



## VOLUNTEER REPORT FORMAT

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

### 1.1 Assignment information **ET35**

- a) Volunteer Name: Todd Walton
- b) Host Organization: Agarfa ATVET College
- c) Assignment: Pre-Harvest Fruit Crops
- d) Dates of Assignment: 2/20/2015-3/11/2015
- e) Number of days: 20

#### 1.2.1 Objective in your SOW:

- a) Progress with the objective: Pre-Harvest Fruit Crops -Kindly advised and demonstrated improved knowledge, skills and technology on pre-harvest management of fruit crops that are and can be grown in Ethiopia to students and lectures of Agarfa ATVET College
- b) Expected impacts/results - Educated and inspired 245 College Professors and College Student on the following topics by way of lecture and practical teaching methods:
  - 1. Modern Practices of sexual and asexual propagation of fruit trees (seed, air layering, grafting, tissue culture)
  - 2. Complete process of pre-harvest Management of tropical and subtropical fruits from planting to harvest
  - 3. Benefits of managing fruit trees by proper pruning
  - 4. Improvement of cultivation of most abundant fruit crops currently in Ethiopia
  - 5. Inspired future DA's and instructions in open-mindedness for new fruit crops and creating niche markets when designating new areas for planting fruit crops
- c) Recommendations<sup>1</sup> -
  - 1. Include as much practical training in with lectures as possible
  - 2. Composting Pits done by instructions and/or students around campus for use by the colleges farms
  - 3. Create direct line of communication with department head and volunteer prior to arrive
  - 4. Encourage open lines of communication between volunteers and instructor's by email for follow up questions after departure.

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<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.

### 1.3 Action Plan

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
1.Compost Pit Method on campus	Use cafeteria and student food byproducts for composting (coffee grounds, tea, vegetable scraps ect.)	Dept Head of Agarfa	Asap
2. Include as much practical training in with lectures as possible	Evaluate and utilize any available sustainable resource at the college for practical training for students	Dept Head of Agarfa	Asap
3. Create direct line of communication with department head and volunteer prior to arrive	Send introductory emails out prior to arrival.	Dept Head of Agarfa	Asap
4. Encourage open lines of communication between volunteers and instructor's by email for follow up questions	Encourage exchange of information for future referencing	Dept Head of Agarfa	Asap

### 1.4 Number of people Assisted

- Through formal training and practical training sessions – **156 Male College Students and 74 Female College Students** with a **Total of 230 Students**
- Additionally Female College Instructions and Male College Instructors have been trained both formally and practically.

Category	Total	Males	Females
Students	230	156	74
Lectures	15	12	3
	<b>Grand Total</b>		
	245 Beneficiaries		



## 1.5 Gender

- a) What gender roles did you recognize in your host community? Did these roles play a part in your assignment? How?

Gender roles were very similar and appeared to be non-discriminatory. Female and male roles did not appear to be specific due to gender.

- b) How might CRS or the host organization improve opportunities for the women in this host or host community?

Women in Agarfa seemed to have equal opportunities as women played an nearly equal role in administration.

## 1.6 Value of volunteer contribution in \$

- a. Hours volunteer spent preparing for assignment – 40 Hours  
b. Estimated value of all material contributions volunteer contributed to host during assignment- \$350 US Dollar on modern horticultural supplies/tools.

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

- a) Meals- 5 meals -\$20  
b) Transportation – Gas and time for volunteer exposure to see Bale Mountain (Tulu Dimtu) \$40  
c) Lodging – 2 weeks of housing \$100  
d) Translation -0  
e) Other (Specify)- 0

## 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.

Yes, List of fruit crops grown in Ethiopia has been completed. Also PowerPoint has been constructed in an effort to improve cultivation of and to create or increase exportability of fruit crop in Ethiopia.

## 1.9 Recommendations for CRS: Aiding in recommendations stated for the Host.

## 1.10 Press Release

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **[Miami, Florida] Area Volunteer Travels to [Ethiopia] to Share Skills with Local Farmers**

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

[Todd Walton], a [Fruit Crop Expert] from [Miami, Florida] travelled to [Ethiopia] for [nearly 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.

**“[With modern horticulture advances added with determination and perseverance , that the future DA’s and college instructors have been taught during my time in Agarfa ATVET College, increasingly have the ability to revolutionize both the local and export industry of fruit crop in Ethiopia. ],” said [Todd Walton].**

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], [Todd Walton] worked with [Agarfa ATVET College] in [All aspects of pre-harvest of fruit tree crops] training and giving technical assistance to [College Professor’s and College Students] to enable them to [practice and be educated in modern fruit tree pre harvest technology and horticultural practices]. Up to [254] beneficiaries were reached.**

[Todd Walton]'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](http://farmertofarmer.crs.org)

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