

**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: Scott C Tilton
- b) Host Organization: Stawi Foods and Fruit
- c) Assignment: KE38
- d) Dates of Assignment: June 8 – 27, 2016
- e) Number of days worked: 16

**1.2.1 Objective 1 in your SOW**

- a) Progress with the objective: After 5 days of observations of plant manufacturing procedures, I conducted 8 days of training in GMPs, SSOPs and HACCP principles
- b) Expected impacts/results: Eventual HACCP Certification of the Company
- c) Recommendations<sup>1</sup>

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
1. Stawi to write GMPs and SSOPs based on training and action plan provided to the company. Implement the HACCP plan described during training sessions	Write and implement plans	Eric Muthomi	Start ASAP, but there are extensive improvements in the facility required that will take time and resources.

**1.4 Number of people Assisted**

- a) Through formal training: 5
- b) Through direct technical assistance (Do not double count)
- c) Out of these above, number of host staffs 5
- d) Training/assistance by field

Category	Total	Males	Females
Members/ owners	0	Owner did not participate in training	
Employees	5	3	2
Clients/ Suppliers	0		
Family Members	0		
Total	5		

**1.5 Gender**

<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.



- a) What gender roles did you recognize in your host community? Did these roles play a part in your assignment? How? All the employees were treated similarly, with no distinction based on gender. They all performed the various responsibilities required at each stage of operations.
- b) How might CRS or the host organization improve opportunities for the women in this host or host community? I personally don't think this is an issue for this particular assignment.

1.6 Value of volunteer contribution: \$ 10,000 This is a conservative figure, based on a consulting fee of \$80/hour for 16 eight hour days. There was extensive preparation of materials prior to arrival to the assignment. If that time is included, the actual value is \$20,000.

- a. Hours volunteer spent preparing for assignment: 120 hours
- b. Estimated value of all material contributions volunteer contributed to host during assignment \$200

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

- a) Meals I also spend \$100 on food for breaks for the employees. The host did not provide any meals.
- b) Transportation \$15 for one taxi ride back to hotel. CRS paid taxi fare
- c) Lodging Stawi did not provide lodging. CRS provided this
- d) Translation None
- e) Other (Specify) none

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. I was expecting that the host's CEO would participate in the training. He would have benefited from having done so.

1.9 Recommendations for CRS: Expand orientation to include introduction to staff, the mission of CRS and its history.

1.10 Press Release

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

**Scott C Tilton**, an artist from **Rockland, Maine** travelled to **Kenya** for **3** weeks to share histechnical 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 was an outstanding opportunity for me to share my knowledge of Food Safety with a local producer in Kenya."** said Tilton. **"I have always wanted to explore Kenya; learn about its culture and interact with some of its people. This program provided me with the means to do that, all while making a positive and practical difference. I am very grateful for the ministry of Catholic Relief Services for making this wonderful experience possible".**

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 **Nairobi**, **Tilton** worked with **Stawi Foods and Fruits** in hygeinic food production training and giving technical assistance to **the Stawi employees** to enable them to eventually achieve HACCP Certification and expand to overseas markets. Five employees were trained in HACCP principles over an eight days preiod.

Tilton'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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