



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: David Ringuette
- b) Host Organization: Mamas income generation group Goma and Msindo
- c) State of origin Hawaii
- d) Assignment: Small holder training on Agriculture best practices
- e) Dates of Assignment: 10/29-11/23/15
- f) Number of days worked 18

1.2.1 Objective 1 in your SOW Soil Fertility

- a) Progress with the objective Trainees were exposed to crop nutritional requirements and the benefits of incorporating organic matter
- b) Expected impacts/results farmers began composting
- c) Recommendations¹

1.2.2 Objective 2 in your SOW IPM basics

- a) Progress with the objective An understanding of proper chemical use was covered
- b) Expected impacts/results Farmers understand the when and how to control pests
- c) Recommendations

1.2.3 Objective 3 in your SOW Record Keeping

- a) Progress with the objective Farmers made maps of their fields and an outline of inputs/outputs
- b) Expected impacts/results Farmers now have a record for making better decisions
- c) Recommendations

1.3 Action Plan *developed by participants*

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
1.Goma and Msindo Make Compost	Collect material & prepare area	everyone	12/1/15
2.Goma & Msindo Practice IPM	Identify pest Choose correct method of control	everyone	now
3.Goma Thin crops	Cut plants out	everyone	now
4.			
5.			
6.			

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.



1.4 Number of people Assisted

- a) Through formal training 89
- b) Through direct technical assistance (Do not double count) 9
- c) Out of these above, number of host staffs
- d) Training/assistance by field

Category	Total	Males	Females
Members/ owners	89	15	74
Employees			
Clients/ Suppliers			
Family Members			
Total			

1.5 Gender

- a) What gender roles did you recognize in your host community? Did these roles play a part in your assignment? How? BOTH GROUPS WERE 90% WOMEN
- b) 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 \$ 30

- a. Hours volunteer spent preparing for assignment 30
- b. Estimated value of all material contributions volunteer contributed to host during assignment 30

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

- a) Meals
- b) Transportation \$20
- c) Lodging
- d) Translation \$100
- e) Other (Specify) Venue \$120

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. NONE

1.9 Recommendations for CRS:

Some farmers walked up to one hour to attend training sessions, often in the rain. The attendees were older and not accustomed to note taking and learning in a "classroom" environment. It is my opinion that there needs to be more one on one training on their farms. The downside is that only a select group will receive the information and the number of trained people will be less due to time and logistics.

Insure phone and internet service are adequate for the time the volunteer is at site

More supplies for presentation needed

1.10 Press Release



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David Ringuette, a Professor Emeritus/Farmer from Honolulu, HI travelled to Tanzania for 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.

“This experience taught me how arduous and fragile farming is here in Tanzania yet the people are joyous, friendly and productive.” said David Ringuette.

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, David Ringuette worked with Mamas Income Generation group of Goma and Msindo villages in Agricultural Best Practices training and giving technical assistance to Farmers to enable them to become more food secure and generate income. Up to 80 beneficiaries were reached.



David Ringuette’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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