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**Report on Activities during FY 2011
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*Senegalese Women Examine Millet Ground by the CTI Omega VI Grinder
Courtesy of FtF Volunteer Andrea Brovold*

Introduction:

Over the first six months of FY11 we have deployed 14 volunteers, 11 to Senegal and three to Niger. These volunteers completed 174 volunteer days, donating an estimated \$81,780 worth of professional time. We have deployed seven female volunteers, four minority volunteers and five NCBA member volunteers. 13 of the 14 volunteers were first-time volunteers.

Please see the table below for a breakdown of the volunteer assignments.

Name	Volunteer	Country FTF Project	Assignment Start Date	Assignment End Date	Number of Volunteer Days Completed	Estimated Value of Volunteer Services Leveraged (U.S.\$)	Host(s)
Cooperative Development	Amy Fredregill	Niger	10/2/2010	10/9/2010	8	\$3,760	Bourbourkabe & Djamdjoweye
Improved Millet Harvest/Storage	Prince Addae	Senegal	10/30/2010	11/14/2010	16	\$7,520	Kayemor Village Farmers
Marketing	Mike Harwood	Niger	10/30/2010	11/13/2010	15	\$7,050	Gueriguinde Zarma & Lelehi Koynoungal
Millet Processing	Andrea Brovold	Senegal	11/20/2010	12/1/2010	12	\$5,640	Keur Ali Gueye Village Farmers
Millet Processing	Bamba Ndiaye	Senegal	11/20/2010	12/1/2010	12	\$5,640	Keur Ali Gueye Village Farmers
Millet Processing	Roger Salway	Senegal	11/20/2010	12/1/2010	12	\$5,640	Keur Ali Gueye Village Farmers
Soil Fertility through Conservation Farming	John Grove	Senegal	1/2/2011	1/15/2011	14	\$6,580	Wula Nafaa
Marketing	Maggie Sullivan	Niger	1/8/2011	1/19/2011	12	\$5,640	Bourbourkabe & Djamdjoweye
Organizational Development	Annie Cheatham	Senegal	1/28/2011	2/5/2011	9	\$4,230	CNCR
Organizational Development	Jessica Cook	Senegal	1/28/2011	2/5/2011	9	\$4,230	CNCR
Organizational Development	Claudia Svarstad	Senegal	1/28/2011	2/5/2011	9	\$4,230	CNCR
Processing	Fedelis Besong Arrey	Senegal	2/12/2011	2/27/2011	16	\$7,520	Kayemor Village Farmers

Marketing	Gini Knight	Senegal	2/12/2011	2/26/2011	15	\$7,050	Kayemor Village Farmers
Organic Sorghum Production	Nanga Kaye	Senegal	3/19/2011	4/2/2011	15	\$7,050	PCE
	TOTAL				174	\$81,780	

The most noteworthy technical and management activity we undertook during the reporting period was to suspend our program in Niger. In early January, two French nationals were kidnapped and murdered in the Nigerien capital city of Niamey. Shortly after that event, we evacuated the volunteer who was serving in Niger at the time and made the difficult decision not to send any more volunteers. We will resume sending volunteers to Niger as soon as Peace Corps resumes sending their volunteers. Since that will probably not happen during the current FtF program, we are exploring options for expanding our program to an additional country, most likely Zambia.

We do not have the resources to implement the program in Zambia without a host organization of some kind to provide office space, accounting services and other support. NCBA's PROFIT program in Zambia is ending in September, so they are not a suitable candidate. We are currently negotiating an arrangement with ZAMACE, the Zambian commodities market that PROFIT helped found. Once we have a host organization committed to participating in the program, we will produce a work plan and budget for both Senegal and Zambia.

Volunteer Outreach:

Three articles about our work in Senegal and Niger have appeared online. A sample of the articles are included as Annex One.

