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

Summary Information	
Assignment Code	BJ256
Country	Benin
Country Project	Soybean subsector country project
Host Organization	Hunger Free World (HFW)
Type of Volunteer Assistance	Technology Transfer =T
Type of Value Chain Activity	Farm Production = F
Assignment Title	Build farmers 'capacity on production technique of garden products and soybean
Assignment preferred dates	September-October 2020
Objectives of the assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train farmers on nursery installation (cabbage, amaranth) • Train farmers on production technique of garden products (watermelon, cabbage, amaranth) • Train on technique used of fighting garden products' pest • Provide information on soybean technique production
Desired volunteer skill/expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert in garden products production • Have practical experiences in garden production • Be familiar with tropical agriculture system • Be Familiar with participatory approach • Being used to adult training approach is an asset

A. BACKGROUND

Hunger Free World (HFW) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) whose vision is to work for a world without hunger. The organization has been operating since 2005 in Benin. It has its head office in Abomey – Calavi. The commune of Zè, precisely the twelve (12) villages of Dodji district are its intervention zone. The main objective of the organization is to meet the right to food for all. This, through the capacity-building of populations and the support for socio-community infrastructures. The Hunger Free World is

working with soybean, corn and peanut farmers through their capacity- building. This, not only to allow them to better produce but to have a better living condition as well. It's in the framework of this, that the organization has solicited the Farmer to Farmer project's support so as to build 100 farmers capacity on production technique of garden products and of soybean.

B. ISSUE DESCRIPTION

Benin, with almost 12 million inhabitants, is ranked in the low development category of the United Nation's Human Development Index, at 163 out of 189 countries. Its economy is based on agriculture and about 70% of its population makes their living from this sector. Although this range of Beninese are involved in agriculture, Benin keep suffering for children malnutrition. About 34% of children (aged of 5) suffer for stunted growth (MICS 2014). Surprisingly, this rate is higher (about 38%) in rural area, where most of population are farmers. This situation is worst in cash crop production zone. In Zè commune precisely in the Dodji district, most of farmers are pineapple producers which is considered as cash crop. The farmers prefer this crop (because of available of his market) than rich nutritional product like garden products. Consequently, many of their children are suffering from malnutrition. In framework of reverse this situation that the Hunger Freed World NGO has solicited farmer to farmer program in order to introduce garden products and soya production in their cultural system. Therefore, the farmers mostly women farmers, addition to pineapple, could diversify their culture with garden products and soya. This capacity building will surely allow farmers to produce crops rich in nutrition which will aid not only to reverse their children nutrition state but to earn additional revenue as well.

C. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The main objective of this assignment is to build 100 farmers 'capacity on production technique of garden products and soybean.

Especially this aims to :

- Train farmers on nursery installation (cabbage, amaranth, etc.)
- Train farmers on production technique of garden products (watermelon, cabbage, amaranth, etc.)
- Train on techniques used of fighting garden products' pests
- Provide information on soybean techniques production
- Coach practical sessions for this training

D. HOST CONTRIBUTION

The Hunger Free World (HFW), contribution to this assignment will consist of mobilizing the participants (farmers) to the training sessions. In addition, they will provide a training ward and all the required material for the training session. Finally, they promised to take in charge the roundtrip commuting of the volunteer from his or her hotel to its quarter every day.

E. ANTICIPATED RESULTS FROM THE ASSIGNMENT

This assignment will allow the participants (farmers) to produce garden products and soybean, then make them available for their family and community. This, will help them to earn additional income as well as improving their children nutrition state.

DELIVERABLES

- The participants have their capacity built on production technique of garden products and soja
- Final report
- Debriefing with CRS Benin and USAID local mission
- Group presentation

F. SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRY (DRAFT)

The training will be held in two sessions. The sessions should be combined with practice.

Day	Activity
Day 1	Travel from home to US international airport
Day 2	Arrival at Benin International Airport, picked up and check in at Livingstone Hotel.
Day 3	At 8.30 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 and travel to Abomey Calavi and afterward to Ze for checking in Hotel Bonté du Soleil. CRS Benin F2F team introduces the volunteer to Hunger Free World staff at Abomey Calavi for defining working condition and for finalizing the working plan. Afterward this working session, the volunteer will head toward Ze where he or she will spend stay at Bonté du Soleil Hotel.
	First session (train of 50 participants)
Day 4	Train farmers on nursery installation of garden crops (cabbage, amaranth) including practical sessions
Days 5	Train farmers on production techniques of garden crops (watermelon, cabbage, amaranth, etc.)
Day 6	Train on techniques used of fighting garden products' pests
Day 7	Provide information on soybean production techniques
	Second Sessions (50 farmers)
Day 8	Train farmers on nursery installation of garden crops (cabbage, amaranth) including practical sessions

Day 10	Train farmers on production techniques of garden crops (watermelon, cabbage, amaranth, etc.)
Day 11	Train on techniques used of fighting garden products' pests
Day 12	Provide information on soybean production techniques
Day 13	Debriefing with CRS Benin F2F staff and the Hunger Free World representatives, actions plan and recommendations review and trip back to Cotonou
Day 14	Debriefing at CRS office with USAID Mission and CRS staff. Volunteer will finalize his/her reporting at CRS office and fill out all necessary M&E forms.
Day 15	Depart for USA

G. ACCOMMODATION AND ANOTHER IN-COUNTRY LOGISTICS

In Cotonou, the volunteer will stay at Livingstone Hotel, whereas at Zè, the volunteer will stay at the Hotel Bonté du Soleil. In Benin, CRS will pay for hotel accommodation. In addition, a local network SIM card will be provided to the volunteer as well as a spare computer if needed. In Zè, CRS will hire a local translator for the volunteer's work and Hunger Free World will contribute to the volunteer's commuting as well as mobilizing and supporting the participants.

H. RECOMMENDED ASSIGNMENT PREPARATIONS

1. Training Materials

The volunteer should have material courses. The handout materials can be printed in CRS office in Cotonou. Flip charts, markers, masking tapes can be obtained at the CRS offices in case the volunteer wishes to make some illustrations during the sessions. For the practice session, the volunteer may ask the materials she or he will need so as to allow the host organization to be prepared.

2. Working Environment

Zè is located in the south of Benin in the Atlantique department. It is situated at about 50 km from Cotonou. People there are mostly Christians but all of them are well involved in endogenous religion. People there speak two mains languages: AïZO and FON. Also, in Zè, people are open to collaborate with foreigners.

3. Recommended Reading

The volunteer may read on: Benin 'agriculture with focus garden product production system.

4. Weather Appropriate Clothing

The weather appropriate clothing is light and not dark clothes. In the south of Benin, the weather is a bit hot and humid with some temperatures waving between 23 to 36 Celsius degree. It is also a sunny with some rains fall from March.

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