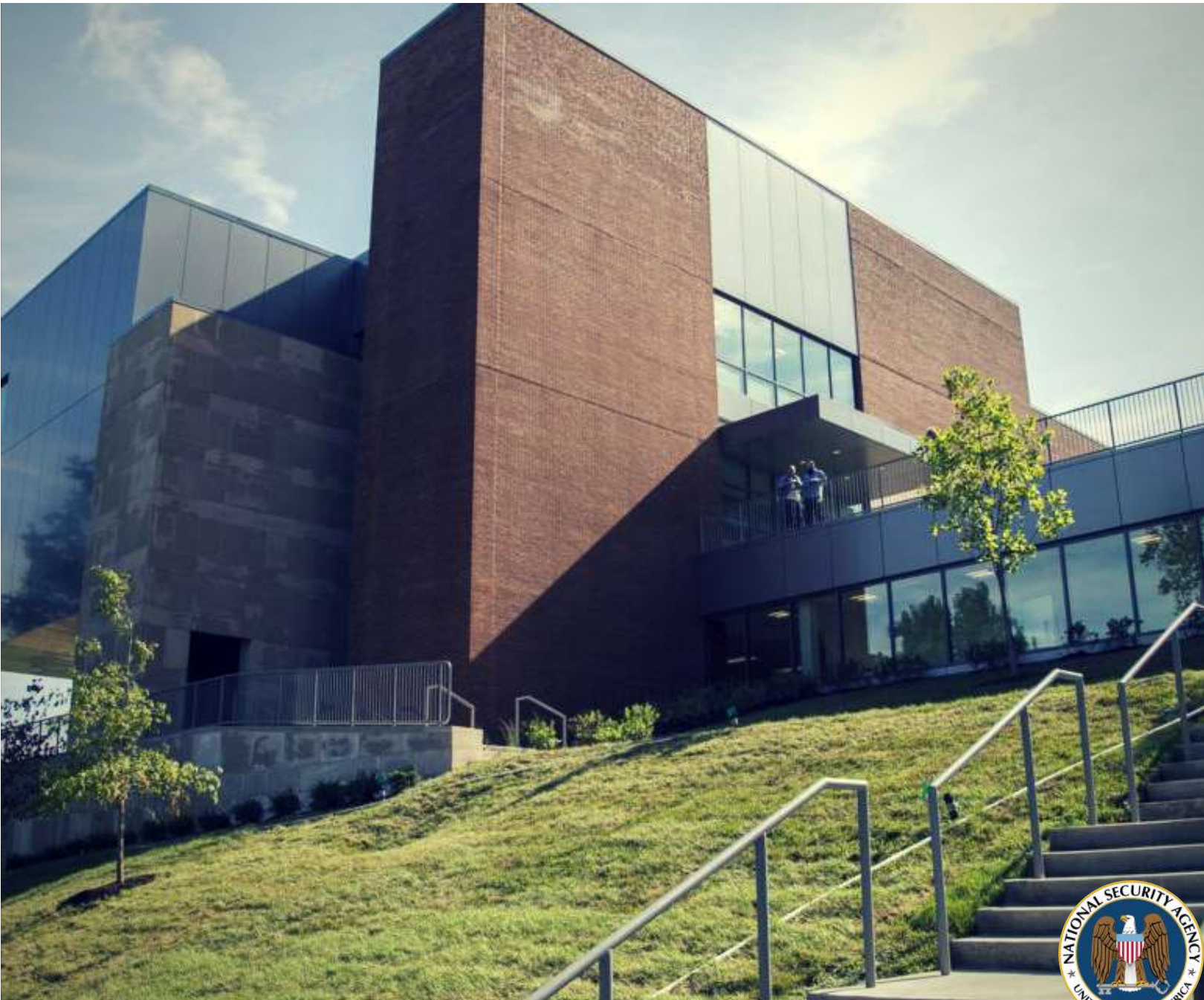


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JOHN OGONOWSKI AND DOUG BEREUTER FARMER-TO-FARMER PROGRAM



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About F2F Program

BY SERENA ADAMS

The John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) Program provides voluntary technical assistance to farmers, farm groups, and agribusinesses in developing countries to promote sustainable capacity building. The program relies on the expertise of U.S. volunteers from diverse backgrounds—farms, land grant universities, cooperatives, private agribusinesses, nonprofit farm organizations and others—to respond to the needs of host country farmers and organizations. Volunteers have come from all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. In general, volunteers are not overseas development professionals, but individuals who have domestic careers, farms, and agribusinesses, or are retired and want to participate in development efforts. Typically, volunteers spend about 14 to 21 days in the host country. Volunteers have completed over 15,000 assignments in more than 110 countries since the program began in 1985.