Impact Indicator Data:

Estimated Key Ratios:

Cost Per Volunteer: \$11,185

Cost Per Volunteer Day: \$899.98

Cost Per Beneficiary: \$304.66

Although we do not yet have data on increases in income from sales of agricultural produce for our host organizations (see Experience and Issues Identified in Impact Data Collection), we do have some encouraging anecdotal evidence that host organizations are carrying out volunteer recommendations. During her March 2011 trip to Senegal, Assistant Program Manager Sophia Elmore observed or was told about action on the following volunteer recommendations:

Kayemor Village Farmers Group:

- Use triple containment bags to store millet
- Use budget sheets to make more informed business decisions
- Place triple containment bags on pallets
- Store bags from each year's harvest separately

- Keep de-shelling mills clean at all times
- Begin to keep records of their expenses and income
- Grain storage room is regularly cleaned and the bags of grain are removed from the room when the room is sprayed with insecticide

Keur Ali Gueye Village Farmers Group:

- Clean farm tools after working in striga weed infested fields
- Hand pulling striga weeds
- Improving soil fertility with manure

We are hopeful that these positive changes will translate into increases in income from sales of agricultural produce, as well as increased food security from decreases in waste and increases in productivity

Experience and Issues Identified in Impact Data Collection:

We are still waiting for data on sales of agricultural produce from the hosts we have worked with in FY10 and FY11. The end of FY11 will be the end of the first full agricultural year in which we can expect hosts to carry out volunteer recommendations. The harvest of FY10 was too soon after the collection of baseline data for the program to make collecting another data set worthwhile. We will provide data on sales of agricultural produce in our FY11 Annual Report. A serious obstacle to our efforts at impact data collection is the fact that the majority of our beneficiaries are illiterate and do not keep records. We will do the best we can to estimate increases in sales of agricultural produce based on the data we are able to collect. We do have data on volunteer recommendations that our hosts have carried out, which we provide in this Semi-Annual report.

A Word on Double Counting, or, Why Are the Beneficiary Totals Different in Table 1B and Table 3?

In order to prevent double counting of beneficiaries who work with more than one volunteer, we count beneficiaries by host rather than by volunteer assignment. For host organizations that have hosted multiple volunteers, we count only the highest number reported for each category of beneficiary. For example, Volunteer A and Volunteer B both work with the same host organization. Volunteer A reports 15 male direct beneficiaries and Volunteer B reports 10 male direct beneficiaries. In this case, we assume that everyone who went to Volunteer B's training also went to Volunteer A's training, and only count 15 male direct beneficiaries for their host. Table 1B records the beneficiaries by volunteer assignment and includes double counting. Table 3 records the beneficiaries by host and does not include double counting.

Do Our Country FtF Project Strategies and Objectives Remain Viable?

In Senegal, our country strategy appears to remain viable. Working in the millet value chain offers many opportunities for impactful volunteer assignments. That being said, there is great potential for Farmer-to-Farmer volunteers to enhance NCBA's new Yaajende project by providing technical assistance in the corn, sorghum, cowpea, peanut and rice value chains as well as in horticulture. We may produce a formal request to expand our country strategy to additional value chains in the second half of FY11. There is also potential for impact in working with USAID's Economic Growth Project (known by their French acronym PCE), who have expressed a great interest in FtF assistance in the corn and fisheries value chains.

We will propose our country strategy for Zambia shortly after we recruit a suitable host organization. We will probably propose volunteer activities in two or three different areas.

As far as the viability of program objectives goes, we propose to revise some of our program objectives for the following reasons:

1. The end of our program in Niger, combined with the delay before we can start working in another country, has impacted our ability to deploy volunteers at the pace that we originally envisioned. We have added more volunteers to the Senegal program to pick up some of the slack, but with 16 volunteer assignments scheduled in Senegal in FY11, our one program coordinator there has as much work as he can handle.
2. NCBA was not able to start our FtF program until March 8, 2010 and we did not deploy our first volunteers until June 5, 2010. Our program ends on September 29, 2013. This has meant that we have about 3.5 years to meet a set of program objectives that were designed to be met by the four year program that we outlined in our FtF proposal.
3. Our experience has been that in order to expand FtF program participation to women, minorities, first time FtF volunteers and NCBA members as we had originally envisioned, we have had to shorten our volunteer assignments from three weeks to two weeks. It is very difficult for working people with extensive professional and family commitments to leave their homes for more than two weeks, and we have had to adapt accordingly.

Due to the end of our program in Niger, the delay before starting up in another country, the amount of time left before the end of our subcontract and the need for shorter assignments, we propose to modify our program objectives as described on the table on the next page.

