

Rotary



Peace Corps

Rotary International and Peace Corps Partnership Guidance

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A. Overview of Partnership

In 2014, Rotary International and the Peace Corps joined forces in a global strategic partnership to promote global development and volunteer service.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding, Rotary clubs and Peace Corps Volunteers are encouraged to share their resources and knowledge to boost the impact of development projects globally. Opportunities for collaboration include supporting community projects, training, networking, and community education.

Both Peace Corps and Rotary International are committed to improving lives and building stronger communities by addressing the root causes of violence and conflict, such as poverty, illiteracy, disease, and lack of access to clean water and sanitation. By working together, Rotary members along with active and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers enhance goodwill, international understanding, and build capacity in communities around the world.

This guidance is meant to help connect Rotary and the Peace Corps' global networks by offering both ideas for potential engagement in the United States and overseas as well as by providing clear pathways for getting started.

How to use this guidance:

Stakeholders	Recommended Uses	Recommended Sections
Peace Corps Invitees, Peace Corps 2-year Volunteers, Peace Corps Response Volunteers	Get to know more about Rotary before you depart or as you get to know your local community in-country; explore examples of how a US or an in-country Rotary club might be a partner in your capacity building work; and consider how you can stay connected with Rotary when you return home.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rotary at a Glance - Working with Rotary - In-service Collaboration - Volunteer Recruitment - Returning Volunteer Engagement
Peace Corps Post Staff	Find out how to contact in-country Rotary clubs and District leadership; learn more about Rotary programs and potential resources to support Peace Corps capacity building efforts; and share Peace Corps guideline documents, partnership overview flyers, and program sector overview materials to clarify how Rotarians can support Peace Corps' local capacity building efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rotary at a Glance - Working with Rotary - In-service Collaboration - Peace Corps Donor Guidelines - Peace Corps Collaboration Guidelines - Program Sector Snapshots
Rotary family and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs)	Learn more about how and where Peace Corps operates; understand the role of a Peace Corps Volunteer; explore the myriad of ways that you might connect and collaborate with a Volunteer from the US and/or overseas; and connect with other Rotarian RPCVs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peace Corps at a Glance - Working with Peace Corps - In-service Collaboration - Volunteer Recruitment - Returning Volunteer Engagement - Peace Corps Donor Guidelines - Peace Corps Collaboration Guidelines

B. Rotary at a Glance

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. **Rotary** unites people from all continents and cultures who take action to deliver real, long-term solutions to our world's most persistent issues. Together, we apply our professional experience and personal commitment to find new and effective ways to enhance health, stability, and prosperity across the globe. Through volunteering, our 1.2 million members make lifelong friendships that transcend political and cultural boundaries and foster global understanding and respect. In addition to our 35,000 clubs, Rotary also offers expanded service opportunities including:

- **Interact:** a service organization sponsored by Rotary clubs for young adults ages 12-18. There are more than 20,300 Interact clubs in 159 countries.
- **Rotaract:** university and community-based clubs organized by young professionals to promote leadership, professional development, and service among young adults. There are more than 10,000 Rotaract clubs in 184 countries.
- **Rotary Community Corps (RCCs):** groups of non-Rotary members who work to improve their communities in partnership with Rotary clubs. There are more than 10,000 RCCs in 100 countries, all organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT

WHO: Rotary brings together the kind of people who step forward to take on important issues for local communities worldwide. Rotary members hail from a range of professional backgrounds; doctors, artists, small business owners, teachers and executives all call themselves Rotarians. Rotary connects these unique perspectives, and helps leverage its members' expertise to improve lives everywhere.

WHERE: From Haiti and Greenland to Nigeria and Singapore, Rotary unites a truly diverse set of leaders from across the world. Currently, the largest number of clubs comes from the United States, India, Japan and Brazil. The fastest growing Rotary regions include Southeast Asia and Africa.

WHAT: Each year, Rotary members invest more than US \$200 million and 16 million volunteer hours to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, save mothers and children, support education, and grow local economies.

