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VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT FORM**

Summary Information	
Assignment Code	TT66
Country	Trinidad & Tobago
Assignment Title	Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) System
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>
Assignment Information	
Objectives and Anticipated Results	<p>The farmers of ASTT are experiencing problems with profitability and marketing of their products and produce. To address these challenges, they want to explore joint community assisted production and marketing frameworks. In effect, they have requested training to execute these models as they have very little knowledge and experience in this area.</p> <p>Therefore, a volunteer is requested to provide training in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to the US Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Framework 2. How to start, manage, and sustain a successful CSA System <p>Once this training is provided, the members of the ASTT will be better able to jointly market and produce their products and commodities to increase profitability and sustainability of their farms.</p>



<p>Expected Deliverables</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide examples of Community Supported Agriculture System to include marketing, business planning, logistics, set-up of delivery, etc. • Develop a CSA prototype with members of ASTT • Provide training materials to members for all subjects • Debriefing with country director and Purdue after assignment • F2F Assignment Report and F2F Recommendations Form to be completed at the end of the assignment (completed for debriefing with staff) • Sign-in sheets for training sessions (work with Field Coordinator) • One outreach activity (news article, interview, presentation, etc.) • If applicable, “like” the Purdue F2F Facebook and Twitter pages and share your experience
<p>Desired volunteer skill/expertise</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 years of experience in community agriculture marketing and business and CSA Systems • Experience training adults in low-income communities • Experience working in a developing country preferred • Flexibility • Language: Proficient in English
<p>Training Participants</p>	<p>About 20 participants who are ASTT members</p>
<p>Resources to be Contributed by Hosts and Local Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide in-country transportation, office space for meetings, and facilities for training and/or workshops; and • Provide supplies, equipment, and other resources for training activities. • Access to computer, projector, and screen
<p><i>Farmer to Farmer Objective(s)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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
<p><i>Type of Volunteer Assistance</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business/Enterprise Development <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative
<p><i>Type of Value Chain Activity</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Information and Input Support Services (extension services, input supplies, veterinary services, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> On-Farm Production <input type="checkbox"/> Processing (primary and final product transformation, storage, transportation, etc.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marketing (branding, advertising, promotion, distribution, sales, etc.)



<i>PERSUAP – Volunteer Assignment Type</i>	<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. <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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type 3 Volunteers are not expected to be involved in pesticide issues. <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.
Volunteer Information	
Recommended Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please thoroughly read and follow the instructions provided in the volunteer orientation packet. • Let field staff know if you need supplies for your assistance.

Project Overview
<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>