**Farmer to Farmer – Mozambique**

**Processing of fruits and vegetables – Eniarasse Nsoro Semente**

**Farmer to Farmer description**

The John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) Program is authorized by the U.S. Farm Bill and managed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). F2F works to generate rapid, sustained economic growth in the agricultural sector through short-term technical assistance provided by U.S. volunteers and supported by highly trained local staff. A secondary goal of F2F is to increase the American public’s understanding of international development issues and programs, and international understanding of the United States and U.S. development programs.

CNFA is implementing F2F in the Southern Africa region, working in Malawi, Mozambique, and Angola. We rely on the expertise of U.S. volunteers from diverse backgrounds to respond to the needs of hosts. These hosts can be farms, processors, cooperatives, farmer associations, or other agricultural enterprises; they vary in size and commodity focus. Each volunteer assignment has distinct objective that are determined by the needs of the host organization.

**Issue Description**

Eniarasse Nsoro Semente is a private farmer that is engaged in production of fruits, vegetables, legumes and cereals for sale. The farm belongs to a woman, Mrs. Eniarasse Nsoro Semente, who started the farm in 2009 and produces on an area of 10 hectares. Mrs. Semente hires two permanent employees and hires 10 temporary employees Last season the host sold about 26 tons of different products and gross sales was about $10,000.

Eniarasse Nsoro Semente is located in an area with fertile soil and access to water even in dry season, however, the host is unable to keep the produce fresh to be sold in markets. The host is looking for a Farmer-to-Farmer volunteer experienced in minimum processing of fruits and vegetables to improve the host-harvest storage and to increase income and profit.

**Desired Outcomes**

Host with knowledge on minimum processing of fruits and vegetables will ensure the placement of quality products in market and as consequence, increased volume of sales and net income.

**Desired Qualifications**

* Willingness to work for a week or more in a rural Mozambican town.
* Practical experience on fruits and vegetables processing for small medium enterprises.
* Must be citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.