Polio Eradication

For more than 30 years, Rotary has been the driving force in the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Alongside our partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), we have achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases. Our members have contributed US \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Today, polio remains endemic in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Rotary remains committed to ending polio, and will raise \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars through a matching agreement with the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#). With the infrastructure we helped create to end polio, we have built a lasting global health legacy that is now used to reach millions of children to treat and prevent other diseases.

C. Working with Rotary: Fact sheet for Peace Corps Volunteers

Clubs: Doing good in the world

While each Rotary and Rotaract club determines its own priorities, most clubs are active in one or more of Rotary's six areas of focus:

- basic education and literacy
- disease prevention and treatment
- maternal and child health
- peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- community economic development
- water, sanitation and hygiene

Addressing environmental issues cuts across each of the priority sectors above. These areas of focus align closely with sectors in which Peace Corps Volunteers around the globe work. Learn more about Rotary at www.rotary.org.

Why work with a Rotary club?

A local Rotary club offers access to cultural insight, local contacts, logistical resources, funding possibilities, and much more. Involving Rotary in your project will increase its reach, impact and sustainability.

Rotary members are successful community and business leaders and their connections can help get a project up and running. They can help you identify prospective beneficiaries and work with you to explore and assess the most effective way to address their needs. A club's assistance will help you overcome language and cultural barriers in early planning stages, as well as help you arrange and implement a community program's continuation after you return home.

Rotary club projects are made more successful when clubs in two countries form an international partnership. As a Peace Corps Volunteer, you may be able to help inform an in-country Rotary club about potential assistance (i.e. technical and/or financial assistance) from Rotary clubs in the United States. Learn more about this in the *in-service country collaboration* section of this guide. Become a link between your host community and your hometown. Ask colleagues, friends, and family members if they have an affiliation with a U.S. Rotary or Rotaract club or if they know any Rotary members. Share a link if you have a Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) Project online.

How to work with a Rotary club

Rotary and Rotaract clubs meet regularly, either online or in-person, to share information with members and plan service projects. Clubs are autonomous and encouraged to plan, implement, and support any project they choose. If you do not succeed in cultivating a partnership with one club, try another!

Here are some good ways to introduce yourself to a club:

- Offer to speak at a meeting

- Invite Rotary members to visit your post, or projects in your community
- Attend a Rotarian or Rotaractor-led event

Any collaboration between Peace Corps Volunteers and Rotary clubs should first be approved by Peace Corps post staff. For detailed guidance regarding Peace Corps Volunteer collaboration with Rotary clubs please see Appendix B: Volunteer Collaboration Guiding Principles document.

To find a club near you, visit www.rotary.org/clublocator or download the Rotary Club Locator app for your mobile phone. Most clubs have websites or a social media presence with posted contact information. While clubs can be found in every country in which Peace Corps Volunteers work, you may find yourself in a situation in which there is not a local club near your post. Even if your post is located some distance from a club, Rotarians and Rotaractors may be able to assist you with contacts in your region. If you still have trouble finding or contacting a club, please email rotary.service@rotary.org and Rotary staff will be happy to help connect you with Rotary or Rotaract clubs in your area. Learn more about Rotaract clubs at <http://www.rotary.org/rotaract>.

ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS

Rotary Community Corps (RCCs) are teams of men and women who are not Rotary members but who work in partnership with Rotary clubs to improve their communities. Each RCC is sponsored by a Rotary club and acts as its partner in service.

Some RCCs are created to undertake a specific project, while others tackle larger, more entrenched problems on an ongoing basis. RCCs set their own goals based on their communities' specific needs. As representatives of the population being served, RCC members bring enthusiasm, creativity, and sustainability to the projects they design and implement. They offer community solutions for community challenges. Ask your local Rotary club(s) whether they have any RCCs established that you could support capacity-building efforts at your site or consider working with a Rotary club and members of the community to establish a new RCC to undertake project work and ensure long term sustainability. Learn more at www.rotary.org/rcc.

ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals to receive a fully funded master's degree or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies at one of the Rotary Peace Centers, located within seven leading universities around the world. The Rotary Peace Fellowship covers tuition and living expenses and increases the capacity of current and emerging peace leaders to prevent and resolve conflict through academic training, field experience, and professional networking. The nearly 900 program alumni are working as change agents for peace in over 100 countries with national governments, NGOs, United Nations agencies, the World Bank, and other entities. To learn more about the program, visit www.rotary.org/rotarycenters. All applications are due 31 May.

D: Peace Corps at a Glance

The Peace Corps partners with communities abroad to develop sustainable solutions for the world's most pressing challenges. [View and download the 2020 Peace Corps Fast Facts \(PDF\)](#).



MAKE
THE MOST
OF YOUR
WORLD

2020 Factsheet

The **Peace Corps** partners with communities abroad to develop sustainable solutions for the world's most pressing challenges by sharing America's most precious resource—its people.

Peace Corps Volunteers carry out people-to-people public service and citizen diplomacy at the grassroots level. Drawn from all corners of the United States, Volunteers work to address challenges in agriculture, community economic development, education, environment, health, and youth development across the globe.

Volunteers return home as global citizens with unique cross-cultural perspectives—as well as leadership, language, teaching, and community development skills that provide a competitive edge in today's global economy.

Today, nearly six decades after its founding by President John F. Kennedy, the Peace Corps remains committed to promoting world peace and friendship by pursuing three goals.

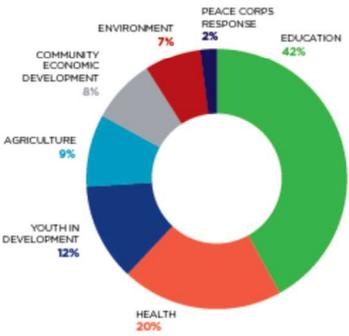
1. To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
2. To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
3. To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

*Based on data as of September 30, 2019
*Volunteer percentage excludes non-responders
*Percentage may not total 100% due to rounding.

HISTORY
Peace Corps officially established: March 1, 1961
Americans who have served: More than 240,000
Host countries served to date: 142

PEACE CORPS TODAY*
Current number of countries served: 61 countries
Volunteers and trainees: 7,334
Gender: 65% female, 35% male
Marital status: 99% single, 1% married
Minorities: 34% of Volunteers*
Average age: 26
Volunteers over age 50: 3.2% of Volunteers

BUDGET
Fiscal Year 2018: \$410.5 million



Activity	Percentage
Education	42%
Health	20%
Youth in Development	12%
Agriculture	9%
Community Economic Development	8%
Environment	7%
Peace Corps Response	2%



PEACE CORPS SERVICE

Peace Corps Volunteers live and work alongside the people they serve, collaborating with local governments, schools, small businesses, and entrepreneurs to create sustainable, community-based projects that address local development priorities across six sectors. In addition to Peace Corps' two-year Volunteer program, Peace Corps Response offers opportunities for experienced professionals to undertake short-term, high-impact service assignments overseas.

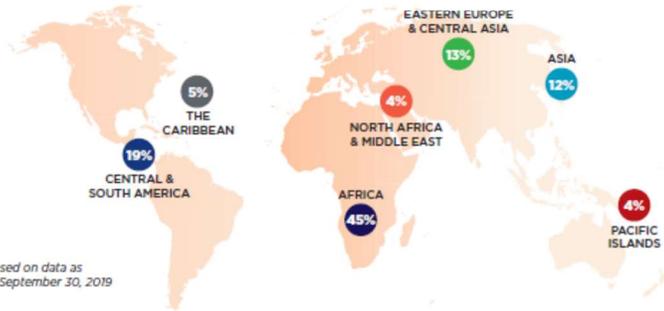
VOLUNTEERS

- Serve for two years following three months of in-country training.
- Receive a living allowance to live similarly to the people in their community.
- Receive medical and dental care during service
- Receive transportation to and from country of service
- Must be U.S. citizens
- While there is no upper age limit, must be at least 18 years old

Volunteers' health, safety, and security are the Peace Corps' highest priorities. The Peace Corps is committed to providing Volunteers with the training, guidance, and support they need to stay healthy, safe, and productive throughout their service.

