



To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is my personal recommendation on behalf of Lizanne Wheeler and Patrick Brown.

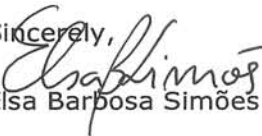
I have worked with them in the last 28 months as the project manager of the agriculture project at MCA – CV (Millennium Challenge Account – Cape Verde), financed by MCC – Millennium Challenge Account. They were engaged respectively as Director and Deputy Director, by Agland Investment Services, Inc. an US based firm contracted to carry on the implementation of the Watershed Management and Agriculture Project (WMASP) in Cape Verde.

During project implementation, both Lizanne and Patrick demonstrated solid knowledge on, and skills for agriculture project management. Besides, they proved to be excellent professionals, yet they were creative and quick to adapt to their new physical and cultural surrounding, tackling their assignments with dedication and joy.

In a short period they were able to manage and develop several agriculture-related preliminary studies, training of Trainers programs, training logistics to extension workers and farmers, farm to market pilot project and development of a network of farmers association and wholesale and retail distributors. These outputs resulted in 452 farmers trained, a postharvest facility constructed and equipped, a market information system designed and implemented amongst others. They were also extraordinarily helpful in other areas of the project such as: helping farmers' organization and advice on the best options for Post harvest and packing facilities.

They were an asset to our efforts to successfully implement this project and will be part of the success achieved in the implementation of the WMASP – MCA-CV.

I highly recommend Lizanne Wheeler and Patrick Brown for employment. Together they form a very competent team and I am confident they can be a valuable asset to any organization.

Sincerely,

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