	FY10			FY11			FY12			FY13			TOTALS		
	Original Objective	Revised Objective	Actual												
# of Vols	20	6	6	20	23	21	20	23	0	20	18	0	80	70	27
# of Vol Days	420	100	100	420	304	274	420	345	0	420	270	0	1680	1019	374
# of Host Organizations	9	6	6	4	5	5	4	5	0	4	3	0	21	19	11
# of Innovations or Technologies Recommended by Volunteers	67	6	6	67	23	0	67	23	0	67	18	0	268	70	6
# of Volunteer Recommended Innovations or Technologies Adopted	33	4		34	14	10	33	14		34	11		134	42	10
# of Hosts Adopting Volunteer Recommendations	6	4		4	3	2	4	3		7	1		21	11	2
# of Direct Participating Beneficiaries	268	315	315	295	345	428	241	276	0	268	234	0	1072	1170	743
# of Female Volunteers	0	0	0	7	6	8	7	6	0	7	5	0	20	16	8
# of Minority Volunteers	0	0	0	4	3	4	4	3	0	4	3	0	12	10	4

Planned Activities for FY11:

We currently have 4 more volunteers signed up to participate in the program in the remainder of FY11. We anticipate creating at least one new Scope of Work to add to the assignments that we already have planned, for a total of at least 19 volunteers in FY11. The total of 19 volunteers for FY11 does not include any volunteer assignments in Zambia. Our volunteer tracking sheet shows a complete list of volunteers, hosts and assignments. The tracking sheet is in Annex Two.

Program Manager Eric Wallace will travel to the field in Q3 or Q4 of FY11. He and Sophia Elmore will also travel to NCBA's annual meeting in the Twin Cities in October 2011 to recruit volunteers.

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Table 1A

Assignment (Trip) No.	Name	Sex	State of Residence	Zip Code	Occupation Category	Race / Ethnicity	Prior FIF Assignment (Y/N)	Country	Country FIF Project	Assignment Start Date	Assignment End Date	Number of Volunteer Days Completed	Estimated Value of Volunteer Services Leveraged (US\$)	Estimated Value of Host Contribution (US\$)	Type of Volunteer Assistance	Commodity Chain Activities	Host(s)
W-N7	Amy Fredregill	F	MN	55117-5606	C	W/	N	Niger	Ni	10/2/2010	10/9/2010	8	\$3,760	\$0	O	F	Bourbourkabe &
W-N8	Prince Addae	M	MO	63011	P	B/N	N	Senegal	Se	10/30/2010	11/14/2010	16	\$7,520	\$0	T	F	Kayemor Village
W-N9	Mike Harwood	M	CA	95032	P	W/	N	Niger	Ni	10/30/2010	11/13/2010	15	\$7,050	\$1,893	E	M	Gueriguinde Zarma &
W-N10	Andrea Brovold	F	MN	55345	N	W/	N	Senegal	Se	11/20/2010	12/1/2010	12	\$5,640	\$0	T	P	Keur Ali Gueye Village
W-N11	Bamba Ndiaye	M	MN	20189	F	B/N	N	Senegal	Se	11/20/2010	12/1/2010	12	\$5,640	\$0	T	P	Keur Ali Gueye Village
W-N12	Roger Salway	M	MN	55114	N	W/	N	Senegal	Se	11/20/2010	12/1/2010	12	\$5,640	\$0	T	P	Keur Ali Gueye Village
W-N13	John Grove	M	KY	40546-00	E	W/	Y	Senegal	Se	1/2/2011	1/15/2011	14	\$6,580	\$0	T	F	Wula Nafaa
W-N14	Maggie Sullivan	F	IN	47403	P	W/	N	Niger	Ni	1/8/2011	1/19/2011	12	\$5,640	\$1,958	E	M	Bourbourkabe &
W-N15	Annie Cheatham	F	MA	1370	N	W/	N	Senegal	Se	1/28/2011	2/5/2011	9	\$4,230	\$0	O	S	CNCR
W-N16	Jessica Cook	F	MA	1351	G	W/	N	Senegal	Se	1/28/2011	2/5/2011	9	\$4,230	\$0	O	S	CNCR
W-N17	Claudia Svarstad	F	CO	80443	N	W/	N	Senegal	Se	1/28/2011	2/5/2011	9	\$4,230	\$0	O	S	CNCR
W-N18	Fedelis Besong Arrey	M	MD	20774	P	B/N	N	Senegal	Sen	2/12/2011	2/27/2011	16	\$7,520	\$0	T	P	Kayemor Village Farmers
W-N19	Gini Knight	F	WI	53703	F	W/	N	Senegal	Sen	2/12/2011	2/26/2011	15	\$7,050	\$0	E	M	Kayemor Village Farmers
W-N20	Nanga Kaye	M	NC	27513	N	B/N	N	Senegal	Sen	3/19/2011	4/2/2011	15	\$7,050	\$0	T	F	PCE
Total												174	\$81,780	\$3,851			

