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VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT FORM**

<b>Summary Information</b>	
Assignment Code	TT65
Country	Trinidad & Tobago
Assignment Title	Community Building through Sustainable Food Systems
Best dates for volunteer assignment	After January 2023
Host Organization(s)	<p>The Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago (ASTT) is a national organization representing farmers. A statutory body within the Ministry of Agriculture, the ASTT represents every sector of agriculture. The vision of the group is to position the ASTT as the flagship for agricultural development in Trinidad and Tobago and to reposition the agriculture sector as the engine of growth in the national economy as well as to achieve food security nationally by making local foods available and affordable.</p> <p>The ASTT comprises of a board of directors and ordinary members. Farmers of different backgrounds and in different areas of agriculture form the membership of the group. The dynamic group conducts training programmes, awareness drives, and events as well as representations for its members with respect to various issues within the sector.</p>
<b>Assignment Information</b>	
Objectives and Anticipated Results	<p>The farmers of ASTT would like to develop a sustainable food system in the community through the engagement of its members particularly youth in Eastern Trinidad. To do this they require training in how to collaboratively build and maintain a community food system (garden with vegetables and fruits) using team building, communication, negotiation, and leadership skills. While the members of the ASTT have some experience in these areas, they still require training and additional skills.</p> <p>Therefore, a volunteer is needed to provide training to the ASTT in;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Building a sustainable community food system using: team building, communication skills, negotiation skills, leadership skills</li> </ol> <p>During the training, ASTT members would like to build the community garden as an output. Once this training is provided to the ASTT, the members will be prepared to build, sustain, and maintain their community food system.</p>



Expected Deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hands-on experience – Team building, plan and build a community garden along with members of ASTT</li> <li>• Provide training materials to members for all subjects</li> <li>• Debriefing with country director and Purdue after assignment</li> <li>• F2F Assignment Report and F2F Recommendations Form to be completed at the end of the assignment (completed for debriefing with staff)</li> <li>• Sign-in sheets for training sessions (work with Field Coordinator)</li> <li>• One outreach activity (news article, interview, presentation, etc.)</li> <li>• If applicable, “like” the Purdue F2F Facebook and Twitter pages and share your experience</li> </ul>
Desired volunteer skill/expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 years of experience in team building exercises (to include communication, negotiation, and leadership skills) and community garden design, development, and maintenance</li> <li>• Experience training adults in low-income communities</li> <li>• Experience working in a developing country preferred</li> <li>• Flexibility</li> <li>• Language: Proficient in English</li> </ul>
Training Participants	About 20 participants who are ASTT members
Resources to be Contributed by Hosts and Local Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide in-country transportation, office space for meetings, and facilities for training and/or workshops; and</li> <li>• Provide supplies, equipment, and other resources for training activities.</li> <li>• Access to computer, projector, and screen</li> </ul>
<i>Farmer to Farmer Objective(s)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase agricultural sector productivity and profitability <input type="checkbox"/> Improve conservation and sustainable use of environmental and natural resources <input type="checkbox"/> Expand agricultural sector access to financial services <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen agricultural sector institutions
<i>Type of Volunteer Assistance</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Development <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Enterprise Development <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative
<i>Type of Value Chain Activity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Information and Input Support Services (extension services, input supplies, veterinary services, etc.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Farm Production <input type="checkbox"/> Processing (primary and final product transformation, storage, transportation, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing (branding, advertising, promotion, distribution, sales, etc.)



<p><i>PERSUAP – Volunteer Assignment Type</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Type 1 Volunteers provide direct assistance for the use or procurement of pesticides and are likely to recommend and/or provide advice on specific pesticide active ingredients or products.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Type 2 Volunteers provide indirect assistance for the use or procurement of pesticides; they are not expected to recommend or provide advice on specific pesticide active ingredients or products.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type 3 Volunteers are not expected to be involved in pesticide issues.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Type 4 Volunteers work on a separately-funded USAID project/activity which may have a PERSUAP governing its operations related to the use and procurement of pesticides.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Volunteer Information</b></p>	
<p>Recommended Preparation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please thoroughly read and follow the instructions provided in the volunteer orientation packet.</li> <li>• Let field staff know if you need supplies for your assistance.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Project Overview</b></p>
<p>Trinidad and Tobago is a two-island country of a diverse population with rich history and culture. As an island nation, it is under the constant mercy of changing climate that is affecting natural resources and agriculture. At present, it is a net food importing country forcing the government to refocus its attention on sustainable agriculture as a part of its 2030 country development strategy. The tropical climate and available natural resources, if used properly, can make the country self-sufficient in vegetables, root crops and some fruits with a provision to export value added products. It is an opportune time for F2F volunteers to engage with agriculture extension officers and farmers to impart knowledge and learn about the culture and endurance of Trinbagonians. The objective of the F2F Trinidad and Tobago Country Program is to improve food and nutrition security through productivity, safety, and profitability as well as strengthening the extension service through capacity building.</p>