



VOLUNTEER REPORT FORMAT

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

1.1 Assignment information: UG27

- a) Volunteer Name: **David Wagner**
- b) Host Organization: **Twezimbe Area Cooperative Enterprise**
- c) Assignment: **Write a 5- Year Strategic Plan**
- d) Dates of Assignment: **July 13 to 29**
- e) Number of days worked **17**

1.2.1 Objective 1 in your SOW.- **Establish a 5- Year Strategic Plan**

Progress with the **objective - Wrote and presented a 25 page document -5 -Year Strategic Plan**

- a) Expected impacts/results - **Increase production of maize and beans of 30% each of the next 5 years**
- b) Recommendations<sup>1</sup> - **Adhere to the plan**

1.2.2 Objective 2 in your SOW - Train **Management Team on proper business procedures and policies**

- a) Progress with the objective - **Held over training sessions on basic business principles for the agriculture sector and their member farmers**
- b) Expected impacts/results - **Management will train 6 extension officers to relay information to approx. 3,700 farms and farmers**
- c) Recommendations – **Communicate to individual farmers the basic business principles to apply.**

1.2.3 Objective 3 in your SOW – **Established a marketing Team to call on the major economic centers in Uganda**

- a) Progress with the objective- **Team is ready to start after the receive the crop production numbers from there member farmers**
- b) Expected impacts/results - **Sale of over 18,000 ton of maize and 1,300 kilos of Beans**
- c) Recommendations - **Put pressure on farmers to give the marketing the projected production to go out and sell**

1.3 Action Plan

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
Marketing Team	Create a marketing team to call on all economic centres in Uganda	Managers of the cooperative	August 2015
Funding	Contact prospective donors and financial Institutions and	Managers of the cooperative	August/ September 2015

<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.



	present them with the strategic plan requesting for funding		
Increase Production of Maize and beans through Limited mechanization	Schedule Tractors and trucks on feasible schedule	Management	As soon as Mechanization is available

1.4 Number of people Assisted

- a) Through formal training: 12
- 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	5	4	1
Employees	7	5	2
Clients/ Suppliers			
Family Members			
Total	12	9	3

1.5 Gender

- a) What gender roles did you recognize in your host community? Did these roles play a part in your assignment? How? **Shared management and responsibilities**
- b) How might CRS or the host organization improve opportunities for the women in this host or host community? **Encourage board to hire more women in the future**

1.6 Value of volunteer contribution in \$ **705**

- a. Hours volunteer spent preparing for assignment **12**
- b. Estimated value of all material contributions volunteer contributed to host during assignment **0**

1.7 Value of hosts' contribution in \$ **870.98**

- a) Meals: 193.55
- b) Transportation for participants: 580.65
- c) Lodging
- d) Translation: \$ 80.65
- e) Other (Specify): Farmer Mobilization- \$ 16.13

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:

**Next step for the cooperative will be to start food processing enterprises. A business plan will have to be written**

1.10 Press Release

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Phoenix, Arizona Area Volunteer Travels to Uganda to Share Skills with Local Farmers Kiboga District Uganda**

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

**David Wagner** a Farmer to Farmer Consultant traveled from **Phoenix Arizona, to Uganda** for [3] weeks to share his technical skills and expertise with local farmers. Twezimbe Area Cooperative Enterprise'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 Cooperative movement in Uganda will enhance agriculture development for next century”** said **David Wagner**

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 **Uganda**, David Wagner worked with Twezimbe Area Cooperative Enterprise in **Cooperative business** training and giving technical assistance to enable them to **increase production by 30% per year through mechanization and marketing**. A total of 12 beneficiaries were trained including the management staff and board members. The information will be disseminated Up to **3,700 rural farmers. Feeding a total of 10,000 families**

David'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 Agric-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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