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1B: Volunteer Assignment Activity Data Milestone 2

Assignment (Trip) No.	Persons Directly Assisted			Persons Trained			Number of Volunteer Recommendations				
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Economic	Organizational	Financial	Environmental	Total
N-N7 (Fredregill)	35	15	50	35	15	50	3	2	2	0	7
N-N8 (Addae)	27	5	32	27	5	32	5	2	0	1	8
N-N9 (Harwood)	80	7	87	35	6	41	4	1	0	3	8
N-N10 (Brovold)	47	73	120	47	73	120	0	0	0	0	0
N-N11 (Ndiaye)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N-N12 (Salway)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
N-N13 (Grove)	56	5	61	56	5	61	0	0	0	1	1
N-N14 (Sullivan)	83	39	122	45	9	54	5	1	0	2	8
N-N15 (Cheatham)	32	12	44	32	12	44	3	12	0	0	15
N-N16 (Cook)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N-N17 (Svarstad)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N-N18 (Arrey)	36	12	48	36	12	48	3	2	0	1	6
N-N19 (Knight)	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	2	10
N-N20 (Kaye)	40	2	42	40	2	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Total	436	170	606	353	139	492	28	22	4	10	64

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Table 2

Host	Country	FTF Project	Institution Type	Date of Baseline Assessment	Potential Beneficiaries					Baseline Data (as appropriate)							
					Members/Owners	Employees	Clients & Suppliers	Family members	Total	Net annual income (US\$)	Annual gross sales (US\$)	Membership	OCAT Rating	Total Value of rural/ agricultural loans (US\$)	Number of rural and/or agricultural loans	Area of control/ influence on environmental / Natural Resource	People with environmental/ safety threat
Bourbourkabe and Djamdjoweye	Niger	Niger	C	4/15-16/2010	112			672	784	N/A	\$20,489	112	2.00	\$9,752	2	N/A	N/A
Kayemor Village Farmers	Senegal	Senegal	C	9/24/2010	60			360	420	\$31,200	\$31,560	60		\$0	0	N/A	N/A
Gueriguinde Zarma and Lelehi Koynoungal	Niger	Niger	C	4/13-14/2010	64			384	448	N/A	\$12,000	64	2.00	\$6,872	2	N/A	N/A
Keur Ali Gueye Village Farmers	Senegal	Senegal	C	6/10/2010	30			180	210	N/A	\$38,876	31	2.00	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wula Nafaa	Senegal	Senegal	C	7/2/2010	304			1824	2128	N/A	\$158,000	304	5.00	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A
CNCR	Senegal	Senegal	N	5/27/2010		13		0	13	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PCE	Senegal	Senegal	C	3/1/2010	245			1470	1715	N/A	\$7,105	245		\$0	0	N/A	N/A
									0								
Total					815	13	0	4890	5718	\$ 31,200	\$ 268,030	816	11	\$ 16,624	4	0	0

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Farmer-to-Farmer Program Reporting Table Proposal

Table 4: Volunteer Public Outreach and Leveraging of Resources

Name	Number of Press Releases (issued by FTF implementing agency or volunteer) to local press/radio/TV media.	Number of media events by implementers and FTF volunteer.	Number of group presentations by implementers and FTF volunteers.	Number of public outreach activities (Total)	Estimated Value of Resources Leveraged by Grantee and Volunteers in the U.S. (U.S.\$)
Prior Reporting Period	0	4	1	5	\$ 4,000
Current Reporting Period	0	4	1	4	\$ -
Total	0	7	2	9	\$ 4,000

