

<p>STANDARD SECTOR INDICATOR CODE: AG-035 FTF (FTF Code: EG.3.2-4)</p>	<p>Organizations and Groups Receiving Technical Assistance: Number of for-profit private enterprises, producers organizations, water users associations, women's groups, trade and business associations, and community-based organizations (CBOs) receiving Peace Corps food security related organizational development assistance. (AG-035 FTF)</p>	
<p>AGRICULTURE SECTOR</p>	<p>Sector Schematic Alignment <i>Note: This indicator belongs to the "Markets" Project Area and "Business Development Services" Project Activities/Training Package (PA/TP) within the AG Sector but is borrowed by the following Project Activities/Training Packages within the AG and ENV Sectors.</i></p> <p><u>AG Sector ("Home" of the SSI)</u> PA/TP: Business Development Services</p> <p><u>AG Sector</u> PA/TP: Income Generation Activities</p> <p><u>ENV Sector</u> PA/TP: Business Development Services & Income Generation Activities</p>	
<p>Type: Output</p>	<p>Unit of Measure: Organizations</p>	<p>Disaggregations:</p> <p>Type of organization: Private enterprises, Producers' organizations, Water users associations, Women's group, Trade and business associations, Community-based organizations (CBOs)</p> <p>Duration: New, Continuing</p>
<p>Definitions:</p> <p>This indicator counts the number of private enterprises, producers' associations, cooperatives, producers' organizations, fishing associations, water users associations, women's groups, trade and business associations, and community-based organizations (CBOs), including those focused on natural resource management, receiving Peace Corps food security related organizational development assistance during the fiscal year. Organizational development assistance includes areas such as management (financial, planning, human resources), member services, procurement, technical innovations (processing, storage), quality control, marketing, etc. "Organizations assisted" should only include those organizations for which Peace Corps Volunteers have made a targeted effort to build their capacity or enhance their organizational functions.</p> <p>Count the number of organizations and not the number of members, even in the case of training or assistance to farmer's association or cooperatives, where individual farmers are not counted separately, but as one entity.</p> <p>Peace Corps assistance/training may include but is not limited to: financial aid, workshops, demonstrations, lessons, service delivery, or activities conducted by Peace Corps. These activities typically are conducted to provide participants with knowledge and/or skills, technical assistance, learning opportunities, services or expand coverage for services, etc.</p> <p>Organizations assisted: organizations for which Volunteers have made a targeted effort to build their capacity or enhance their organizational functions. In the case of training or assistance to farmer's association or cooperatives, individual farmers are not counted separately, but as one entity.</p>		

Duration:

New = the entity is receiving Peace Corps assistance for the first time during the reporting year.

Continuing = the entity received Peace Corps assistance in the previous year and continues to receive it in the reporting year.

Fiscal year – October 1 to September 30

Rationale: Tracks private sector and civil society capacity building that is essential to building agricultural sector productivity.

Measurement Notes:

- 1. Sample Tools and/or Possible Methods:** Volunteers should use data collection tools to measure progress against project indicators. For this Standard Sector Indicator, a tracking sheet that collects the number of organization or groups receiving technical assistance will capture the needed data.
- 2. General Data Collection for Volunteer Activities:** All Volunteer activities should be conducted with the intention of achieving outcomes – knowledge change (short-term), skills demonstration (intermediate-term), and behavioral changes (intermediate to long term) as defined by the progression of indicators within the objectives of a project framework. The progression of measurement for all Volunteer activities should begin with baseline data being conducted prior to the implementation of an activity (or set of activities), followed by documenting any outputs of the activities and then later at the appropriate time, measurements of specific outcomes (see “Frequency of Measurement”).
- 3. Activity-Level Baseline Data Collection:** Because this is an output indicator that does not measure any change, there is no need to take a baseline measurement before reporting the results of this indicator. However, Volunteers should take baseline measurements for any outcome indicators that are related to this output indicator. Refer to the project framework to review related outcome indicators.
- 4. Frequency of measurement:** An output indicator only needs to be measured once—in this case, every time an organization or group receives technical assistance, a Volunteer will want to keep track it and report on it in the next VRF.
- 5. Definition of change:** Outputs do not measure change.
- 6. General Reporting in the VRF:** In the case of output indicators, Volunteers only have one box to fill in on their VRF: “total # (number).”
- 7. Reporting on Disaggregated Data in the VRF:** This indicator is disaggregated by multiple categories; “Type of Organization” and “Duration”. Due to the functionality of the VRF, the Volunteer will see a table to enter the disaggregated data for the “Type of Organization” category. Then the Volunteer will see a box to enter disaggregated data for the “Duration”; new and continuing. The totals for each disaggregation category (“Type of Organization” and “Duration”) **MUST** be equal. **PLEASE NOTE:** Volunteers should check, before submitting their VRF to see if the totals are equal.
PLEASE NOTE: After a Volunteer submits their first VRF, the data entered into the “Duration” box will be editable, so a Volunteer should make sure that the sum of the “Duration” (new and continuing) **REMAINS** equal to the “New Total” column in the “Type of Organization” disaggregation table.

Data Quality Assessments (DQA): DQAs are needed for each indicator selected to align with the project objectives. DQAs review the validity, integrity, precision, reliability, and timeliness of each indicator. For more information, consult the Peace Corps MRE Toolkit.

Alignment with Summary Indicator: AG. ASSIST. TO ORGS & GROUPS