food assistance for nutrition. The evidence will be presented through a series of lightning talks and will include evidence on:

- Added milk protein and improvements to cognition;
- Supplementation to support growth and brain health;
- Different food supplements and fat-free tissue accretion;
- Efficacy of amino acid fortified RUTF; and
- Unconditional cash transfers and malnutrition risk.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Orient participants to some of the latest evidence in the field of food assistance for nutrition.

### Participants:

Patrick Webb, Tufts University (Moderator)  
André Briend, University of Tampere  
Andrew Seal, University College London  
Mark Manary, Washington University in St. Louis  
Steve Collins, VALID Nutrition  
Susan Roberts, Tufts University



## Tools and Resources Roundtable

Thursday, June 28, 9:00-10:45; Location: Grand Ballroom

This session will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about a variety of tools and resources which have been developed to make food assistance for nutrition more effective, efficient and cost-effective. Areas of focus include the selection of more efficient food assistance programs, improved logistics, tools to support program design and the selection of more cost-effective products. Participants will learn about the tools and how they can bring added value to their work. Discussions will also suggest how these tools and resources can be used to optimize food assistance programming from the perspective of policymakers, donors and implementing partners. Each tool and its presenter will be located at a different table during the session. Participants will have the opportunity to rotate to five tables during the session and interact directly with the presenters. See the “Tools and Resources Roundtable Overview Booklet” in your registration packet for further information on each roundtable topic.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Provide an overview of existing tools and resources which can be used to support food assistance for nutrition.
2. Understand how these tools and resources are used and can be used most effectively to meet existing needs.

### Tools & Resources:

Commodity Management Toolkit  
FAQR Decision Support Tool  
FAQR Supply Chain Optimization Tool  
IRC Systematic Cost Analysis (SCAN) Tool  
Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Image Bank  
Nutrition Program Design Assistant/ Guide to Anthropometry  
NutVal  
REFINE  
TOPS Program Tools and Resources  
World Vision “Last Mile” Mobile Solution  
WFP Fill the Nutrient Gap  
WFP LESS Project  
WFP Optimus  
WFP Scope Coda

**To access the biographies of all participating speakers, please view the Speaker E-book, available here:**

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## Fortified Blended Foods Stakeholder Summit



Registration will open in July 2018. The summit will cover FBFs and other ready-to-use foods (RUFs). Participants will include suppliers, commodity growers, non-profits, policy makers, government agencies and research institutions. Topics include technologies, policy, nutritional efficacy evidence, sensory and acceptability studies, economics, and hands-on processing and quality evaluation demos.

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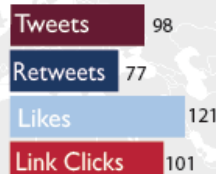
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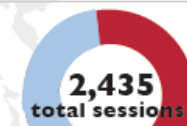
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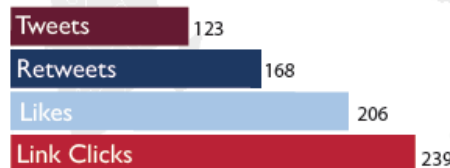


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### ACTIVITIES & OUTPUTS: MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Evidence Generation

- Published 3 papers on our findings from the Malawi Feasibility of Packaging & Messaging Study.
- Presented findings from the Burkina Faso Study on prevention of undernutrition at 3 dissemination events.
- Conducted 35 key informant interviews to assess and optimize the current food aid basket.

#### Efficiency Gains

- Developed the Beta-Version of an online Decision Support Tool for food aid selection guidance (currently being tested).
- Assessed trends in past commodity procurement and transportation data to develop a supply chain optimization tool.

#### Industry Standards

- Created 25 new or updated Food Aid Product Description Sheets for food aid baskets offerings.
- Consulted with USAID/FFP to create new commodity specification sheets for 5 priority products.

