



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: Istvan Keri
- b) State of Origin : California
- c) Host Organization: ECC-SDCOM
- d) Assignment: ET-78
- e) Dates of Assignment: 3/18/2016 - 4/7/2016
- f) Number of days worked : 15

1.2.1 Objective 1 in your SOW : To train on new innovation and usage of improved rain water harvesting technologies

- a)Progress with the objective : Trained 34 people include engineers, government officials, farmers
- b)Expected impacts/results : They will use new rain water harvesting technologies to improve crop production
- c)Recommendations¹ : Build micro basin on the slope and store the rain water in the soil
Use mulch to reduce evaporation
Install rain gauge and record the data for future development
Apply conservation and permaculture techniques for water saving in the field

1.2.2 Objective 2 in your SOW : Ecosystem and agriculture

- a)Progress with the objective : Visited land restoration projects
Visited farmlands and nurseries
Water scarcity is the biggest challenge for this ecosystem
Fast growing human population need more productive agriculture based on irrigation
- b)Expected impacts/results : Build more irrigation scheme
- c)Recommendations : Extend drinking water pipeline and purchase

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.



water truck for improve human population well being

Aquifer exploration for new water sources necessary for establish intensive irrigated agriculture

Only large scale of irrigation system can improve the food scarcity in Ethiopia, use center pivot and lateral move irrigation system

1.2.3 Objective 3 in your SOW : Demonstrate on farms a rain water harvesting technologies

a)Progress with the objective : We built a rain water harvesting site with a 4000 liter cistern, lined with concrete

b)Expected impacts/results : In the future build more rain water collection site on small and big scale

c)Recommendations : Collect rain from the roof

1.3 Recommended future volunteer assignment

Need more action oriented assignment not just training

1.4 Action Plan

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
1. Install rain gauges			ASAP
2. Collect rain from the roof			ASAP
3.Used ferro-cement technology to build tank			ASAP
4. Use small pump in the nursery			ASAP
5. Purchase water truck for drinking water distribution			ASAP
6.Start Aquifer exploration in the Rift Valley			ASAP

1.5 Number of people Assisted

- a) Through formal training (Classroom setup) 21
- b) Through direct hands on practical assistance (Do not double count) 10
- c) Out of these above, number of host staffs 3
- d) Training/assistance by field

Category	Total	Males	Females
Members/ owners	34	30	4



Employees			
Clients/ Suppliers			
Family Members			
Total			

1.6 Gender

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

1.6 Value of volunteer contribution in \$

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

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:

1.10 Press Release

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Fresno Area Volunteer Travels to Ethiopia to Share Skills with Local Farmers

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

Istvan Keri, a volunteer from Fresno , CA travelled to **Ethiopia** for 3 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.

“We have to put our knowledge in action” said **Keri**.

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 **Ethiopia**, **Keri** worked with **CRS** in agriculture training and giving technical assistance to **farmers, engineers** to enable them to build rain water harvesting system. Up to 34 beneficiaries were reached.

Keri'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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