



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: **Luke Salvato**
- b) Host Organization: Uganda Farmer to Farmer Program
- c) Assignment: UG119
- d) Dates of Assignment: July 18 – August 2, 2017.
- e) Number of days worked: 13

1.2 Position Overview in the SOW: The intern will contribute to the overall program achievements of F2F in Uganda.

The administration volunteer intern will work hand-in-hand with F2F staff and volunteer hosts (cooperatives, SACCOs, District Farmers etc.) all over the country that host F2F volunteers. The intern will support F2F programming activities and will be required to travel frequently to hosts and communities and may be required to stay with the volunteer during the assignment. The intern will participate in preparing incoming volunteers for their placements.

The duties and responsibilities will include:

1. Accompany the volunteers during their assignments and learn how they work with hosts/farmers
2. Support volunteers in the field with logistics
3. Participate in the preparation and organization of the small farm conference
4. Update host capacity development plans
5. Support SMILER data entry and cleaning
6. Collect relevant information/data from host organizations
7. Document successful stories
8. Participate in any other duties as identified
9. Participate in briefing volunteers on arrival and debrief upon completion of assignments; plan for and undertake any follow up required
10. Prepare monthly progress report.
11. Assist the F2F Program staff to manage host/volunteer relationships and in-country partner organizations.

Volunteer Intern Work Summary and Accomplishments to date:

July 18: Attending Monday morning meeting with F2F Uganda team to discuss the week's work plan, the upcoming Small Farm Conference, and potential volunteer assistance in Arua District, Uganda.

July 19 – 25: The CRS Peace Corp Volunteer, Ryan Ringuette, and I travelled to Arua to assist Dr. Rao Mentreddy with his volunteer assignment UG 115 on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures along the oil seed crops value chain. I supported the volunteer in all aspects of his assignment including logistics, communication with the host organization, extension workers in the consortium, and village agents, implementation of project ideas, preparation for SPS training sessions. I also independently led SPS training sessions to extension workers.



As a team, Ryan, Rao and I designed a project plan to demonstrate two technologies, rainwater harvesting and soil solarization, to the Ababo Women's Group in Yumbe district. We conducted this project in coordination with the host organization, the extension agent working with the Ababo Women's group, and with support from the Uganda F2F team. We purchased the necessary materials in Arau town. I gave a 30 minute training on the technologies using explanation, translation, pictures, and diagrams. The water harvesting system and soil solarization demonstrations were conducted as a collective activity. For the rain water harvesting, a 3x5x1 meter sump was dug and lined with thick black plastic. A shallow canal was dug and lined with plastic, built to transport water from the roof of a nearby building into the sump. Soil solarization was demonstrated using clear and black plastic in a nearby field which was recently tilled by the Ababo group in preparation for the demonstration.

July 26 – August 2: I assisted the F2F Uganda team with implementation, budgeting, and M&E of the F2F project. This included a two-day trip to Mbale to establish a partnership with a potential new host organization, BYEFFE Foods Inc. The new host organization was thoroughly vetted. This included the collection of baseline data, the completion of host selection criteria, and the start of the host development plan.

1.6 Value of volunteer contribution in \$ 7,520

- a. Hours volunteer spent preparing for assignment: 15 hours
- b. Estimated value of all material contributions volunteer contributed to host during assignment: \$0.00

1.9 Recommendations for CRS:

- Follow up with UC Davis Intern
- Include the F2F intern on the progress of the SOW, the work plan, and the relationship with BYEFFE so that the intern can witness how relationships with new host organizations are fostered.
- Cultivate the relationship between the UC Davis International Agricultural Development (IAD) Program, the Research and Innovation in Agriculture (RIFA) Fellowship program and use it to recruit future interns and potential new employees.