## FAQR Partners

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USAID	Northeastern University
Tufts University	Project Peanut Butter
ACDI/VOCA	Save the Children
Caritas Bo (Sierra Leone)	Washington University, St. Louis
Global Food & Nutrition	University of California Davis
Institut de Recherche en Sciences de la Santé (Burkina Faso)	Quican, Inc.
	Kansas State University

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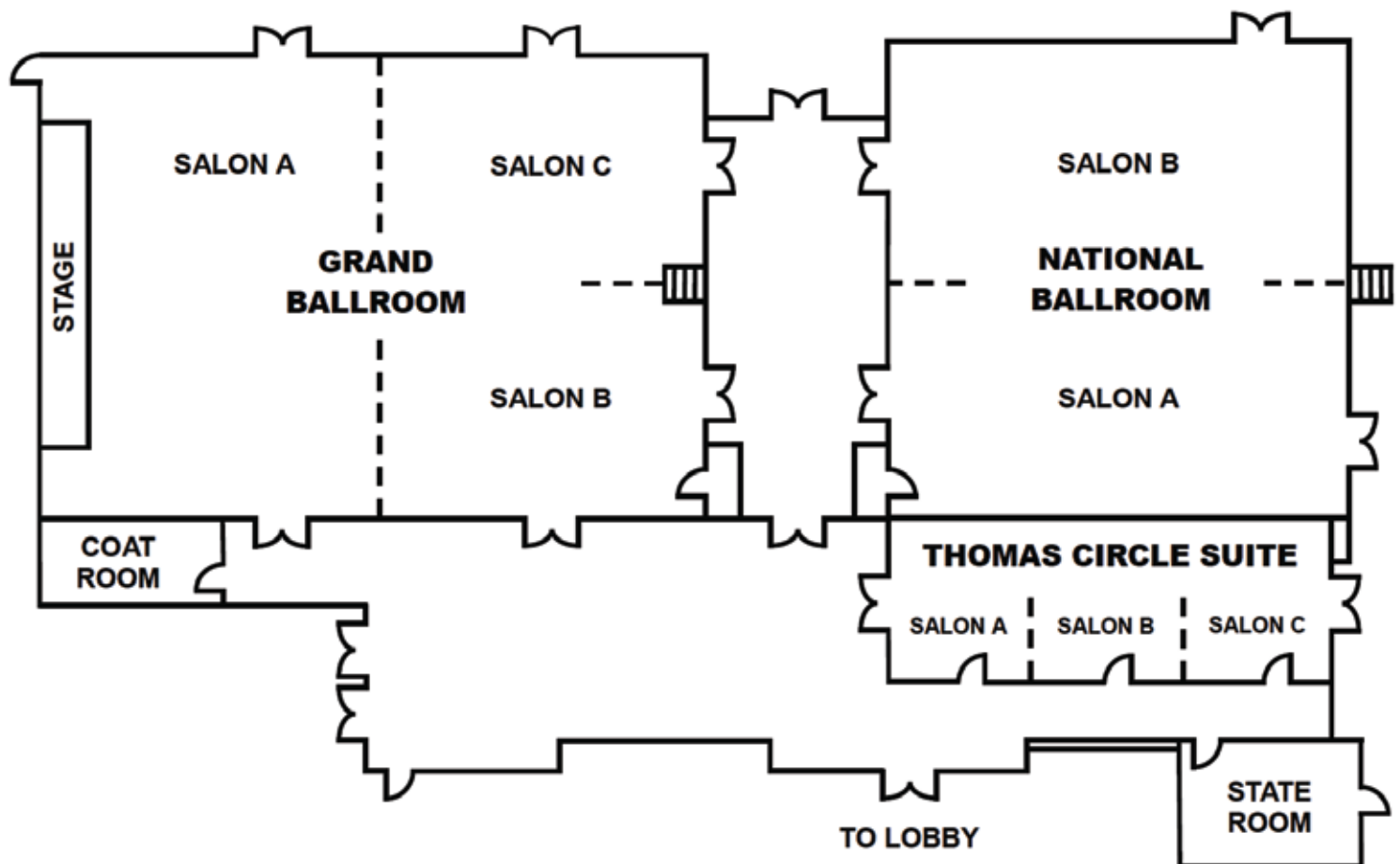
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**Photo Opportunities:** On-site photography will be provided by Adam Lowe. Access to photos will be circulated after the Summit.

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