

Farmer-to-Farmer for Agriculture Education & Training

The Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) Program, funded globally by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides volunteer technical assistance to farmers, agribusinesses, and education and extension providers in developing countries to promote sustainable improvements in the agricultural sector.

Since 1991, Winrock volunteers have completed over 5,000 assignments in 58 countries.

FAST FACTS

DONOR: US Agency for International Development (USAID)

TIMEFRAME: Oct 2013 – Sept 2018

FUNDING LEVEL: \$8 million

LOCATION: Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal

TARGET BENEFICIARIES: More than 67 AET providers who serve more than 60,500 farmers and students

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The F2F Program for Agriculture Education and Training (F2F for AET) leverages the expertise of skilled volunteers to strengthen agricultural institutions in West Africa, thus equipping a new generation of agriculture educators, technicians, and farmers to address evolving agricultural sector challenges.

Project Goal/Objectives

F2F for AET activities contribute towards the following program outcomes:

- Strengthened alignment of AET curricula and government policies/initiatives and the private sector labor market
- Increased private sector involvement in AET delivery
- Strengthened diversification of resources to support formal and informal AET

The program also contributes to an overarching objective to increase Americans' understanding of international development issues and programs, and international audiences' understanding of the U.S. and U.S. development programs.

Activities

From October 2013 - September 2018, Winrock expects to mobilize 300 volunteers to provide training and technical assistance to formal AET institutions (e.g., universities and training centers) as well as producer groups and service providers working directly with smallholder farmers. F2F assistance includes:

- Support to school administration on planning and assessments, partnership development, fundraising, monitoring and evaluation, etc.
- Training and support to build faculty and trainer pedagogical skills and to develop experiential learning opportunities for students
- Training-of-trainers and curriculum development support to introduce new and improved agricultural technologies and practices

Results

As of March 2017, 188 volunteers have directly assisted 8,332 individuals (34% women) in Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal, Mali, and Rwanda. Volunteers have supported 91 host organizations, including farmers federations, associations/cooperatives, and agribusinesses providing AET services to farmers, as well as public and private education institutions.

F2F helped form a network of AET stakeholders in Guinea. Within one year, the network mobilized 26,000,000 GNF in membership fees and annual dues. Members are working together to improve

AET within the country. A similar network has been established in Nigeria.

As a result of F2F assistance, host organizations have demonstrated tangible improvements in AET delivery. For example, host organizations have:

- Built skills of over 190,000 teachers/ trainers, extension agents, students, and farmers
- Introduced over 100 new or improved training programs, curricula, and services
- Established new partnerships to leverage \$920,000 in funding or other resources to support AET programs
- Improved and evaluated teaching methods to increase student success



“THE F2F SUPPORT HAS IMPROVED THE ABILITY OF THE COLLEGE TO PROVIDE AET IN MANY WAYS. WE ARE NOW MORE THAN EVER BETTER POSITIONED TO TRAIN OUR STUDENTS IN BEST PRACTICES IN AGRICULTURE.”

- MR. ARIYO OKUNLOLA, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE PLANNING, OYO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

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