



**Feed the Future Farm Service Center Project
FtF Volunteer Consultant
Scope of Work**

Host Organization: Feed the Future Farm Service Center Project
Assignment Location: Addis Ababa and Fiche
Duration of Assignment: 15 working days

Assignment	Dates	Objectives
Agrochemicals specification catalogue preparation	July 2016	To develop a well-reviewed, edited and enriched agrochemicals specification catalogue to enhance FSC staff, frontline government extension agents and smallholders' understanding of agro-chemical application

Program Description:

CNFA is implementing a USAID funded three-year Feed the Future Ethiopia Farm Service Center Project. USAID provides technical backstopping to the Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA) which is establishing about 20 new farm service centers (FSCs) throughout Oromia, Amhara, Tigray and SNNPR. These FSCs are private, retail input and farm service supply businesses that serve as an innovative and replicable model for scaling up private farm input and service networks in Ethiopia and throughout Africa. In addition, the project is strengthening the apex wholesale buying entity, EGAA Agricultural Input Suppliers PLC (EGAA), which was formed under the Commercial Farm Service Program and has been designed to streamline the inventory needs of the FSCs from multinational suppliers.

Major Responsibilities:

- I. Visit selected Farm Service Center (such as Fiche FSC) to comprehend agricultural inputs and services provided through FSCs
- II. Meet with agricultural extension agents and small holder farmers near to Fiche FSC
- III. Develop agro-chemicals specifications/labels catalogue and
- IV. Presentation on the final chemicals catalogue prepared

Desired Qualifications of Volunteer:

- Minimum of BSc. Degree in Crop Protection and Production, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Weed Science, or relevant field of study and with minimum of 10 years work experience in relevant task; MSc /PhD is preferred.
- Proven experience in pesticides (fungicide, insecticide and herbicide) handling and usage, improved crop production and protection methods within the context of smallholder farmers;
- Proven experience in leading and facilitating seminars and presentations;
- Exposure to USAID or other donor-funded programs is a plus;
- Good communication skills;

- Excellent personal and interpersonal skills;
- Ability to work independently to agreed deadlines & a strong work ethic;
- Excellent levels of time and self-management;
- Fluency in English is required;
- Practical experience most appreciated;
- Must be citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.

Desired Impacts:

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Enhanced FSC staff, frontline government extension agents and smallholders' understanding of agro-chemicals handling and usage	Increased number of FSC staff, government extension agents and smallholder farmers usage of agro-chemicals specifications catalogue to inform on-farm decision-making regarding agro-chemical usage

Assignment Itinerary:

Day	Assignment Descriptions
Day 1	Morning: Meet with the Project's Chief of Party, Deputy Chief of Party and Agronomy and Inputs Advisor to refine the overall expected outcomes of the assignment. Afternoon: Detailed discussion with Agronomy and Inputs Advisor and program revision
Day 2 – 3	Visit to selected FSC (preferably Fiche FSC 115 KM away from Addis Ababa) to have brief overview of agricultural inputs and services provided through FSCs. Visit to Woreda/Zone Office of Agriculture and small holder farmers near to FSC to have an overview of agricultural input usage
Day 4 – 5	Agro-chemicals specifications/labels catalogue preparation
Day 6 & 7	Weekend
Day 8 – 12	Agro-chemicals specifications/labels catalogue preparation
Day 13 & 14	Weekend
Day 15 – 18	Agro-chemicals specifications/labels catalogue preparation
Day 19	Morning: Debriefing with Feed The Future Ethiopia Farm Service Center Project management staff Afternoon: Incorporate comments given during debriefing and submit the final document

Accommodations:

1. Hotel Accommodations:

- Desalegn Hotel;
- Contact Information: 0911345235; or 251-11-662-4524;
- The project will arrange airport pick-up to the hotel.

2. Transportation Facilities:

- Feed The Future Ethiopia Farm Service Project will provide daily pick-up to the hotel and office and hotel;
- Provide business trips transportation and translation facilities.

3. Communications:

- The project will provide mobile phone and credit for the entire assignment period.

Recommended Preparation:

- July is in the middle of the wet season, and in the highland areas including in Addis the temperature is rather cool. A newcomer to Ethiopian during the wet season is advised to have attire that serves during such weather conditions, including rain gear.
- Volunteer Consultant should have anti-malarials and receive all necessary vaccines prior to departure from home country.

Outreach:

CNFA requests each volunteer to complete at least eight hours of outreach after returning from an assignment. This includes newspaper articles, presentations, any conversations you had about your project, and other modes of communication. Please keep this in mind during your project, and ensure that you are taking notes to correspond with photographs, meetings, or notable activities. Your Washington DC coordinator will follow up with you both during debriefing and again several months after your assignment is completed to get an update of your outreach efforts.

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Former Project Volunteers

None

Project Host(s) in Ethiopia

- USAID Feed the Future Ethiopia Farm Service Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- For information regarding EGGA and FSCs visit <http://www.cfspethiopia.org/>
- For information regarding ATA visit <http://www.ata.gov.et/>