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Request for Technical Assistance Scope of Work Outline

**Title: TOT in Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture and Behavior Change
Assignment Number: GUI208**

I. Executive Summary:

Winrock International requests the support of a Farmer-to-Farmer volunteer for a 16 day volunteer assignment (including travel) located in Dubreka, Guinea. The volunteer will assist in the organization and facilitation of a week-long Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture through Behavior Change Training of Trainers (TOT) for Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) and their host country national counterparts. The TOT in Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture and Behavior Change is organized in collaboration with Peace Corps/Washington in order to support the initiative of PNIASA (*Politique Nationale des Investissements Agricoles et de la Securite Alimentaire*) to significantly reduce the number of malnourished people in Guinea through community participatory projects assisted by Peace Corps Volunteers placed in remote areas of Guinea.

Malnutrition and preventable early child deaths is a predominant issue in Guinea. In Guinea, malnutrition is a quiet killer that many believe it is the cause of one-third of all child deaths, yet it is rarely listed as a cause of death in and of itself. Inadequate nutrition can weaken the immune system to the point where it is unable to fight off disease, making children and in particular, pregnant women, most vulnerable to common illnesses. Improved nutrition is a primary objective of both the Guinean Ministries of Health and of Agriculture and thus is a primary objective for both Peace Corps Guinea's Public Health and AgroForestry sectors, which both work to provide education and facilitation to guide people in working to not only learn to grow better food, but how to best prepare it for consumption as well as for conservation.

This workshop is to provide education on one objective from two different perspectives: nutrition. Both PCVs and Host Country Nationals will be trained not only on the critical need for good nutrition, but the nutritional qualities of a variety of foods, how to best produce them, how to grow different products that are not typically found on the local market, and how to conserve them for home consumption and for marketing throughout the seasons when production of various products are limited. Behavior change strategies will be emphasized for the purpose of maintaining an ongoing dialogue and sensitization with the community in order to realize the change in what they produce and what they eat.

This meeting aims to improve nutrition in the community through the nutrition sensitive agriculture approach and behavior change strategies for the benefit of vulnerable people in the community. During four days of training, PCVs and their counterparts will discuss nutrition issues in their communities.

The F2F volunteer will serve as the lead training; with co-facilitation and training support from Peace Corps Managers and/or Trainers.

The volunteer should have the following qualifications and background:

- University degree in food science/nutrition or another related field
- Extensive experience or training in nutrition

- Training experience
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- French language skills are a plus but translation will be provided if necessary

II. Background:

a. *Brief summary of the sector/value chain: constraints, opportunities, stakeholders, etc. –as related to the statement of need for the SOW:*

In Guinea farmers are producing vegetable crops but not consuming a lot of them, they are sent to urban markets to sell. According to the Global Vulnerability, Food Security and Nutrition Analysis (AGVSAN) conducted by the Guinean Government with the support of WFP and its other partners in April-May 2018, 21.8% (or 2.4 million people) were food insecure in the 2018 offseason, of which 2.4% (272,585 people) were severely food insecure, out of a total population of 11.5 million).

The major constraints related to nutrition in Guinea are farmers and households lack of proper nutrition knowledge, access to foods and means to buy nutritious food and the traditions against behavior change. Even if they grow foods, they sell them. Therefore, some opportunities lay ahead, PCVs are working side by side with their host country counterparts to continue training after this training of trainers workshop. PCV will train the host country work partners on nutrition and need to change traditions and behavior. The stakeholders for this workshop are PCVs host country national producers, PC staff, Government of Guinea that wants to end malnutrition and the agriculture and nutrition research institutions and schools.

b. *Brief summary of any other USAID or other donor-funded work in similar areas/topics in country:*
PC works with UC Davis Agriculture and marketing project to build volunteer capacity in four conservation techniques; and with Winrock International in providing training for Volunteers in service.

c. *If this is a follow-on assignment or if there is a previous F2F assignment that is related to this host and/or sector, please provide a brief summary of the assignment(s) including the assignment number*
N/A

III. Host Information:

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| Host Organization Name: | Peace Corps Guinea | | Address: | Touyah, Corniche Nord, pres de la plage Rogbane | |
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| Title: | Director of Programming and Training (DPT) | | Title: | Program Manager | |
| Gender: | Female | | Gender: | Male | |
| Host Type: | Public Sector Technical Agencies | | | | |
| Have we worked with this host before? | No | | | | |
| If yes, please include a recent assignment number: | Click here to enter text. | | | | |