WHERE VOLUNTEERS SERVE**

Volunteers serving in 2019 by percentage.



** Based on data as of September 30, 2019

December 2019



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E. Working with Peace Corps: Fact sheet for Rotarians

Peace Corps, an independent U.S. federal agency, sends U.S. citizens abroad to help tackle the most pressing needs around the world while promoting better international understanding of American culture and enhancing global awareness. Peace Corps Volunteers live and work alongside the people they support for a period of two or more years and concentrate efforts to create sustainable change that lives on long after their period of in-country service. Peace Corps currently has volunteers in more than 60 countries.

While in service, each Peace Corps Volunteer is tasked with addressing one of the following sectors:

- Education
- Health
- Community Economic Development
- Environment
- Youth in Development
- Agriculture

These sectors align closely with Rotary's areas of focus, which provide the framework for Rotary members' work around the globe. Learn more about the current volunteer programming priorities across the 60+ countries where Peace Corps operates by referring to Appendix D: Peace Corps Posts and Program Sectors, Appendix E: Peace Corps Program Sector Snapshots, and visiting www.peacecorps.gov/countries.

Why work with a Peace Corps Volunteer?

A Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV) offers access to local contacts, community development insights, and funding possibilities within a particular community. Involving a PCV in your project will increase its reach, impact, and sustainability.

Peace Corps Volunteers work with nongovernmental organizations, host-country governments, and local community members to identify and address local needs with their language skills and experience in cross-cultural collaboration. PCVs may be able to help you connect with local community-based organizations and work with you to find the most effective way to address their local community's needs. They also may be able to train and/or support local community members in their volunteer site working with a Rotary club to ensure long-term-sustainability of a project.

Rotary and Rotaract club projects are strengthened when clubs in different countries form an international partnership. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers often maintain relationships with their host community and can help connect clubs at home in the U.S. to ones with which they worked while abroad. Such links can lead to long-term international Rotary partnerships that provide resources for projects in the host country.

How to work with a Peace Corps Volunteer

Peace Corps Volunteers live in the community they are helping, and are eager to meet with others who are invested in improving communities. Many Peace Corps Volunteers enter service as Rotaractors or Rotarians or leave service and become Rotarians. Rotary members have numerous opportunities to engage with Peace Corps Volunteers before they depart to their country of service, during their time of service, and after they complete their assignment.

To connect with Peace Corps from and/or outside the U.S.:

- If your club is located in a capital city where most Peace Corps country offices are located, invite the Peace Corps Country Director or relevant Peace Corps staff member to meet or to attend a club meeting (<https://www.peacecorps.gov/countries/>).
- If you are a local in-country Rotary or Rotaract club member, and there is a Volunteer working in your community, invite the Volunteer to a club meeting, to visit a project your club has undertaken in your community, or to make a presentation at a club meeting about his or her work and experiences in-country.
- If you are a US-based Rotary or Rotaract club, looking to collaborate with Peace Corps overseas, check Peace Corps' website for a list of countries (<http://www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/learn/wherepc>) where Peace Corps operates and learn about what program areas volunteers are focusing on in that country. Get started by referring to Appendix D: Peace Corps Posts and Program Sectors and Appendix E: Peace Corps Program Sector Snapshots.
 - Each Peace Corps country has its own profile page (<https://www.peacecorps.gov/countries/>) with contact information for that post. If there appears to be alignment with the work of your club, reach out to a Rotary or Rotaract club in that country to try to make in-country introductions with the Peace Corps post.
 - If you are a US-based Rotary or Rotaract club interested in collaborating with Peace Corps overseas and are having trouble connecting with an in-country Rotary/Rotaract Club or Peace Corps post staff, please contact us at partnerships@peacecorps.gov
- If you are a member of a Rotary or Rotaract club in the US and would like to connect with a Peace Corps Volunteer serving overseas to learn more about their work, directly connect with a PCV through the Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools Global Connections (<https://www.peacecorps.gov/educators/global-connections/>) program by submitting a request form, including specific details of how your club would like to connect to the Volunteer.