Cooperative Network Dispatch

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October 22, 2010

Federal transportation waiver granted; will help stabilize fertilizer supplies

If this fall is anything like the recent past, a waiver issued Oct. 7 by the U.S. Department of Transportation is welcome news for producers and their cooperative suppliers. The waiver creates a two-year limited hours-of-service exclusion for anhydrous ammonia shipments and is an acknowledgment that there are significant delivery constraints beyond the control of anhydrous ammonia motor carriers like agricultural supply cooperatives. Without the waiver, co-ops might not be allotted sufficient time to fill all orders, leaving farmers without product.

For each of the last three years, Cooperative Network requested and received state-level emergency declarations from Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty to increase anhydrous ammonia supplies and keep pace with peak post-harvest application periods. Cooperative Network also worked with members of the congressional delegation to find a balance between public safety and reasonable trucking regulations

for the movement of anhydrous ammonia from suppliers to the field.

Congressmen Collin Peterson (D-MN) and Tom Petri (R-WI) were specifically thanked for their efforts to secure this waiver.

Anhydrous ammonia and many other agricultural supplies are delivered on a "just-in-time" basis. When demand is high, anhydrous ammonia supplies can be tight, as was the case over the past three years. Unnecessary trucking regulations can further reduce supply, which this federal waiver addresses.

The waiver applies to all movements

of anhydrous ammonia used for agricultural purposes, only applies to carriers with a "satisfactory" rating or an unrated carrier, applies only to movements 100 air-miles or less from the point of distribution, and is effective only between March 15 through December 15. Additionally, a motor carrier transporting anhydrous ammonia that is involved in an accident must also provide additional details of the accident within 10 business days of the event. The department will continuously monitor industry performance and determine whether it is appropriate to keep the waiver in place.

Co-op PAC auction items needed

Cooperative Network is currently seeking items for the Co-op PAC live and silent auctions that will be held in conjunction with the 2010 annual meeting. The auctions raise money for Cooperative Network's Minnesota political action committee to distribute to candidates for state office who support the legislative goals of cooperatives. Auction items must be donated by individuals, as cooperatives and corporations are prohibited from contributing to PACs.

To donate an auction item or obtain more information, please contact Vicky Chaput at vicky.chaput@cooperativenetwork.coop or 651-228-0213.



Cooperative Network Vice President Amy Fredregill volunteered for a week in early October in Niger, West Africa, for a U.S. AID-funded program called Farmer to Farmer. This effort was coordinated by the Cooperative League of the USA, the international arm of the National Cooperative Business Association. Fredregill helped about 100 subsistence farmers start a purchasing and marketing co-op. This new business venture will help co-op members buy farm supplies more affordably and produce more value-added goods to sell in the market.

ANNEX ONE

Senegal Farmers Need Resources, says NFU Vice President

Farmers in Senegal are eager to develop their agricultural practices, yet they are held back by the realities of everyday life. “The costs of modernization are beyond their means ... farm equipment pulled by horses or mules would be a huge upgrade, and tractors are beyond imagination,” says NFU Vice President Claudia Svarstad, who just returned from the nation located on Africa’s west coast. Representing National Farmers Union in the Farmer-to-Farmer Program were Svarstad, New England Farmers Union President Annie Cheatham and Jessica Cook, New England Farmers Union member and a farm energy program manager. They spent a week working with the biggest farm organization in Senegal, CNCR and visiting farmers and fishermen in Senegal. The leaders of their farm organization asked for assistance in advocacy, planning, membership, communication, education and similar topics.

“The people are incredible. They are very hospitable, eager to learn, hard working, and creative under very difficult circumstances,” explains Svarstad.

“Even if they found the means to modernize their operations, the infrastructure needed to support it – roads, irrigation, transportation, storage, fuel supplies, quality seeds, machinery repair, product marketing, and more – is weak,” she says.

