

VOLUNTEER REPORT FORMAT

To be submitted to CRS at the end of volunteer assignment and shared with the Host

1.1 Assignment information: KE45

- a) Volunteer Name: Ken Andries
- b) Host Organization: Caritus Meru
- c) Assignment: Farmer Field Schools, Goat and Sheep Focus
- d) Dates of Assignment: 24 July to 14 August
- e) Number of days worked 14

1.2.1 Objective 1 in your SOW

- a) Progress with the objective – Training to producers at field schools were conducted on goat production.
- b) Expected impacts/results – Farmers will better understand the interaction between genetics, nutrition, and animal health and how it can impact production, they will improve nutrition and preventative care of animals while selecting better animals for breeding.
- c) Recommendations¹ - Develop recommended vaccination protocols including times and products for animals to address disease of concern. Schedule a veterinarian to meet with groups to discuss proper treatment of disease as well as preventative practices.

1.2.2 Objective 2 in your SOW

- a) Progress with the objective - Genetic selection and improve breeds were discussed and producers learned the importance of records and making sure animals are productive.
- b) Expected impacts/results – Producers will start utilizing records to make selections of animals and remove poor producing animals from the herd.
- c) Recommendations – Training on record keeping for production and how to utilize records to select replacements and cull animals from the herd

1.2.3 Objective 3 in your SOW

- a) Progress with the objective – Nutrition and health were discussed, the importance of these with genetics to improve performance was explained. Producers understood the need to improve all these areas to see improvement
- b) Expected impacts/results – Producers will utilize available resources to improve nutritional management and implement a preventative health program along with improved genetics
- c) Recommendations – groups will implement group purchasing practices for needed supplements and medications as well as vaccinations as a group to reduce cost.

1.3 Action Plan

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
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¹ **Note:** Only make not more than 6 recommendations. The most useful recommendations for hosts are ones that they can implement themselves with minimal expense. For example, a cooperative might change its financial reporting procedures or hold more regular meetings of its board. Broad recommendations on tax or credit reform, changes in government policy, or investment in large-scale equipment, are usually not within the host organization's reach.

1. Vaccination Plan	Develop document	Veterinarian	
2. Veterinarian Training	Schedule vet to attend meetings	Caritus Meru	
3. Training on records	Develop record sheets and training for producers	Group coordinators	
4. Group purchases	Work with groups to determine when and what is needed and make group purchases to reduce cost	Group coordinators	

1.4 Number of people Assisted

- Through formal training
- Through direct technical assistance (Do not double count)
- Out of these above, number of host staffs
- Training/assistance by field

Category	Total	Males	Females
Members/ owners	564	81	465
Employees	3	1	2
Clients/ Suppliers			
Family Members			
Total	567	82	467

1.5 Gender

- What gender roles did you recognize in your host community? Did these roles play a part in your assignment? How? Women were the major members of the groups we visited. They were doing marketing and working on financial savings. They also participated in organization of the groups.
- How might CRS or the host organization improve opportunities for the women in this host or host community? Continue to teach women about leadership and assist them in financial training.

1.6 Value of volunteer contribution in \$

- Hours volunteer spent preparing for assignment 40 hrs.
- Estimated value of all material contributions volunteer contributed to host during assignment \$200

1.7 Value of hosts' contribution in \$ (Please consult the host as well)

- Meals
- Transportation
- Lodging
- Translation
- Other (Specify)



1.8 Host Profile Data:

Did you obtain any data that supplements or corrects the data in the existing host information as detailed in the SOW? Please list it. Collected attendance information from groups to show numbers.

1.9 Recommendations for CRS:

Increase preparations before arriving to work with group, some confusion appeared to exist at the host location related to what the scope of work was and how it was to be conducted. Program worked well, just needed more time if going to train producers on production practices and how to make positive changes. Short meetings allowed for introduction of ideas, host needs to follow through to provide more detail and specifics on making improvements.

1.10 Press Release

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Frankfort Kentucky Area Volunteer Travels to Kenya to Share Skills with Local Farmers

Farmer to Farmer program promotes economic growth and agricultural development in East Africa

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Farmer to Farmer program promotes economic growth and Agricultural development in East Africa

Dr. Kenneth Andries, an Assistant Professor at Kentucky State University from Frankfort, Kentucky travelled **to Kenya** for **3** weeks to share his technical skills and expertise with local farmers. Ken's assignment is part of Catholic Relief Services' Farmer-to-Farmer (FTF) program that promotes economic growth, food security, and agricultural development in East Africa.



“The experience was great and I saw a lot of positive impact of the program and activities in the area related to livestock production but there is a long way to go,” said Ken.

Funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the five-year program matches the technical assistance of U.S. farmers, agribusinesses, cooperatives, and universities to help farmers in developing countries improve agricultural productivity, access new markets, and increase their incomes.

In **Kenya**, **Ken** worked with Caritas Meru in the farmer field schools focusing on goat production training and giving technical assistance to small herders to enable them to improve overall production and profitability of their farms. Up to 546 beneficiaries were reached. The area covered has frequent droughts and disease issues. The trainings targeted some of the poorest areas in the county. Producers learned about improving genetics of their herd, basic nutrition, preventative health practices, and management practices to improve production within their environment.

Ken’s volunteer assignment is one of nearly 500 assignments that focus on agriculture, food security and nutrition in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. This is the first time CRS has been involved in the 28-year-old Farmer-to-Farmer Program funded by the U.S. government.

CRS is partnering with five U.S. institutions to tap into the rich diversity of the U.S. agriculture community: the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Foods Resource Bank, National Association of Agricultural Educators, American Agri-Women, and the University of Illinois’ College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

The U.S. volunteers will travel to East Africa for anywhere from one to six weeks, their expenses covered by USAID.

“One thing we are certain of is that this program will be beneficial not just to the farmers in East Africa, but also to the volunteers from America,” said Bruce White, CRS’ director for the program. “It’s going to make the world a little bit smaller for everyone involved.”

For more information, visit farmertofarmer.crs.org

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