

An important note about personal days:

Farmer to farmer volunteers often request to add on personal days to their assignment for sightseeing and other activities. CRS F2F is happy to facilitate these requests and we do so, in accordance with our donor guidelines on allowable costs.

Below are a few items to note if you are considering taking personal days during your upcoming farmer to farmer assignment:

- Please notify your recruiter <u>as soon as possible</u> if you are planning on adding personal days to your assignment.
- <u>Travel cost</u>: CRS will cover the baseline fare (the most economical option to get the volunteer to and from country for the agreed upon assignment dates). The volunteer will be asked to cover any cost above the baseline fare that occur as a result of the new travel dates. The overage is usually minimum to none, unless travel dates/itineraries vary drastically.
- <u>Accommodation, per diem and transport</u>: CRS Farmer to Farmer will cover the cost of volunteer lodging until the agreed upon end date of a volunteer's assignment. Volunteers are responsible for arranging their own lodging for their personal days. Similarly, while CRS F2F can commit to transporting volunteers to the airport on the day their assignment ends, we are unable to do so after your personal days.
- <u>Timing personal days</u>: It is preferred that volunteers take personal days at the <u>end</u> of their assignment and not before, since there are mandatory security orientation sessions etc. that need to take place within 48 hours of a volunteer's arrival in country.
- <u>Insurance</u>: Volunteers are insured up till the end of their agreed upon assignment date and will have to obtain separate insurance for their personal days. CRS recommends international SOS. You can purchase personal travel insurance at this link:

https://buymembership.internationalsos.com/

 In the event of any travel emergencies: Volunteers are responsible for their own costs and arrangements to return home in the event of any travel related emergencies such as missed flights etc. CRS will support with the logistical arrangements, but, any additional costs will have to be borne by the volunteer.