Farmers need help to modernize at an appropriate scale if they are to improve production yields and value-added processes. “We saw women pressing peanuts into peanut oil by using a press that required their own arm strength pulling down on a bar. We saw a solar-powered grinder for millet; however, the solar unit needed repair and had been down for some time. We visited with the fishing organization and their members need refrigeration units, generator back up



Pictured: New England Farmers Union President Annie Cheatham (second from right) and NFU Vice President Claudia Svarstad (right) learned about the role women play in agriculture in Africa during their time in Senegal earlier this month.

for the units, and fishing boat motors.”

Farmers themselves want to become better at growing food and earning an income from the crops they sell. Men and youth are leaving the farms to find opportunities elsewhere. Women are often left to do much of the farming.

Cheatham says she was impressed by the resourcefulness of the people and how they are making the most with so little. “We visited two villages and talked with farmers there. A female farmer addressed our group describing a leadership training course she had taken. She was empowered by this training, and said that there needed to be other opportunities for this kind of discussion. Then she looked at us and said, ‘We are not poor. We have resources. We can succeed.’ They see themselves not as deprived, but as learners.”

Svarstad says the government apparently does not focus its support on small-scale family agriculture. Land rights of the small farmers are at risk, especially as the government may take land that it believes is not being used well. The government does support agribusiness and larger farmers. The

government has reduced its involvement in a farm organization that had given farmers a seat at the table to hammer out difficult ag issues.

Senegal farmers need education on many levels, including leadership skills, advocacy skills, technical, planning, communication, and forming cooperatives, according to Svarstad. “The women in the villages were awesome – working hard on new ideas and asking for advice on how to be more productive. They would benefit by leadership development skills.”

Given the enthusiasm of Senegal farmers to improve production, ongoing efforts to help them are worthwhile in Svarstad’s view. “This is a very, very poor country with a lot of positives going for it. It has a democratic government, a strong farm organization, agricultural resources, and hard working, wonderful people. It must find a way to increase its agricultural output. We can help them with that. Whether it is through sending farmers like Donn Teske to the fields or using our staff to assist them in education, cooperatives, communication, and advocacy, NFU can make a difference.”

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All-States Alumni Profile: Josh Kramer

Josh Kramer credits Farmers Union educational programs for developing his drive to find a better way of life for rural residents.

Today, as a community program specialist for USDA-Rural Development in North Dakota, Kramer works closely with rural citizens and leaders toward the advancement and development of rural communities across North Dakota. Previously, Kramer was the member development specialist for North Dakota Farmers Union, where he conducted outreach programs for farmers and ranchers, and also worked closely with many of the cooperatives around the state.

Kramer's dedication to rural America and member-owned cooperatives began at a young age when he began participating in Farmers Union camps. He grew up on a small dairy farm in south central North Dakota and always looked forward to attending Farmers Union Camp every year for two reasons: one, it was a way to get him out of milking for a week every summer; and two, it was a way to meet new people. In fact, Kramer met one person in the Farmers Union youth program, Sarah Huber, who would change his life by becoming his wife. The two grew up going camp together, served on the National Senior Youth Advisory Council together, and worked three summers as Farmers Union Camp counselors. On the their last summer as counselors and at the last camp of the season, Kramer actually proposed to Huber. He also served three years as the advisor to the National Youth Advisory Council and as the assistant All-States Camp director.

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"Farmers Union has had a dramatic impact on my life, for one obvious reason – it was through Farmers Union education programs that I met my wife,

for which I am extremely thankful. Also, many of the experiences I had through Farmers Union helped me strengthen my convictions and helped me to see the positive effect that grassroots organizations, cooperatives and dedicated, organized people can have on improving the quality of life all over the world," said Kramer.

He is a veteran of the North Dakota National Guard, which included an overseas deployment to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Kramer has bachelor's degree in business communications and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Mary, Bismarck.

Josh and Sarah Kramer have a daughter, Sophia, 5, and a son, Brody, 2. They lived in Jamestown, home of North Dakota Farmers Union, for five years and recently relocated to Bismarck, N.D. Kramer spends much of his leisure time doing outdoor activities with his family.

Senegal

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Teske, president of Kansas Farmers Union, last year visited Senegal through the Farmer-To-Farmer Program. Sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development, along with the National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA) and National Farmers Union, the program provides U.S. producers an opportunity to share their expertise with producers in developing countries.