The F2F Program was initially authorized by Congress in the 1985 Farm Bill and is funded through Title V of Public Law 480. The U.S. Congress has designated it the “John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter F2F Program” in honor of one of the pilots killed September 11, 2001 and of former Congressman Bereuter, who initially sponsored the program.





Winrock International

BY LAVENDER HANSEN

Winrock International is a recognized leader in U.S. and international development with a focus on social, agricultural and environmental issues. Inspired by its namesake Winthrop Rockefeller, Winrock combines scientific and technical expertise with entrepreneurial innovation to deliver market-based solutions that improve lives around the world. Winrock's mission is to empower the disadvantaged, increase economic opportunity and sustain natural resources across the globe.





International Information, Communication, and Technology Projects

BY MAURICE DAWSON

Undergraduate Information Systems (IS) students that participate in this program receive college credit. Graduate students may also join for credit by registering for an independent study/research course. Students do not have to pay for anything to participate in this program. The organization pays for the visa, plane ticket cost, lodging, translator, and a per diem is given per day. For example, a 15-day assignment in Senegal approximately USD 800 is provided. These funds are deposited in the students' bank account before the trip.

The requirement time in the country for any nation in Africa is two weeks while in Asia it is three weeks. For those seeking more extended assignments, there are possibilities up to six months with all costs covered.

As students are assigned these short-term projects, they begin preparing for a successful venture.

Students work directly with Dr. Dawson weeks before departing to ensure readiness in the field.

Once students are on site, they are prepared to work independently for the project sponsor with the local Winrock International office and government client.

Hours by Award	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Kids (5 - 10)	26 - 49	50 - 74	75 +
Teens (11-15)	50 - 74	75 - 99	100 +
Young Adults (16 - 25)	100 - 174	175 - 249	250+
Adults (26 or older)	100 - 249	250 - 499	500 +
Families & Groups *	200 - 499	500 - 999	1000 +
President's Lifetime Achievement Award: Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more hours in their lifetime			
* Two or more people, with each member contributing at least 25 hours			

Participants acknowledged for work

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Presidential recognition sets you apart from your peers. It is a tremendous honor. Even though you may not seek recognition, your example can deliver a powerful message that encourages others to take action.

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes United States citizens and lawfully admitted, permanent residents of the United States who have achieved the required number of hours of service over a 12-month time period or cumulative hours over the course of a lifetime.



Congratulations on receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award, and thank you for helping to address the most pressing needs in your community and our country.

In my Inaugural Address, I stated that we need a new era of responsibility—a recognition on the part of every American that we have duties to ourselves, our Nation, and the world. These are duties that we do not grudgingly accept, but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit than giving our all to a difficult task. Your volunteer service demonstrates the kind of commitment to your community that moves America a step closer to its great promise.

Our Nation faces the most challenging economic crisis in a lifetime. We will only renew America if we all work together. Individuals, the private sector, and government must combine efforts to make real and lasting change so that each person has the opportunity to fulfill his or her potential.

While government can open more opportunities for us to serve our communities, it is up to each of us to seize those opportunities. Thank you for your devotion to service and for doing all you can to shape a better tomorrow for our great Nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama".



