

## FARMER-TO-FARMER 2019-2023

**Building Agricultural Sector Competitiveness** 





## **Background**

Funded by USAID, the Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) program connects volunteers from the United States with agriculture-related organizations in developing countries. CRS Farmer -to-Farmer program (F2F) is a USAID funded program that will be implemented for five years (2019- 2023) with a primary goal of reducing hunger, malnutrition, and poverty across six countries: Benin, East Timor, Ethiopia, Nepal, Rwanda and Uganda. The program aims to achieve this goal by advancing inclusive and sustainable agriculture led growth aimed at generating sustainable, broad-based economic growth in the agricultural sector. The program's secondary goal is to increase US public understanding of international development issues and programs and share the knowledge back in the US. To achieve its goals, F2F program provides volunteer technical assistance to farmers and farmer groups private agribusinesses, agriculture education institutions in developing countries to address host-identified technical needs in selected agricultural value chains. F2F volunteers are sourced from a broad range of US agricultural expertise, from private farmers with varied experience, university professors, bankers/certified animal health accountants, and nutrition specialists, soil scientists, agronomists who support local host organizations. F2F program introduces innovation and develops local organizations

capacity for more productive, profitable, sustainable and equitable agricultural systems while providing an opportunity for people- to-people interactions within the agricultural sector.

Country Projects	
Benin	Cashew, Soy
Ethiopia	Livestock, Crops
Nepal	Livestock, Crops
Rwanda	Horticulture,
Timor Leste	Modernizing
	Agriculture
Uganda	Livestock,
	Agribusiness
Mali (2019-2021)	Zoonosis

## **Project goals**

- Facilitating economic growth within the targeted sub-sector to influence value chains as a whole;
- Enhancing sub-sector inclusiveness to expand participation to a broader range of individuals and communities; and
- Increasing American public's understanding of international development issues and programs and international understanding of the US and US international development programs.