"We heard stories about Donn's work and there is no doubt that they valued his contributions of time and expertise in planting millet," says Svarstad.

The goal of this Farmer-to-Farmer project is to help farmers in developing countries in other areas of the world learn to make the most of their resources by tapping the knowledge of American farmers.

In addition to partnering with NCBA, National Farmers Union also works with CNEA to provide Farmer-to-Farmer Program opportunities to its members. The program provides voluntary technical assistance to farmers, farm groups, and agribusinesses in developing and transitional countries to promote sustainable improvements in food processing, production, and marketing. Typically, volunteers spend two to three weeks overseas working directly with recipients in the host country. This program affords a unique opportunity to use your abilities to improve the livelihoods of people in some of the world's most impoverished areas. For more information, e-mail mmiller@nfu.org.

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ANNEX TWO

Host Organization	Type of Volunteer Assistance	Commodity Chain Activity	Volunteer Name	Project	Project Recruited?	Start Date	End Date	# of Vol Days	Complete?	Q	Home State	Sex	Min Status	Profession	NCBA Member?
Kayemor Village Farmers	Technology Transfer	On-Farm Production	Prince Addae	Improved Millet Harvest/Storage	Y	10/30/2010	11/14/2010	16	Y	1	MO	M	Y	Ag Scientist	N
Keur Ali Gueye Village Farmers	Technology Transfer	Processing	Roger Salway	Millet Processing	Y	11/20/2010	12/1/2010	12	Y	1	MN	M	N	CTI Executive	N
Keur Ali Gueye Village Farmers	Technology Transfer	Processing	Bamba Ndiaye	Millet Processing	Y	11/20/2010	12/1/2010	12	Y	1	MN	M	Y	Farmer	N
Keur Ali Gueye Village Farmers	Technology Transfer	Processing	Andrea Brovold	Millet Processing	Y	11/20/2010	12/1/2010	12	Y	1	MN	F	N	CTI Cmte. Me	N
Wula Nafaa	Technology Transfer	On-Farm Production	John Grove	Soil Fertility through CF	Y	1/2/2011	1/15/2011	14	Y	2	KY	M	N	Academic	N
CNCR	Organizational Development	Information and Input	Annie Cheatham	Organizational Development (TBD)	Y	1/28/2011	2/5/2011	9	Y	2	MA	F	N	NEFU Pres.	Y
CNCR	Organizational Development	Information and Input	Claudia Svarstad	Organizational Development (TBD)	Y	1/28/2011	2/5/2011	9	Y	2	CO	F	N	NFU VP	Y
CNCR	Organizational Development	Information and Input	Jessica Cook	Organizational Development (TBD)	Y	1/28/2011	2/5/2011	9	Y	2	MA	F	N	Farm Energy P	Y
Kayemor Village Farmers	Technology Transfer	Processing	Fedelis Besong Arrey	Millet Processing	Y	2/12/2011	2/27/2011	16	Y	2	MD	M	Y	Quality Engine	N
Kayemor Village Farmers	Business/Enterprise Development	Marketing	Gini Knight	Marketing	Y	2/12/2011	2/26/2011	15	Y	2	WI	F	N	Farmer	Y
PCE	Technology Transfer	On-Farm Production	Nanga Kaye	Organic Sorghum Production	Y	3/19/2011	4/2/2011	15	Y	2	NC	M	Y	Agriculture Pr	N
Thiare UGPCL	Technology Transfer	On-Farm Production	Dena Wild	Soil Fertility	Y	4/16/2011	4/29/2011	14	N	3	FL	F	N	Master Garden	N
Kayemor Village Farmers	Technology Transfer	On-Farm Production	Ken Kilner	Soil Fertility	Y	5/7/2011	5/28/2011	22	N	3	FL	M	N	Master Garden	N
Thiare UGPCL	Technology Transfer	On-Farm Production	Kenneth Johnson	Integrated Pest Management	Y	7/2/2011	7/16/2011	15	N	4	FL	M	N	Academic	N
Thiare UGPCL	Business/Enterprise Development	Marketing	Louie Doering	Financial Management	Y	9/10/2011	9/24/2011	15	N	4	MN	M	N	Cooperative P	Y
Wula Nafaa	Organizational Development	Information and Input		Cooperative Development	N	6/1/2011	6/30/2011	30	N	3	PA	F	N	Cooperative P	Y
Thiare UGPCL	Technology Transfer	Processing	Roger Salway	Millet Processing	Y	10/22/2011	11/12/2011	22	N	1	MN	M	N	CTI Executive	N
Thiare UGPCL	Technology Transfer	Processing	Bamba Ndiaye	Millet Processing	Y	10/22/2011	11/12/2011	22	N	1	MN	M	N	Farmer	N
Thiare UGPCL	Technology Transfer	Processing	Andrea Brovold	Millet Processing	Y	10/22/2011	11/12/2011	22	N	1	MN	F	N	CTI Cmte. Me	N

