

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: James Worstell
- b) Host Organization: Tanzanian Episcopal Conference and Oldeani Farm
- c) US State of origin: Arkansas
- d) Assignment: TZ130
- e) Dates of Assignment: January 24-February 8.
- f) Number of days worked: 12

1.2.1 Objective 1 in your SOW: Develop a 3-5 year strategic business plan building on existing dairy and grain production at Oldeani Farm to complement intensification of coffee production and marketing.

- a) Progress with the objective: Completed in full.
- b) Expected impacts/results: A new profit center for Oldeani Farm as well as other potential farm enterprise businesses.
- c) Recommendations: Implement action plans as agreed and welcome new advisors and staff

1.3 Action Plan

Recommendation	Detailed in section	Summary	Responsible persons
1 Action plan for genetic improvement of dairy herd	Section 4	Page 21	Manager and workers
2 Action plan for bred heifer unit	Section 5	Page 25	Manager and workers
3 Action plan for dairy milk expansion	Section 6	Page 27	TEC and Manager
4 Action plan for forage improvement	Section 7	Page 32	Manager and workers
5 Recommendations for grains	Section 8	Page 40	TEC and Manager
6 Action Steps for Horticulture Expansion	Section 9	Page 51	TEC
7 Recommendations for management change	Section 11	Pp. 58-59	TEC
8 Recommendations for small holder plots	Section 12	Page 56	TEC and Manager

1.4 Number of people Assisted

- a) Through formal training
- b) Through direct technical assistance (Do not double count)
- c) Out of these above, number of host staffs
- d) Training/assistance by field

Category	Total	Males	Females



Formal	7	5	2
Informal	47	22	25
Total	54	27	27

1.5 Gender

- a) What gender roles did you recognize in your host community? Did these roles play a part in your assignment? How? At the host organization, program managers were mostly women. On the farm, womens' role seems to be taking care of the household and garden plots. Farm managers and manual workers were men. Office workers were women. Kitchen and garden workers were male and female. I worked mainly with farm managers, so the main recipients were male.
- b) How might CRS or the host organization improve opportunities for the women in this host or host community? The host organization seems to be doing a marvelous job in advancing women into positions of authority.

1.6 Value of volunteer contribution in \$ 0

- a. Hours volunteer spent preparing for assignment 45
- b. Estimated value of all material contributions volunteer contributed to host during assignment

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

These figures are not available to me.

Please contact Oleani farm and TEC for these figures. Generous meals, reliable transportation, and superb accommodations were provided by the host at no small cost.

- 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. All information was correct.

1.9 Recommendations for CRS:

Provide airtell modem instead of Vodaphone for this location.
Insure contact of volunteer with TEC before going to field.

1.10 Press Release

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Jim Worstell, a researcher from **Almyra, Arkansas** travelled to **Tanzania** for two weeks to share his technical skills and expertise with local farmers. Jim'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.

"The Tanzanians I met were hard working people with a great community spirit," said Jim.

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 **Tanzania**, **Jim** worked with Tanzanian Episcopal Conference and Oldeani Farm in strategic planning training and giving technical assistance to farmers to enable them to improve productivity of their farm enterprises. Up to 546 beneficiaries will be assisted as trainees reach all the residents of the farm.

Jim'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

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