

## **Steve McCarthy**

### ***Bio***

Steve McCarthy recently returned to work at ACDI/VOCA headquarters in Washington, D.C. as a senior technical associate in cooperative and value chain development in the Africa and Middle East division. He had served overseas continuously for the past 14 years as ACDI/VOCA chief of party, first in Ethiopia and then in Egypt. In Ethiopia he was a catalyst in bringing Ethiopian gourmet Arabica coffee to the world market and he will build on that experience to expand ACDI/VOCA's global coffee profile.

McCarthy served 10 years as associate director and country director for Peace Corps in Ghana, Kenya and Uganda where he was principal liaison with national governments and other development organizations. As well, he developed assignments and provided support for an average of 65 volunteers annually.

For eight years he served as ACDI/VOCA chief of party for long-term USAID-funded development projects focusing on cooperative development and linkages of producers with markets. He has extensive experience in value chain analysis, market linkages and commodity marketing, particularly for smallholder farmers, in cereals, coffee, horticulture, dairy and livestock. He also served as Director of International Projects Division at DPRA Inc. in Washington, D.C., in the early 1990s.

McCarthy holds a master's degree from American University in international communication and development and has authored publications on grain storage in developing countries.