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West Africa Soil Doctors Network
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- Proposal to USAID for a small-scale 16 month Farmer to Farmer program
- Farmer to Farmer provides US-based technical experts to conduct trainings on agricultural topics of interest to individual countries
- Focused on Sierra Leone, Liberia and Gambia
- Concept:
 - a. Provide two 2-person teams to conduct two weeks of trainings in each country
 - b. First team focused on basic soil training, limited advanced training
 - c. Second team focused on advanced training with some additional basic soil training
 - d. A train-the-trainer model to help catalyze the country specific Soil Doctor programs
 - e. Develop relationships between regional Soil Doctors

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Additional possible USAID Soil Doctor support

- Soil Doctor program support can be requested from the current USAID program contractors. USAID contractors are required to be responsive to requests from individual countries.
- <https://farmer-to-farmer.org/about/where-we-work>
 - Winrock International: Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal
 - Browse and Grass Growers Coop: Burkina Faso
 - International Executive Service Corp (IESC): Kenya, Tanzania, Sri Lanka
 - Cultivating New Frontiers in Africa (CNFA): Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe
 - Catholic Relief Services: Benin, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Uganda

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Farmer to Farmer eligible countries

- Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Namibia, Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Togo.
- No current Farmer to Farmer programs exist in these countries, but additional grant opportunities do arise.

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