



Help create more equitable, inclusive, and sustainable agricultural systems

Volunteer your skills in business, finance, or farm management to support smallholder farmers, agricultural businesses, and financial institutions in Kenya, Liberia, and Tanzania

About the Program

Implemented by IESC, the USAID Farmer-to-Farmer Access to Finance Program (F2F A2F) engages highly qualified volunteer experts to support agriculture sector institutions, including farmers groups, youth groups, agro-processors, financial institutions, NGOs, and other agricultural organizations and companies.

Where we work



Expert volunteer assistance

Volunteer assignments are demand-driven and vary widely, from creating business plans, to developing financial products, to conducting agronomy trainings, and more.

Volunteer experts are matched with specific assignments to work directly alongside an organization for two weeks. Assignment timelines are based on organizational needs and volunteer availability.

Who are our volunteers?

Our volunteer experts are U.S. citizens and permanent residents who represent a variety of fields, including:

- Finance and banking
- Business development
- Marketing
- Organizational management
- Gender and social impact
- Sustainable agriculture
- Farm management
- Horticulture and agronomy
- Dairy farming



“Volunteering through F2F A2F allows individuals to make a tangible difference in local communities, fostering sustainable development and mutual understanding.”

- Volunteer Expert Leon Trujillo





Volunteer Support

Expenses

IESC provides round-trip economy airfare, lodging, and a daily stipend based on the location of travel. IESC will reimburse visa fees, CDC-recommended and required vaccines, transportation to the airport, and other assignment-related expenses.

In country

Typically, an in-country staff member accompanies volunteers on the first and final days of their assignment. When volunteers travel independently, our field team checks in daily.

Safety

All drivers, hotels, and assignment locations have been carefully vetted for safety. IESC's global security advisor is available 24/7 in case of a safety or security concern. If there is security risk, they provide real-time updates in a WhatsApp security group.

Learn more about the Farmer-to-Farmer Access to Finance Program!



<https://bit.ly/F2FA2F>



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Volunteer Processes

Recruitment

- Apply for an assignment on IESC's career site. Select "Volunteer" employment type.

<https://bit.ly/IESCCareerCenter>

- Attend a screening call.
- Complete a reference check.

Don't see an assignment that fits your expertise? Email IESC's Volunteer Engagement Associate Rachel Hyman at rhyman@iesc.org.



Onboarding

- Meet virtually with the in-country field team and host organization to discuss the assignment and set dates.
- Complete onboarding paperwork.
- Review key volunteer resources.
- Book flights through IESC's team.
- Attend a virtual security briefing.
- Complete pre-departure prep work.

Assignment completion

- Arrive safely in country.
- Work with the team and host organization to complete your assignment.

Close-out

- Write and finalize your trip report.
- Submit your expenses.
- Complete post-assignment surveys.
- Share your experience on social media.
- Spread the word by referring new volunteers.
- Stay in touch for future opportunities.