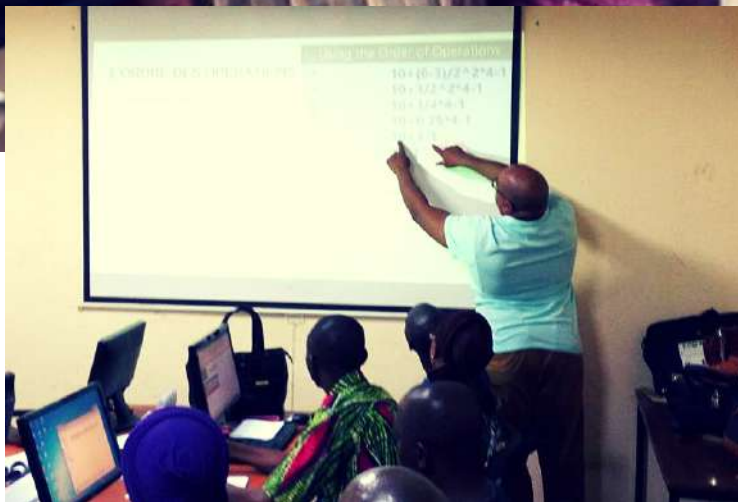


GUINEA

Redden also provided hardware and software needed for the assignment that was not available at the university to allow for an easier integration of the new applications.

From November – December 2016, a former cyber security graduate student Dan Redden was awarded approximately \$4000.00 for Assignment: AEMIP063-AET, Agriculture Programs Software Training for the Institut Supérieur Agronomique et Vétérinaire de Faranah (ISAV/F) and Students in Faranah, Guinea. Redden provided technical assistance at Guinea's largest agricultural university by training professors to use an online open source database system. This system was to allow the university to go from a paper to a paperless environment. The system's that Redden implemented provided two different options to the university to be able to store their documents.





CONAKRY, GUINEA

Assignment Number: GUI164

Assignment to train the Agriculture Trainers and Specialized Technicians in Computer Information Technology. Tasks included the familiarization of hardware and basic software, document and file classification, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and using the Internet as a research tool. Graduate Student: **Damon Walker**



ASSIGNMENT NUMBER: SEN207

Agriculture Technical High School Emile Badiane of Bignona (LTAEB), Assignment Number: SEN207, Location: Bignona, Senegal: Volunteer Assignment with Winrock Int./USAID. Undergraduate Student: **Ashley Moss**



The assignment consisted of a 20-day journey to Senegal, West Africa to help and train the host to develop a website and a database for monitoring and tracking graduates. The Agriculture Technical Highschool of Bignona and The Ziguinchor Horticulture Initiation Center staff and teachers attended Moss's workshop learning to acquire and manage a website. Also, developed a methodology and database to track employment of graduates.





DABOLA, GUINEA

Assignment Number: GUI165

Training of Trainers in
Computer Information
Systems & Information
Technology in Agriculture
Schools, , Location:
Dabola, Guinea: Volunteer
Assignment with Winrock
Int./USAID.
Undergraduate Student:
Omar Salif



Faculty Assignments in Senegal

The assignments offered by Winrock International allow faculty to work directly with a Ministry of Agriculture or government entity. These projects can range from application development to implement document management systems for large universities.

DAKAR, SENEGAL

January 2017, \$4000.00, Title: Training-of-Trainers in Management Accounting Tools for the Horticulture Initiation Center of Saint Louis (CIH SL), Assignment Number: SEN187, Location: Saint-Louis, Senegal: Volunteer Assignment with Winrock Int./USAID

SAINT-LOUIS, SENEGAL

July 2016, \$4000.00, Title: Assistance to the Office of Vocational Agriculture Education for the Establishment of a Functional Website for the Ministre de l'Agriculture et de l'Equipeement Rural, Assignment Number: SEN121, Location: Dakar, Senegal: Volunteer Assignment with Winrock Int./USAID



