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Volunteer Name: Charles (chuck) Mitchell

Country: Ethiopia

Country project: ET-56- Agroforestry

Host: CRS Hossana

Venues: field visits, trainings

Audience: small farmers, host personnel

Number of people trained/assisted:

Date/duration: 11/21/15- 12/12/15

Others: Recommendations to the

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1. Assignment Objectives as in SOW

1. concept and classification of agroforestry systems and practices
2. Agroforestry species, selection criteria, methods of planting, multipurpose trees
3. Share best experiences in agroforestry
4. Effects of agroforestry on soil fertility
5. justification and profitability of agroforestry systems



2. Achievement of the assignment objectives

- a majority of the time was spent in field looking at agroforestry practices installed by Host or other entity where host is working. Evaluation of planning and implementation were discussed, successes and failures.
- visited World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF) research farm and nursery in Ziway for specific species selection and seed source for future projects.
- planning started for development of community nurseries for agroforestry species.
- discussed importance of soil conservation in all training
- profitability- this is a whole subject of its own- not completed



4. Anticipated Impact

- host will realize importance of protecting threatened water supplies and will plan future work in these areas**
- community nurseries for agroforestry species will be established**
- host will start working on steep croplands adjacent to threatened water supplies with agroforestry practices**



5. Recommended future volunteer Assistance

Watershed protection- Valuable community water supplies both as springs and shallow wells need immediate protection up gradient due to degradation of quantity and quality of water and soil due to: deforestation, cropping and grazing. Areas most at risk include newly cleared, steep croplands experiencing accelerated erosion.

Potential future assignments include:

- watershed planning with community- identify threatened sources of ground water
- agroforestry practices
- tree/shrub nursery establishment
- soil conservation practices in steep cropping regions



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