Are there local partner organizations collaborating on this assignment? No

IV. Host Organization Profile:

a. *Description of the host, history of enterprise and their long-term objectives. Describe relevant milestones that have led up to the present situation:*

Peace Corps mission in all countries is to promote peace, mutual understanding and technical assistance. In agreement with the Government, Guinea Peace Corps Volunteers work to address the needs of the people in Agroforestry Education in 1963. In 1966 relations between the United States Government and the Government of Guinea deteriorated and volunteers were in and out until 1971. Shortly after the death of President Sekou Toure in 1984, the Guinean government asked the Peace Corps to return to Guinea. Since 1986, the program has been briefly interrupted three times, in 2007 because of the social unrest of the time, in 2009 following military violence in the capital, in July 2014, because of the Ebola Virus. Since 2016 Peace Corps has been working steadily. Peace Corps Guinea now has more than 150 volunteers among which are 80 Agroforestry and Public health field agents.

One of the primary goals of the Peace Corps Guinea is to provide technical assistance for sustainable development of the beneficiary country: they focus this assistance on individuals and communities and not on infrastructure (CP's global budget is \$322 million), help develop local capacities and skills, promote a better understanding of America and its values to other peoples, promote a better understanding of the other peoples of the world by the American people

The philosophy of the Peace Corps is development will not happen if the community is not fully involved. Thus Peace Corps works for behavior change and sustainability by providing support to local initiative and contributions, appropriate technology, gender equity and empowerment and by being in the community, with the people, for a minimum of two years.

Communities must request a volunteer by submitting an application to Peace Corps through its Regional Coordinators and Program Managers. The community must demonstrate need and be able to provide available local resources for working to meet that need as well as housing for the volunteer. Projects to be executed must be consistent and aligned with the priorities of the host government and the Peace Corps capacities.

b. *Number of workers: male, female, education levels, host plans to increase or decrease size of workforce, etc.*

N/A

c. *Market situation: Has a market analysis been done, size of market, existing marketing plans?*

N/A

d. *Description of management capabilities: strengths & weaknesses.*

Volunteers are expected to continue working with their counterparts and other cultivators for the remaining year plus of their service, to be working side by side with the farmers and the health agents in order to assure behavior change through promotion understanding of the causes of malnutrition and its consequences. Thus they will continue to identify the strengths and weaknesses in their project and work to develop the management capacities of their counterpart and CHW to continue production for consumption after their departure.

e. *Pertinent information on local physical setting: infrastructure; availability of electricity water, fuels, etc. and their limitations.*

The training center in Dubreka is easily accessible, less than 50 km from Conakry. The center has the capacity to house up to 80 persons, electricity, AC and internet as well as a generator for when the local

electricity is out. It also has working garden sites for training, as well as a kitchen and water tank for providing semi-potable (treatable) water. Inside there is a large training room with breakout areas on the back porch and the pavilion area primarily used for meals.

V. Expected Beneficiaries:

| Expected training participants/direct recipients of volunteer assistance | # or level | Comments |
|--|---|---|
| Estimated number of assignment participants: | 30 | 15 PCVs and 15 Counterparts |
| Estimated % of women: | 50% | |
| Average education level: | Mixed | 15 PCVs college educated and 15 counterparts non-highly literate or disparate level |
| Average skill level related to the assignment: | Fair | Poor for counterpart and fair for PCVs |
| English-language capability/literacy level (speaking and writing): | Fluent | Fluent for PCVs and poor for counterpart. |
| List experience or prior training on similar topic (what and when): | Gardening Food transformation/ conservation in Dubreka in 2018 12 weeks agricultural / public health training for PCVs | During Pre-Service and In-Service PC conducted training |

Assignment Information

VI. Duration and Dates of Assignment (including travel):

Peace Corps would like to have this training in September 2019

Anticipated In-country schedule is included below:

| Activity | Location | Estimated days |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Travel to destination | Conakry | 2 |
| Meet with F2F staff for introductory briefing and security overview | Conakry | 1 |
| Travel to Dubreka | Dubreka | 1 |
| Preparation for training | Dubreka | 1 |
| Conduct training workshop | Dubreka | 5 |
| Debriefing with host | Conakry/Dubreka | 1 |
| Travel back to Conakry | Dubreka/Conakry | 1 |
| Report writing and development of final deliverables and debriefing with F2F and/or USAID | Conakry/Dubreka | 2 |
| Depart home | Conakry | 2 |

| Activity | Location | Estimated days |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Total number of days | | 16 |