ASSIGNMENT NUMBER: ET - 103

FARMER-TO-FARMER EAST AFRICA

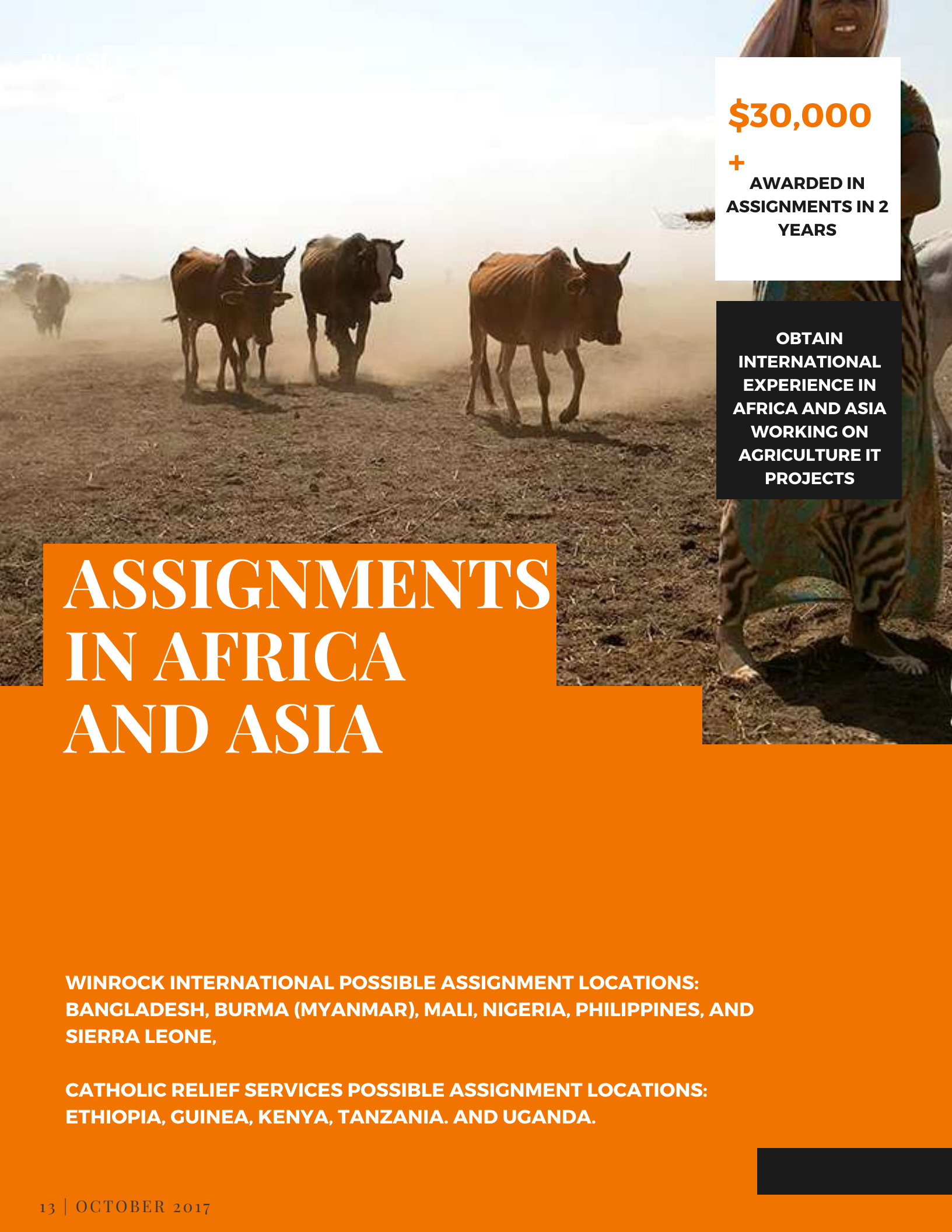


THE POLITICAL CAPITAL OF AFRICA

The Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) East Africa program is a program that leverages US volunteer's expertise to assist smallholder farmers and small scale processors in East Africa to improve their business practices through volunteer assignments conducted with host organizations. Through F2F intervention, CRS will improve the livelihoods and nutritional status of significant numbers of low income households by: i) broadening their participation in established commodity value chains as producers and service providers; ii) strengthening community resilience to shocks such as droughts that adversely affect livelihoods; and iii) preserving/enhancing natural resources upon which most rural communities depend. CRS will also increase the American public's understanding of international development programs and foster increased cross-cultural understanding between host countries and US volunteers. The main objective of this assignment is to assist Metemamen MFI in identifying the available technologies/ software that enhance staff knowledge and to support the operation of the mobile banking system.

Assignment: The F2F volunteer alongside Metemamen MFI staff will assess the existing gaps in the staff knowledge on mobile banking and look for best practices. The volunteer will then mainly assist on how to make the systems operational. She or He will develop guideline for effective operation of the system in Ethiopia.





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ASSIGNMENTS IN AFRICA AND ASIA

**WINROCK INTERNATIONAL POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT LOCATIONS:
BANGLADESH, BURMA (MYANMAR), MALI, NIGERIA, PHILIPPINES, AND
SIERRA LEONE,**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT LOCATIONS:
ETHIOPIA, GUINEA, KENYA, TANZANIA. AND UGANDA.**

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