

**VOLUNTEER REPORT FORMAT**

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

**1.1 Assignment information: KE28**

- a) Volunteer Name: Todd Walton
- b) Host Organization: Good Neighbors Enterprise
- c) Assignment: Macadamia Nut Grafting
- d) Dates of Assignment: August 3-16, 2015
- e) Number of days worked 7

**1.2.1 Objective 1 in your SOW**

- a) Progress with the objective – Taught and demonstrated modern grafting technologies
- b) Expected impacts/results – Significantly improved grafting success in macadamia nut
- c) Recommendations<sup>1</sup> - Use of grafting knives, proper scion selection, use of different grafting method when needed.

**1.2.2 Objective 2 in your SOW**

- a) Progress with the objective – promoted and distributed tissue culture banana trees
- b) Expected impacts/results – livelihood for farmers, allows farmers to start with best possible high earning crop plants
- c) Recommendations – plant and maintain by way of natural resources such as compost, as demonstrated.

**1.2.3 Objective 3 in your SOW**

- a) Progress with the objective – Confirmed demand for papaya fruit, taught how to plant and maximize benefit of land during plant vegetative growth period. (planting papaya between macadamia nut trees for first three years will provide income for the land.
- b) Expected impacts/results – provide good income when macadamia nut trees are too small to produce
- c) Recommendations – sources hybrid, but non gmo varieties of papaya, that are resistant to papaya ringspot viroid.

**1.3 Action Plan**

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
1. Utilize natural resources to make compost to be used as soil amendment.	Increased use of existing compost pit	Zippy Butita Agoi	ASAP

<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.

2. Diversification of fruits grown	Source and experiment with recommend tropical fruits for the specific climate and market available	Zippy Butita Agoi	ASAP
3. Utilize new grafting practices	Allow members of good neighbors time to practice new grafting methods	Zippy Butita Agoi	ASAP
4. Maximize usage of land	Plant papaya between macadamia trees	Zippy Butita Agoi	ASAP
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#### 1.4 Number of people Assisted

- a) Through formal training
- b) Through direct technical assistance (Do not double count) **~40 for A and B**
- c) Out of these above, number of host staffs **~10**
- d) Training/assistance by field

Category	Total	Males	Females
Members/ owners	30		
Employees	10		
Clients/ Suppliers			
Family Members			
Total	40		

#### 1.5 Gender

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

Zippy is the founder of my host organization good neighbors. Beyond that she is a proud community leader who was a business woman in Nairobi and decided to move back to the village she grew up in to help the people in agriculture. She is very well respected, I'd even say more respected than her husband. Apart from zippy the gender roles primarily seemed undiscrimatory.

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 \$600 (books and horticulture tools and grafting supplies)



- a. Hours volunteer spent preparing for assignment – 40hours
- b. Estimated value of all material contributions volunteer contributed to host during assignment- \$600 (books and horticulture tools and grafting supplies)

1.7 Value of hosts' contribution in \$ (Please consult the host as well) – Host was already reimbursed

- 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. n/a

1.9 Recommendations for CRS: n/a

1.10 Press Release

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[Todd Walton], a [Fruit Tree Specialist] from [Miami, Florida] travelled to [Kenya] for [2] 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.

**“[Tissue Culture bananas are significantly improving the livelihood of farmers in western Kenya],” 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 [Kenya], [Todd Walton] worked with [Good Neighbors] in [Macadamia nut tree propagation] training and giving technical assistance to [community members] to enable them to [propagate fruit trees]. Up to [40] beneficiaries were reached.

[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.”

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