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
# Projects Completed	4	7	0	0	11
# NCBA Members	0	4	0	0	4
# Female Vols	1	4	0	0	5
# Minority Vols	2	2	0	0	4
# Volunteer Days	52	87	0	0	139

ANNEX TWO

Host Organization	Type of Volunteer Assistance	Commodity Chain Activity	Volunteer Name	Project	Project Recruited?	Start Date	End Date	# of Vol Days	Complete?	Q	Home State	Sex	Min Status	Profession	NCBA Member?
Bourbourkabe and Djamdjoweye	Organizational Development	On-Farm Production	Amy Fredregill	Cooperative Development	Y	10/2/2010	10/9/2010	8	Y	1	MN	F	N	Cooperative Professional	Y
Guerguinde Zarma and Lelehi Koynounga	Business/Enterprise Development	Marketing	Mike Harwood	Marketing	Y	10/30/2010	11/13/2010	15	Y	1	CA	M	N	Agribusiness Consultant	N
Bourbourkabe and Djamdjoweye	Business/Enterprise Development	Marketing	Maggie Sullivan	Marketing	Y	1/8/2011	1/19/2011	12	Y	2	IN	F	N	Seed Sales	N
Maradi Commune	Organizational Development	On-Farm Production	Lisa Stolarski	Cooperative Development	Y	1/29/2011	2/12/2011	15	N	2	PA	F	N	Cooperative Professional	Y
Kahe and Mansare	Technology Transfer	On-Farm Production	Blake Sanden	Irrigation Management	Y	2/19/2011	3/5/2011	15	N	2	CA	M	N	Irrigation Advisor	N
Maradi Commune	Business/Enterprise Development	Marketing	Sarah Dorman	Marketing	Y	3/12/2011	3/26/2011	15	N	2	IA	F	N	Cooperative Professional	Y
Maradi Commune	Technology Transfer	Processing	Gary Drimmer	Agricultural Processing	Y	4/2/2011	4/16/2011	15	N	3	IL	M	N	Agribusiness Executive	N
Maradi Commune	Business/Enterprise Development	Marketing	Mike Harwood	Economics of Moringa Production	Y	4/3/2011	4/8/2011	6	N	3	CA	M	N	Agribusiness Consultant	N
Tibiri Commune	Organizational Development	On-Farm Production	Louie Doering	Cooperative Development	Y	4/23/2011	5/7/2011	15	N	3	MN	M	N	Cooperative Professional	Y
Tibiri Commune	Business/Enterprise Development	Marketing	Randy Schoenthaler	Marketing	Y	5/14/2011	5/28/2011	15	N	3	KS	M	N	Cooperative Accountant	N
Tibiri Commune	Technology Transfer	Processing	Keith Gelber	Agricultural Processing	Y	6/6/2011	6/21/2011	16	N	3	OH	M	N	Agribusiness and Apiculturist	N
Jiratawa	Technology Transfer	On-Farm Production		Integrated Pest Management		6/25/2011	7/31/2011	37							
Jiratawa	Business/Enterprise Development	Marketing		Marketing		7/1/2011	7/31/2011	31							
Jiratawa	Technology Transfer	Processing		Agricultural Processing		9/1/2011	9/30/2011	30							
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								1							
								1							
								1							
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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
# Projects Completed	2	1	0	0	3
# NCBA Members	1	0	0	0	1
# Female Vols	1	1	0	0	2
# Minority Vols	0	0	0	0	0
# Volunteer Days	23	12	0	0	35