How to create a Rotary Community Corps in collaboration with Peace Corps Volunteers

Rotary Community Corps (RCCs) are made up of people who are not Rotary members but who work in partnership with Rotary clubs to improve their communities. Each RCC is sponsored by a Rotary club and acts as its partner in service. Some RCCs are created for a specific project, while others tackle larger, entrenched problems on an ongoing basis. Each RCC sets its own goals based on its community's specific needs. As representatives of the community being served, RCC members bring enthusiasm, creativity, and sustainability to the projects they help design and implement. They offer community solutions for community challenges.

Work with the community's Peace Corps Volunteer to determine whether a new RCC might be established through the Volunteer's local counterpart organization to undertake project work and to ensure a project's sustainability after the volunteer has returned home. Learn more about Rotary Community Corps (<http://www.rotary.org/rcc>). See Appendix B for guidelines on working with a Peace Corps Volunteer and a Post.

How to work with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs), volunteers who've completed their service abroad and have returned to the U.S. often maintain strong relationships with their host communities and with the local Rotary or Rotaract clubs.

To introduce your club to a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer:

- Invite a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer to make a presentation about his or her work abroad and, if applicable, about how he or she worked with local Rotary or Rotaract clubs through the Speakers Match program (<https://www.peacecorps.gov/educators/speakers-match/>).
- Ask a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer to facilitate an introduction to the Rotary or Rotaract clubs with which he or she worked while abroad.
- Invite a returned volunteer to use his or her community development expertise to assist your club with its projects.
- Invite a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer to join your club, or to start a new club, to continue using his or her skills and advance humanitarian work locally.

Find more resources available to help you connect with a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer

(<https://www.peacecorps.gov/returned-volunteers/>).

F. In-service collaboration

Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their clubs can collaborate with Peace Corps Volunteers and Peace Corps Posts to leverage their collective impact in different and sometimes overlapping ways.

Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP)

PCPP small grant projects are: (1) jointly-led and developed by Peace Corps Volunteers and the local community in their country of service; (2) identified and initiated by community partners who have invested a minimum of 25% of the project cost in donated labor, materials, or monetary support; (3) approved by Peace Corps staff and monitored to ensure compliance with the Peace Corps' established Small Grants Program policies and procedures; and (3) subject to strict federal financial controls to ensure donated funds reach the intended communities. All monies donated to support PCPP small grant projects are tax deductible under IRS Section 170(c)(1). There are no overhead or administrative expenses as 100 percent of your gift goes directly to support these projects.



TAKE ACTION

PEACE CORPS

- Peace Corps Volunteers can reach out to US Rotary and Rotaract clubs in their hometown communities and let them know about their experience and/or PCPP community-led project by providing a link to their project.

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- Rotary and Rotaract clubs can donate to specific Peace Corps Volunteer-supported projects posted online through the PCPP at www.peacecorps.gov/donate. There are many giving options available:
 - Donate to a Volunteer's project
 - Donate to a project by a Volunteer from your state
 - Donate to a project by country
 - Donate to a project by sector (i.e. agriculture, youth)
- Consider round-up year-end giving by funding a PCV project
- Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the US can also coordinate with local in-country clubs to support PCPP projects financially or with in-kind donations. Clubs interested in supporting Peace Corps Volunteer-supported projects can learn more at the Appendix of this document



With the support of a Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) grant from the Mill Valley Rotary Club, a Peace Corps Volunteer identified a public health campaign to build bathrooms in a remote Peruvian mountain town. The grant provided the material resources to construct and connect 15 bathrooms to the local sewer. The project also enabled the Volunteer to train residents in both the construction and maintenance of the bathrooms and was sustained through a long-term inspection plan developed with the local public health office. One of many such grants, PCPP, allows clubs like Mill Valley to support multiple small projects by issue area, by amount, by country and even by supporting a Volunteer from their home state.

