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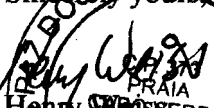
Re: Letter of Recommendation for Lizanne Wheeler and Patrick Brown

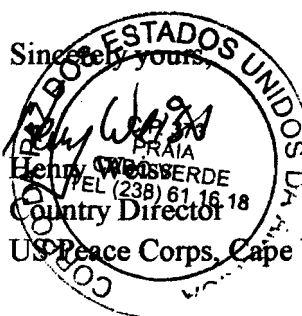
As Country Director of the Peace Corps in Cape Verde for the past three years, I had the pleasure to work with Lizanne Wheeler and Patrick Brown. The Peace Corps had placed several volunteers into rural communities under the direction of the Ministry of Agriculture. Lizanne and Patrick lead the Millennium Challenge Account Agricultural Services programs in these same areas and provided the volunteers with meaningful jobs, counterparts and *de facto* supervision.

Under their direction and tutelage, our volunteers were able to make a meaningful contribution in the rural communities. They assisted the Ministry and farmers in developing drip irrigation for high value agricultural crops, provide services in promoting small business development and helped write and edit a series of 25 brochures dealing with agronomy, irrigation, marketing, post harvest techniques, handling of produce and small business development.

This was a pilot partnership with the Peace Corps and the Ministry of Agriculture in Cape Verde, and there were many challenges, as well can be imagined. It was the tenacity of Lizanne and Patrick in dealing with the Ministry at both the rural, local and national levels that made the program a success for the Peace Corps and of high value for our volunteers. I highly recommend Lizanne and Patrick to manage projects that involve multi-culture situations and paradigms in difficult rural settings. Their ability to communicate with the entire range of stakeholders and beneficiaries, from Ministry officials to subsistence farmers in the field serves as a model to which we can aspire.

We enjoyed working with Lizanne and Patrick, and all of us in Cape Verde are sad to see them depart. If I may provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Weiss
Country Director
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