

**SECTION IV. VISTA VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT**

Problem No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Answer all questions only in the space provided.)

For ACTION Use Only

Proj. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Training Class No. \_\_\_\_\_

Training Start Date \_\_\_\_\_

No. ACTION-Referred Vols. \_\_\_\_\_

Skill Code \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Sponsor's Name**Cherokee Nation Department of Food and  
Nutrition, Division of Health**3. Geographic Area(s) of Volunteer assignment**Cherokee and Delaware Counties in  
Oklahoma**2. Location (City, State)**

Tahlequah, Oklahoma

**4. Number of Volunteers required for this assignment.**

two

**5. Briefly describe sponsoring organization and VISTA Project.**

The Cherokee Nation is the federally recognized government of approximately 151,793 enrolled citizens of the Cherokee Nation. It comprises all or part of the fourteen counties of East Central and Northeastern Oklahoma. The administrative capabilities are demonstrated by the efficient operation of fifty-three major human service programs designed to meet the physical, social and economic needs of the Cherokee people.

The Food and Nutrition Department within the Health Division oversees the administration of the Food Distribution Program. This program is jointly funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Cherokee Nation. Legislative authority provided Native people, which are income eligible, the option to participate in the Food Distribution Program in lieu of the Food Stamp Program. Participants receive approximately seventy pounds of food per month per household member. In April 1994, food benefits were provided to approximately 9,590 individuals.

**6. Identify the problem(s) described in SECTION II to which assignment relates.**

The major problem this volunteer assignment is target to improve is the expansion of services to eligible household which currently are unable to access due to physical limitation on the delivery system. Expanded education of services to potentially eligible user community based meetings.