

Cape Verde Simulation Scenario

Directions: Each small group will be assigned one of the roles described below. After the presentations, the small groups will meet and discuss which of the methods they would pursue, given the resources available. All groups must keep within the roles they have been assigned while they discuss the issue and come to a decision.

Role 1— You are a government official from Cape Verde. The government must decide how to get the most fresh water it can, without endangering the supply for the future. You must choose one method for a large project funded by international lenders. The project must include a method that the government can continue after the initial funding period of two years ends. Which method do you pick?

Role 2—You are a board member of a large foundation. You have been approached by Cape Verdeans who have learned of your interest in keeping an adequate supply of fresh water for all living things for the future. The Cape Verdeans want to know which method of obtaining water looks the most promising to you, so they can write a grant to your foundation. Which method would you recommend?

Role 3—You are a Peace Corps Volunteer coordinator in Cape Verde. You need a successor to Volunteer Brandon Lundy to help people in Cape Verde work on water issues. Which method do you want the new Volunteer to work on as part of his or her assignment on Cape Verde?

Role 4—You are high school students in Cape Verde. You recognize the need for additional fresh water. Your group must work on a community project to help raise public awareness of water sources. Which method would you choose to educate people about your project?

Role 5—You are a farmer in a mountainous region of Cape Verde. You need additional water to extend the growing season for your land. Which method will you use?

Role 6—You are a housewife, and a member of the village council. Because you stand in line at the *chafariz* (water tank) to obtain your five buckets of water and because you are aware of education efforts about proper sanitation and water, you know the importance of a dependable supply of usable fresh water to your village. The council wants to apply for a grant to get additional fresh water. The grant money can fund supplies, equipment, or training for a method of obtaining additional water. Which method works best for you and your village?

Role 7—You are a real estate developer in Praia. You need additional fresh water for the tourist hotel you plan to build to use your nation's beautiful beaches for financial benefit and economic growth. Which method do you favor?

Role 8—You are a public health official who works for the *camaras* (local government). You know that more fresh water is both a problem (it gets polluted through unhealthy uses by an uneducated public) and a solution (water that does not spread diseases) for Cape Verde. Which method would you advocate to increase the fresh water supply?