

## VOLUNTEER REPORT FORMAT

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

### 1.1 Assignment information

- a) Volunteer Name: Ilan Bar
- b) Host Organization: Sebeta Nunnery
- c) Assignment: ET46
- d) Dates of Assignment: 01/09-01/23, 2016
- e) Number of days worked: 11

#### 1.2.1 Objective 1 in your SOW: Develop new small scale irrigation system.

- a) Progress with the objective: The installation and operation of a small drip system was completed.
- b) Expected impacts/results: Savings on labor and water. Increase crop production and improved quality.
- c) Recommendations<sup>1</sup>: Follow the recommendations given to Wollete Mariam in regards the operation, management and maintenance of the drip system. Wollete Mariam should be in charge of the drip irrigation operation and sustainability. We installed and run the system together, very closely and she is very familiar, first hand, how to carry it on and expend with new systems.

#### 1.2.2 Objective 2 in your SOW: Rehabilitate existing irrigation system (Flood).

- a) Progress with the objective: We didn't have enough time to deal with it, as our first priority was to install and run a drip system. From my experience, most of the time those systems are run properly and the poor performances are due to the nature of these systems, itself.
- b) Expected impacts/results: There is very little room to make a major improvement other to move to drip systems.
- c) Recommendations: Maybe send an irrigation specialist in the field of flood and gravity irrigation.

#### 1.2.3 Objective 3 in your SOW: Demonstrate drip kit installation.

- a) Progress with the objective: Actually, two different kits have been installed and run. One for open field production and modified one for nursery application.
- b) Expected impacts/results: Water and labor savings. Improved production, quantity and quality.
- c) Recommendations: All the operational recommendations were given to Wollete Mariam, in addition to repair kits that I have prepared and left with her as samples to follow.

### 1.3 Action Plan

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
1. Make Wollete Mariam the irrigation manager.	Discuss it with Mother Superior.	Wollete Mariam and Mother Superior.	Immediately.

<sup>1</sup> **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.

2. Finishing preparing the beds for the drip plot.	Assign the boys to make it.	Wollete Mariam	Immediately.
3. Planting the beds with various crops to experiment with the drip impacts on crops.	Assign the farm nuns to experiment with crops and various plants density.	Wollete Mariam with the assistance of Sorgut and others.	Immediately.
4. Run the system on a daily basis.	The farm's nuns group.	As Above	As Above
5. Peak demand running time on big system-2-21/2 hrs. daily.	As above As above	As above	As above
6. For the nursery system it will be 1 hr.	As above	As above	As above

#### 1.4 Number of people Assisted

- a) Through formal training: 6
- b) Through direct technical assistance (Do not double count): 2
- c) Out of these above, number of host staffs: All
- d) Training/assistance by field: All

Category	Total	Males	Females
Members/ owners	8	2	6
Employees	All nuns and male permanent employees		
Clients/ Suppliers	N/A		
Family Members	N/A		
Total	8	2	6

#### 1.5 Gender

- a) What gender roles did you recognize in your host community? Did these roles play a part in your assignment? How? It was a Nunnery.
- b) How might CRS or the host organization improve opportunities for the women in this host or host community? N/A

#### 1.6 Value of volunteer contribution in \$

- a. Hours volunteer spent preparing for assignment: 8
- b. Estimated value of all material contributions volunteer contributed to host during assignment: \$50

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

- a) Meals
- b) Transportation
- c) Lodging



- d) Translation
- e) 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.

1.9 Recommendations for CRS: The selection of hotels should take into account beside safety, also the standards of food, lodging, hot water, and proximity, not only to the assignment sight, but also to the surrounding activities and facilities after work hours.

1.10 Press Release: Will be completed upon return.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**VOLUNTEER CONTACT:** [Name]

[Title]

[Phone]

[E-mail]

**[US City] Area Volunteer Travels to [Country] to Share Skills with  
Local Farmers**

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

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## **[City] Area Volunteer Travels to [Country] to Share Skills with Local Farmers**

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

[Name], a [title] from [city, state] travelled to [country] for [x] weeks to share his/her technical skills and expertise with local farmers. [Name]’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.

“[Volunteer quote],” said [name].

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 [country], [name] worked with [Host] in [value chain] training and giving technical assistance to [type of beneficiaries] to enable them to [Goal of the assignment]. Up to [Number of beneficiaries] beneficiaries were reached. [Other details are optional]

[Name]’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.”

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