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The John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer Program (F2F) provides technical assistance from highly-skilled U.S. volunteers to farmers, farm groups, agribusinesses, service providers and other agriculture sector institutions in developing and transitional countries. The program's goal is to promote sustainable improvements in both food security and agricultural production, processing, and marketing. The F2F program leverages the expertise of volunteers from U.S. farms, universities, cooperatives, private agribusinesses, and nonprofit farm organizations to respond to local needs and requests in the host countries. Volunteers, recruited from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, are generally individuals who have domestic careers, farms, and agribusinesses, or are retirees who want to participate in development efforts; they do not have to be overseas development professionals. Typically, volunteers spend 16 to 20 days in the host country.

The F2F Program was initially authorized by Congress in the 1985 Farm Bill and is funded through Title V of Public Law 480. The U.S. Congress designated it the "John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter F2F Program" in honor of one of the pilots killed on September 11, 2001 and of former Congressman Bereuter, who initially sponsored the program.

WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

Volunteers work on a wide range of activities to provide assistance requested by host organizations such as: private farmers, cooperatives, community groups, credit institutions, extension services, input supply firms, agribusinesses and others. Assignments involve technology transfer, business planning, organizational strengthening, marketing, and environmental conservation. Local F2F offices identify and work with hosts to design demand-driven assignments, provide logistics and translation services when needed, and follow up on implementation of volunteer recommendations.

Volunteers help individuals and organizations build local institutions and make connections to resolve local problems. This has direct impacts, increasing sales for assisted host organizations by over \$415 million and raising incomes by \$70 million over the past five year program alone. Volunteers have completed over 19,000 assignments in more than 115 countries since the program began in 1985. Volunteers themselves learn much from the assignments, including new technologies and approaches, trade contacts and professional career development.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

In October 2018, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) initiated a new phase of the F2F Program. From 2018 to 2023, the program will provide technical assistance services from over 3,200 volunteer assignments for international agricultural development. Volunteers work in over 35 core countries. The organizations implementing F2F work closely with overseas USAID Missions and local partner organizations, supporting a variety of development programs to reduce poverty and promote sustainable food security and resilience.

Programs include: dairy development, horticulture, access to finance, food safety, aquaculture, cooperative development, education and other activities that improve farmer livelihoods. An important aspect of the F2F Program is the opportunity for cross-cultural exchange and understanding. The Program promotes peace and prosperity and an understanding of American values.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

If you are interested in volunteering, collaborating with F2F, or receiving assistance from a volunteer technical expert, please visit www.farmer-to-farmer.org or contact the organizations listed on the back page of this brochure. Flexible assignments are available that offer opportunities beyond those in the core sectors and countries.



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CORE COUNTRY PROJECTS

ACDI-VOCA

Tajikistan: Rural Enterprise Development
Kyrgyzstan: Rural Enterprise Development, Ag Education and Training
Georgia: Food Safety, Rural Enterprise Development
Armenia: Rural Enterprise Development

Catholic Relief Services, CRS

Benin: Cashew, Soybeans
Ethiopia: Livestock, Crops
Nepal: Livestock, Crops
Rwanda: Horticulture, Maize
Uganda: Livestock, Agribusiness Development
Timor-Leste: Modernizing Agriculture

CNFA

Madagascar: Horticulture, Rice, Livestock, Aquaculture
Malawi: Horticulture, Aquaculture, Legumes
Mozambique: Horticulture, Poultry, Services
Zambia: Horticulture, Legumes, Aquaculture
Zimbabwe: Horticulture, Livestock/Dairy, Legumes
Moldova: Organic Agriculture, Livestock/Dairy

IESC

Kenya: Access to Finance
Tanzania: Access to Finance
Sri Lanka: Access to Finance

NCBA CLUSA

Peru: Coffee
Ecuador: Coffee, Cacao

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Bangladesh: Food Safety and Quality
Egypt: Food Safety and Quality
Lebanon: Food Safety and Quality

Partners of the Americas

Colombia: Rural Enterprise Development
Dominican Republic: Youth Development in Agriculture, Rural Adaptation and Resilience
Guatemala: Rural Enterprise Development, Horticulture
Guyana: Livestock, Horticulture
Jamaica: Resilience, Livestock & Aquaculture
Burma: Agroforestry

WINROCK

Ghana: Postharvest Strengthening
Guinea: Ag Education & Training, Rural Livelihood Development
Mali: Rural Livelihood Development
Nigeria: Ag Education & Training
Senegal: Ag Education & Training, Postharvest Strengthening

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AGRICULTURAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY PROJECT

The Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) Agricultural Volunteer Opportunity Program (AVOP), implemented by Partners of the Americas, administers small grants to: test innovative approaches to use volunteers, draw from non-traditional volunteer sources, develop capacity of non-traditional volunteer organizations, and address niche agricultural sector problems. AVOP also supports F2F core implementing partners through knowledge management and capacity development activities. For a list of current small grants and information on the next small grant application opportunity, please see the F2F website: www.farmer-to-farmer.org

SPECIAL COUNTRY PROJECTS

High Atlas Foundation

Morocco: Sustainable Agriculture

Grameen Foundation

Philippines: Coconut



"These assignments have been the most professionally and personally rewarding of any work I have ever completed. Our work touches thousands of individuals and families and is most humbling."

- Dr. David Henzler, F2F Volunteer



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"Before volunteers from Farmer-to-Farmer came, the situation with bees was not good. But after trainings from them, I can now send my children to school and take care of my family. Before I could not even dream about owning a donkey and now I have a motorcycle. And I have more dreams. This makes me proud."
- Haitian Beekeeper

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