Farmer-to-Farmer Program:
International Development in Aquaculture

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Aquaculture as Food Security and Economic Empowerement

“In the developing world, more than one billion people obtain most of their animal protein from fish, and more than 800 million depend on fishing and aquaculture for their livelihoods.”

- WorldFish
1) Foreign Assistance Act of 1961

Mission 1960’s – “Decade of Development”
- Creating markets for U.S. by reducing poverty
- Increasing production in developing countries
- Diminish communism by increasing Capitalism

2) Big projects
- Infrastructure laden
- Large scale transfer of funds and capital goods
Mission 1990’s – Sustainability and Democracy

- Shift from commodity-centered approach to broader farming systems and rural development

- Greater reliance on NGOs

- Sustainable development
Mission 2000’s – Recalibration

- 2000 End of direct implementation
- Exclusive use of contracts and grants
- Return to agriculture
- Focus on food security
- 2010 Feed the Future, etc.
Feed the Future - 2010 Presidential Initiative

Global hunger and food security initiative

Focus on smallholder farms (particularly women)
Purpose: Develop Agricultural Sectors

- Spur economic growth
- Increase income
- Reduce hunger and malnutrition
- Provide employment
- Provide empowerment

Reduced prevalence of stunted Kenyan children under 5 by 20%
USAID – Feed the Future funding mechanisms

**Collaborative Research Support Program**
- Land Grant Universities
- Expanding scientific research and training opportunities

**Farmer-to-Farmer Program**
- NGO led – Volunteer based
- Extension and advisory services
The John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer Program

- Initiated in 1985
- Authorized under the Farm Bill
- Provide technical assistance
- Host led priorities
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What is role of the Volunteer?

Utilize transfer technology and management expertise to link farmers with markets using comparative advantages in production, processing and marketing.

- Smallholder Farmers
- Farm groups / Co-operatives
- Agribusinesses
- Agricultural extension agencies
- Agricultural research institutions
- Financial institutions
Develop specific market value chains

Focus areas:

Horticulture

Staple food crops

Dairy and livestock

Aquaculture / fisheries

Marketing and processing

Financial services

Ag education and training

Natural resource management

Producer organization development
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- Approximately 1.2 million farmer families
- Direct benefits to 47 million
- 26 Core countries served
- (2014-18) 3,000 volunteer assignments
Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA)
Farmer-to-Farmer Program : Core Implementers

ACDI VOCA
Expanding Opportunities Worldwide

CNFA
Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture

VEGA
Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance

Catholic Relief Services

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Winrock International

PARTNERS of the AMERICAS
Connect • Serve • Change Lives
Build Local Institutions to Resolve Local Problems

- Local capacity building
- Improve productivity
- Access new markets
- Combat climate change
- Conserve environmental and natural resources
- Worker Safety
- Pesticide reduction
- Non-GMO
- Gender equality
Empowering Women...
Empowering Families
Women excited to be part of an agriculture movement....
Farmer Field Days
Pond Construction
Fingerling Production
Access to Credit
Business Planning
Cooperative Development
Community Development
Integrated Agriculture
Other Activities
Feed Manufacturing
Kids just wanting a healthier life
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