

VOLUNTEER REPORT FORMAT

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

1.1 Assignment information- ET-56

- a) Volunteer Name: Charles (Chuck) Mitchell
- b) Host Organization: CRS Hosssana
- c) Assignment:
- d) Dates of Assignment: 11/21/15- 12/12/15 -22 days
- e) Number of days worked -15

1.2.1 Objective 1 in your SOW- Concept and classification agroforestry systems and practices

- a) Progress with the objective- Discussed with host and farmers agroforestry concepts
- b) Expected impacts/results – Better awareness of shrub/tree systems for erosion control, soil fertility and water protection and conservation
- c) Recommendations¹none of the six recommendations are in this category.

1.2.2 Objective 2 in your SOW- Share best experiences in agroforestry

- a) Progress with the objective- discussed with host and farmers agroforestry practices. Visited in Ziway the research center of the World Agroforestry Center to learn agroforestry techniques and tree species adapted to region and tree nursery construction
- b) Expected impacts/results- increased use of agroforestry practices
- c) Recommendations- Recommendation # 2 below

1.2.3 Objective 3 in your SOW- Effects of agroforestry on soil fertility

- a) Progress with the objective- Host has developed 5 closures with erosion control and tree planting shown to volunteer. All are performing well.
- b) Expected impacts/results -increased organic matter, water retention ability and fertility from trees/shrubs, composting cattle manure and planting legume cover crops in fallow fields.
- c) Recommendations- #3,4,5,6 below

1.3 Action Plan

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
1. Identify critical water supplies-Community Watershed Planning	Target springs on steep new cropping areas at high elevation	Hossana crs	
2. Establish community tree nurseries	Goal three nurseries of shrub/tree and fruit species	“	

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. See attached Appendix #2 word doc. As part of this report which gives detail to each recommendation.

3. implement agroforestry practices above and adjacent to water supplies	Closures(fencing) directly around spring with full shrub/tree complex. Adjacent cropland install infiltration ditches on contour and legume shrub/tree along top of ditch to allow “slow formation terraces”	:	
4.Demonstration sites	Establish on farm demo sites in public view locations	“	
5. Improve soil organic matter and fertility	Cattle manure to be composted first before use	“	
6. Grazing management	Improve forage through rotation or “cut and carry” systems to all ruminants	“	

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	79	69	10
Employees	7	7	
Clients/ Suppliers			
Family Members	?	?	?
Total	86	76	10

1.5 Gender

a) What gender roles did you recognize in your host community? Did these roles play a part in your assignment? How? Farmer groups were very dominated with males. Females usually played a supporting role in serving coffee. A few women listened to talk but never participated in group discussions.

b) How might CRS or the host organization improve opportunities for the women in this host or host community? 1. if local tree nurseries are established as suggested, women would work with the seedlings.



2. to conserve firewood, construct mud stoves in kitchens(plans provided). 3.Home vegetable production is a good opportunity to involve women and youth

1.6 Value of volunteer contribution in \$

- a. Hours volunteer spent preparing for assignment- 6
- b. Estimated value of all material contributions volunteer contributed to host during assignment- \$100

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

- a) Meals 50
- b) Transportation 100
- c) Lodging 0
- d) Translation- 50
- 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. no

1.9 Recommendations for CRS: unsure of question

1.10 Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- live in canada- does not apply

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: [Name] I live in Canada. Canada press will not be interested in publishing about a US government program

[Title]

[Phone]

[E-mail]

[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.”

For more information, visit farmertofarmer.crs.org

.

###

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The agency alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in nearly 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality. For more information, please visit crs.org or crsespanol.org.