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**Farmer to Farmer
Volunteer Assignment Scope of Work**

Summary Information	
Assignment Code	BJ233
Country	Benin
Country Project	Soybean subsector
Host Organization	Research and Actions for the Promotion of Local Development Initiatives (RAPIDEL) NGO
Type of Volunteer Assistance	T
Type of Value Chain Activity	P
Assignment Title	Training on soybean cheese and milk stabilization and conservation techniques and support soybean processors for the diversification of soybean derivatives
Assignment preferred dates	January to February 2020
Objectives of the assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train the women group on soybean milk and cheese stabilization and conservation techniques • Assist the women to develop at least one new soybean sub product • Coach the women on the soybean derived products quality control process
Desired volunteer skill/expertise	Professional skills and solid experiences in agric-food processing specially in soybean processing. She or he must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Expert in milk producing and stabilization technique, • Practical experiences in soybean processing into derived products • used to adult training

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A. BACKGROUND

RAPIDEL is a Non-Profit Organization created in 2006 in Dassa-Zoume, Hills department, to promote local initiatives for development. The NGO vision is to see a society in which people have decent life with equity, peace and justice. To achieve this vision, it proposes as mission to contribute to the reduction of poverty in rural and peri-urban communities by providing them, among other things, with technical, organizational, material and financial support services. RAPIDEL NGO core interventions are focused on agriculture value chains specially soybean value chain promotion and human rights promotion. Thanks to its partners BLP, JMPF-CA, GIZ, German embassy etc, RAPIDEL NGO impacts about 2500 beneficiaries in its coverage area extending over the 7 communes of the Hills department. Direct actors of agriculture value chains, women mainly and vulnerable children are the NGO targets. Member of many networks as social watch Benin, Federation of the Hills department NGO, RIFONGA (Network for the Integration of Women of NGOs and African Associations Section of Benin) etc, RAPIDEL is one of dynamic NGO in the department of the Hills. Its headquarters is based in Dassa-Zoume and officially registered under n° 2006-n°4 / 107 / PDZ-C / SG-SAG-D2 Assoc of 13th of December 2006.

B. ISSUE DESCRIPTION

Mainly in Benin the sub products obtained from craftsmen soybean processing are cheese and milk. These sub products, are very important in food security because families with limited resources substitute meat and fish by soybean cheese. Due to its high nutritive quality, soybean cheese was highly sought after on local and national markets and this reason attracts many people to soybean cheese production activities. But the main difficulty the women processors are facing is related to the products conservation. In fact, after selling a part of their processed products, the rest of the is spoiled and the women lose money because they lack knowledge on soybean derived products conservation. In addition, they lack knowledge on soybean stabilization to improve the milk quality that can help them to conserve it better and gain more money through the sales.

C. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The main objective of this assignment is to train the women soybean processors in the processing and conservation for diversification of the sub products and soybean milk stabilization techniques. This assignment will attend specially to:

- Train the women group on soybean milk and cheese stabilization and conservation techniques
- Assist the women to develop at least one new soybean sub product
- Coach the women on the soybean derived products quality control process

D. HOST CONTRIBUTION

For this assignment, RAPIDEL NGO will mobilize the women concerned by this activity and ensure the fees related to their participation to the training sessions. In addition, they will provide conference room. Moreover, the NGO will support the local transport of the volunteer.

E. ANTICIPATED RESULTS FROM THE ASSIGNMENT

At the end of the assignment, the members of women groups RAPIDEL NGO beneficiaries will be able to conserve the nutritive quality of their products. At least one new soy derived product is developed and the women who attended the training session, master the new production technique.

F. DELIVERABLES

- ✓ Training women group
- ✓ One new soy derived product with it production technique
- ✓ Final report

G. SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRY (DRAFT)

Day	Activity
Day 1	Departure from US
Day 2	Arrive in Cotonou (Benin), pick up at the airport and check in Livingstone hotel
Day 3	At 9.00 am, the volunteer is greeted at the hotel by CRS staff and thereafter go to CRS office for introductions and orientations (briefings including host brief), logistics and expectations and anticipated outcomes. Any necessary hand-outs will be prepared at CRS offices. Departure Dassa-Zoume at 9:00 and introduction meeting will be held at 16:00. The volunteer will review and finalize his work plan with the RAPIDEL NGO’s staff.
Day 4	Make a diagnosis of the women processors’ activities and bring out their strengths and weaknesses

Day 5	Soybean processing unit visit and follow up the women processing soybean
Day 6-7-8	Train the women group on soybean milk and cheese stabilization and conservation techniques
Day 9-10-11	Support women on new soybean derived products development
Day 12-13	Coach the women on the soybean derived products quality control process
Day 14	Debriefing with RAPIDEL NGO responsible and CRS Benin F2F staff, actions plan and recommendations review
Day 15	Debriefing at CRS office with USAID Mission and CRS staff. Volunteer will finalize his/her report at CRS office and fill out all necessary M&E forms Depart to US

H. DESIRABLE VOLUNTEERS SKILLS

To achieve this assignment objectives, the volunteers should have a professional skills and solid experiences in agric-food processing specially in soybean processing. She or he must be:

- An Expert in milk producing and stabilization technique,
- Practical experiences in soybean processing into derived products
- used to adult training
- familiar to agricultural cooperatives is an asset
- opened to sharing knowledge and experiences
- be familiar to participatory approach

I. ACCOMMODATION AND ANOTHER IN-COUNTRY LOGISTICS

In Cotonou, stay in Cotonou will at Livingstone hotel close to CRS Benin office, whereas in Dassa-Zoume he will stay at Jeco hotel. CRS Benin will pay his accommodation fees which already include the breakfast. In addition, a local network SIM card with an android cell phone will be provided to the volunteer at his or her arrival in Cotonou. CRS will also hire a translator for the volunteer. RAPIDEL NGO from it side, will take in charge his transportation in side Dassa-Zoume city as well as mobilize and support its members during the training session.

J. RECOMMENDED ASSIGNMENT PREPARATIONS

1. Training Materials

The volunteer should prepare materials for hand out which can be printed at CRS office in Benin before his arrival. Flip charts, markers, masking tapes can be obtained at the CRS offices in case the volunteer wishes to make some illustrations during the sessions. Training material (modules) should contain more illustrations, pictures videos etc.

2. Working Environment

Dassa-Zoume is one of the Hills department's commune located in the center of Benin. It situated at about 200 km far from Cotonou. Dassa-Zoume is a multiculturalist area, Idaasha is the main local language but many people can speak French. In Dassa-Zoume is the Marian cave, place of pilgrimage of Christians. It is a pious site with a tourist character that attracts many visitors. Generally, Benin population is very friendly.

3. Recommended Reading

The volunteer may read documents on:

- Benin agricultural sector
- agricultural value chains promotion and soybean value chains in Benin
- soybean processing technologies used in Benin.
- equipment and materials used in soybean processing

4. Weather Appropriate Clothing

The climate in Dassa-Zoume is subequatorial. The temperatures fluctuate between 21°C and 32 ° C. February is the warmest month, in this month the temperature average is 29°C. Based on this, the appropriate clothing should be light and not dark. In this period harmattan blows.

K. KEY CONTACTS

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