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Volunteer Name: Jim Adkins

Country: Kenya

Country project: Livestock

Host: Mwingi Farmers Coop

Venue: CRS Office

Audience: Local Farmers

Number of people : approx 100

Date: September 8<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2014



# 1. Assignment Objectives as in SOW

## Poultry nutrition and Feed Formulations

## 2. Achievement of the assignment objectives

I was able to address the nutrition and feed issues of the indigenous poultry.

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- There was need to build farmers capacity and raise their awareness. I recommend a pilot training program for *carefully selected apprentices* from the farmer cluster groups whom will be selected by the officials.

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## 4. Anticipated Impact

- We were able to raise the awareness of the incredible opportunities to breed, grow and market sustainable flocks of indigenous chickens. The government support and opportunities are great!

## 5. Recommended future volunteer Assistance

- During all of our conversations with the cooperative leadership, the following were identified as the key concerns to the farmers both in the short term and long term period. We all agreed that these are critical issues that must be addressed.
- Poultry breeding selection
- Poultry Feeds and feeding
- Poultry Management (Facilities, Hygiene, environment, processing, etc.)
- Poultry Markets for indigenous chickens.



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## 6. Recommendations to other non-host stakeholders

- None

## 7. How can CRS improve future volunteer experience

- Our experience was absolutely fantastic! The Kenya CRS staff took very good care of us and they were very consciences of our needs. They get an A+ for all they did to serve us!

***Thank You!***