VII. Tasks to be Performed:

Prior to leaving the US, the volunteer is expected to:

- Communicate with F2F Guinea and host staff on planning of training curriculum and training co-facilitation
- Express needs for locally available materials for training
- Develop and provide a draft of training curriculum
- Submit training materials and printed resources for translation

The main tasks of the assignment are to:

- Lead session planning and facilitation
- Develop a plan for delivering and co-facilitating the training with the Peace Corps Program Managers and the technical trainer
- Create and finalize training materials (guides, handouts, manuals,) that can be easily used by Guinea PCVs and their counterparts,
- Provide an end of assignment report that will include both activity and structural recommendations for both Agroforestry and Public Health Volunteers to better promote household nutrition education and behavior change,
- Provide and conduct an action plan sheet to trainees to fill in for use and follow up at site.

VIII. Potential Outcomes and Impacts:

As a result of this assignment, it is expected that the host will be able to:

- Increase knowledge on malnutrition prevention and control,
- selection and production of nutritive products,
- preparation of food to maximize nutritive value,
- transformation and conservation for both personal and marketing use;
- increased variation in products both consumed and produced,
- adoption of malnutrition prevention and control techniques and practices,
- increased nutritious food availability,
- child health and income for mothers through gardening; increased nutrition behavior change communication attendance,
- early detection of malnutrition and appropriate treatment given according to Guinea's national nutrition and Food Security policy;
- PCVs/HCN to develop and implement their own basic nutrition education handout for households (nursing mothers, infants and adults) for cooking women and decision makers or influencers' sensitization; conduct nutrition related behavior change sessions,
- promote less cost balanced diet consumption from self-own grown garden fields, develop and conduct door to door nutrition capacity building curriculum, increase balanced diet consumption awareness among household members,
- promote orange fleshed sweet potato and moringa planting and consumption to nursing mothers against anemia and select nutritious foods to seed, eat and or sell

IX. End of Assignment Report and Other Deliverables Required:

- End of Assignment (EOA) Report (format to be provided by Winrock).
- Training manual and other supporting documents that the host can use to replicate the training in the future
- Action Plan Sheet
- Photos, video, and media files taken in relation to the assignment
- Letter to the Host

X. F2F Pesticide Evaluation Report and Safer Use Action Plan (PERSUAP):

Type 3 Assignments: These volunteers are not expected to be involved in pesticide issues. Items for Type 3 Assignment SOWs:

- The volunteer shall review the F2F Environmental Brochure for F2F Volunteers and be aware of F2F's legal requirements regarding the provision of assistance for the procurement or use of pesticides. The volunteer shall not recommend or provide advice on specific pesticides.

Administrative Information

Date SOW sent to HQ: 6/10/2019

Assignment Site(s): Dubreka

Number of Volunteer Experts Requested: 1

PERSUAP Classification: Type 3

Country F2F Project: Rural Livelihood

Focus Area(s): Nutrition

Commodity Chain Activities: Information and Input Support Services (areas as extension services, input supplies, veterinary services)

Type of Volunteer Assistance: Technology Transfer

Host Plans for Dissemination or Replication of F2F Training:

Peace Corps works to provide annual in-service training in Agricultural and Nutrition to its Volunteers and their HCN Counterparts. The F2F Training will be replicated in each year's training as each year the training will be composed of new Volunteers and Counterparts. In addition, materials and resources provided by F2F will be distributed to all Volunteers online and in manual copy as requested. The training will be replicated to community where peace corps volunteers are based in the country.

Resources to be contributed by the Host:

Estimated value of all those contributions will be as follows:

| Item | Unit Price | Number of unit | Total Price |
|---|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Training center (video projector, flip chart, etc.) | \$ 20.00 | 6 | \$120.00 |
| Volunteer lodging | \$ 33.00 | 8 | \$264.00 |
| Transportation fee and per diem for participants | \$ 20.00 | 15 x 6 | \$ 1,800.00 |
| Other | \$ 60.00 | | \$ 60.00 |
| Total | | | \$ 2,204.00 |