



## AGRICULTURE



## Farmer-to-Farmer (FTF) Program Impacts and Accomplishments

### Overview

From program inception in 1985 through the end of the previous funding cycle in 2008, 37 FTF programs have fielded a total of 12,867 volunteer assignments to 103 countries. The volunteers assisted an estimated 9,393 host organizations and 1.1 million direct beneficiaries. FTF program evaluations have generally been quite positive. The Program has maintained strong support within USAID and from implementing organizations, host organizations receiving volunteers, the US Congress, and participating volunteers.

### Current FTF Program

The current FTF Program began in October 2008 and will continue until September 2013. The 2008 - 2013 Program has targeted conducting 2,949 volunteer trips representing over \$23.8 million in volunteered professional assistance. The Program aims to assist 124,984 direct beneficiaries and increase net annual income of local host organizations by over \$25 million.



Two Farmer-to-Farmer volunteer specialists display the largest eddo (taro) after conducting soil fertility trials together with farmers in Guyana. (photo credit: Partners of the Americas)

Below are Farmer-to-Farmer stories highlighting a selection of program accomplishments:

- [Two Volunteers Reignite Apricot Industry in Tajikistan](#)
- [Senegal: Making the Change to Organic Farming](#)
- [Ghana Farmer-to-Farmer Volunteer Strengthens Business Opportunities](#)
- [Supporting Nepalese Entrepreneurs](#)
- [Beekeeping Improves Lives in Haiti](#)

*"I am a big supporter of US soft diplomacy. Also, I believe that the adoption of appropriate technology in agricultural is absolutely necessary for food security and the well-being of rural people in the developing world. FTF speaks to both of these."*

*-FTF Volunteer*