



# West Africa Farmer-to-Farmer

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 6,600 assignments in 59 countries – including Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, and Senegal.

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## FAST FACTS

**DONOR:** US Agency for International Development (USAID)

**U.S. PARTNERS:** National Peace Corps Association, Browse & Grass Growers Cooperative

**TIMEFRAME:** Oct 2018 – Sept 2023

**FUNDING LEVEL:** \$12.25 million


**LOCATION:** Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal

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## Program Goal

The F2F Program goal is to generate sustainable, broad-based economic growth in the agricultural sector. The program also contributes to an overarching goal to increase the American public's understanding of international development issues and programs, and international understanding of the United States and U.S. development programs. F2F activities introduce innovation and develop local capacity for more productive, profitable, sustainable, and equitable agricultural systems while providing opportunity for cross-border people-to-people interaction.

Winrock's West Africa F2F Program leverages the expertise of skilled volunteers to strengthen agricultural institutions in West Africa, thus equipping a new generation of agriculture educators, technicians, farmers, and agribusinesses to address evolving agricultural sector challenges. Volunteer assignments contribute towards addressing critical needs – such as reducing poverty, providing essential services and technologies to smallholders, and educating young women and men for meaningful and productive work.



For more info, visit:  
[winrock.org/volunteer](http://winrock.org/volunteer)

## Activities

From October 2018 - September 2023, Winrock expects to mobilize more than 300 volunteers to provide training and technical assistance to support the following focus areas:

- **Improved agriculture education and training** (*all countries*) – working with schools, public and private extension providers, and farmers groups to successfully equip a cadre of trainers and young people to address agriculture challenges
- **Rural livelihood development** (*Guinea & Mali*) – to expand livelihood opportunities for rural smallholders (particularly women & youth) by enabling them to diversify income streams and meet market expectations
- **Postharvest quality** (*Ghana & Senegal*) – to address issues of postharvest waste, quality control, and value addition to increase availability of nutritious foods and food products, improve food safety, and increase incomes

## Remote Paired Volunteering

In response to the travel restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the F2F program has shifted to a remote paired volunteer model whereby a U.S.-based volunteer is paired with a local volunteer and provides training virtually. To learn more about the remote paired volunteer model please visit our website.



## Results

As of October 2021, West Africa F2F has achieved the following results:

- **3,175 days** of time donated by American volunteers
- **105 host organizations** supported
- **5,357 individuals** trained
- **145,942 individuals** benefitting from F2F assistance (directly or indirectly)
- **136 agricultural products or services** newly introduced or improved by host organizations

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“VOLUNTEERING HAS BECOME THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY YEAR. IT BRINGS TRANSFORMATION ALL AROUND – FOR ME AND THOSE I VISIT.”  
- ONESIMUS OTIENO

## Diversity & Inclusion Initiative

USAID is partnering with Winrock to increase diversity and inclusion in the USAID Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) program. This pilot will run through the end of 2022 and will increase outreach to and partnership with Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) led and affiliated organizations, minority-serving institutions (MSIs), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), diaspora organizations, and others.

Anticipated outcomes of the Diversity & Inclusion Initiative include:

- Expanded recruitment base and productive connections within the F2F program
- New partnerships with MSIs, HBCUs, and BIPOC and AAPI led and affiliated organizations
- Increased volunteer participation of skilled and diverse technical experts from BIPOC and historically under-represented groups
- Public outreach to a diverse set of stakeholders on partnership and work of volunteers