Interested in Volunteering for Farmer-To-Farmer?

Here is a list of FAQ's most often asked by professionals interested in volunteering their knowledge and time

How can I volunteer for the Farmer-To-Farmer program?
Visit the websites of the organizations that implement the Farmer-To-Farmer Program, as listed in Current Programs. You must contact or register with each organization individually to apply for an assignment. This generally involves a simple online application process that includes uploading a description of your professional experience (résumé or CV) and adding your contact information. This will enable the organization to contact you regarding assignments that match your interests and expertise. A willingness to volunteer, however, does not guarantee automatic placement since the process is driven by our overseas clients' demand for particular skills.

In which countries do you need volunteers?
Check the current listing of organizations implementing Farmer-To-Farmer programs, as listed in Current Programs. Contained in that list are the countries in which Farmer-To-Farmer operates worldwide.

What skills are you typically looking for?
Farmer-To-Farmer is always looking for new volunteers to support the program's activities across implementers. We have ongoing needs for experienced professionals with varied skills relating to agriculture – production, post harvest handling, processing, marketing, business development, rural banking and financial services, cooperative and association development, food safety, gender, nutrition, environmental and natural resource management, apiculture, and other technical areas. Volunteers do not have to be currently engaged in agriculture to have relevant skills needed by Farmer-to-Farmer Program host beneficiaries.

How long are the assignments?
Volunteer assignments vary in length, but are typically from 2 to 4 weeks.

Will there be any cost for me to volunteer?
Volunteers contribute their time and expertise while the implementing organization pays for all assignment-related expenses. These include round-trip coach airfare, passport, visas, lodging, meals and incidentals, required immunizations, emergency medical evacuation, and supplemental health insurance, etc.

Do I need to speak the local language?
Foreign language skills are generally not required. In cases where the volunteer does not speak the local language and the in-country host does not speak English, an interpreter is provided.

What kind of housing is provided?
This varies from country to country and depends upon whether you are based in an urban or a rural area. In urban areas, volunteers are typically housed in moderate quality hotels, guesthouses, or apartments that the project leases. In rural areas, you may be asked to stay with the host, or in more rustic settings. Lodging information is provided in the scope of work for each assignment.

May I take my spouse or other family member?
We do not have funding to pay expenses for a spouse or other family member. If you would like to schedule a post-assignment vacation, we encourage family and friends to meet you after you have completed your obligations. Please be aware that activity schedules may change during your assignment, which may cause difficulty in coordinating with people who are not participating in the assignment.

For additional questions, please contact the implementing organization directly