RESOURCES

- PCPP program webpage and team contact information: <https://www.peacecorps.gov/donate>
- Basics on the Peace Corps Partnership Program: <https://www.peacecorps.gov/donate/projects/>
- Rotary Club Finder tool: <https://my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder>
- Please also see *PCPP Guiding Principles for Donors* document in Appendix A

Engaging with Peace Corps posts in-country

Rotary and Rotaract clubs in or near communities where Peace Corps Volunteers are located are always looking for partners on humanitarian activities. A club can work with a PCV and his/her local counterpart to help assess a community to identify assets and gaps, jointly create a project plan, acquire needed funds and resources, and implement/execute the effort. Clubs often organize Rotary Community Corps, a group of non-Rotarians, to advocate on behalf of the community in partnership on service projects and is then responsible for executing and maintaining the project, ensuring sustainability lasting impact.

TAKE ACTION

PEACE CORPS

- Peace Corps program staff and Volunteers can reach out to a local Rotary or Rotaract club leader in or near their community to learn more about the priorities and initiatives of Rotarians in their area. Use Rotary's Club Finder tool (<https://my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder>) to find clubs and contacts. Another resource is to reach out to get assistance in connecting with a Rotary club.
- Peace Corps programming and training staff can invite a local Rotary or Rotaract club leader to speak on a panel during pre-service and/or mid-service training to inform Volunteers about the ways Rotary may be a resource to volunteers and local counterparts during the Volunteers' term of service.
- Rotarians are often very well connected within their communities and within government. Rotarians are mobilizers, and can help PCVs, Peace Corps post staff build important relationships with fellow community groups, businesses, and government ministries. Peace Corps Country directors can reach out to Rotary district governors to learn more about Rotary priorities in the country. To request an introduction, post staff may contact the Rotary Service & Engagement team at rotary.service@rotary.org.

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- If you are a Rotary or Rotaract club in a capital city, where most Peace Corps country offices are located, invite the Peace Corps Country Director or relevant Peace Corps staff member to meet or to attend a club meeting.
- If you are a local in-country member of a Rotary or Rotaract club, and there is a volunteer working in your community, invite the Volunteer to a club meeting, to visit a project your club has undertaken in your community, or to make a presentation at a club meeting about his or her work and experiences in-country.
- If you are a US-based Rotary or Rotaract club, looking to collaborate with Peace Corps overseas, check Peace Corps' website for a list of countries (<http://www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/learn/wherepc/>) where Peace Corps operates and learn about what program areas volunteers are focusing on in that country. Get started by referring to Appendix D: Peace Corps Posts and Program Sectors and Appendix E: Peace Corps Program Sector Snapshots.
 - Each Peace Corps country has its own profile page (<https://www.peacecorps.gov/countries/>) with contact information for that post. If there appears to be alignment with the work of your club, reach out to a Rotary or Rotaract club in that country to try to make in-country introductions with the Peace Corps post.
 - If you are a US-based Rotary club interested in collaborating with Peace Corps overseas and are having trouble connecting with an in-country Rotary Club or Peace Corps post staff, please contact us at partnerships@peacecorps.gov

- Browse Rotary Showcase (<http://www.rotary.org/showcase>) for examples of projects led by Rotary and Rotaract clubs in different areas of the world (use keyword search “Peace Corps”). Sometimes a successful example can spark ideas or serve as a framework for a similar activity in collaboration with a Peace Corps post, depending on assessment of local community needs, interest, and capacity.

Important Note: A Peace Corps Volunteer’s work helps the communities they serve improve their capacity building. With that in mind, the Peace Corps requires any organization seeking to engage with a PCV in bringing opportunities to the communities to recognize that all actions taken in a community reflect on the PCV’s and the Peace Corps program in that country. To help clarify the role of a Peace Corps Volunteer in a local community, please refer to the **Post Level Volunteer Collaboration Guiding Principles** document in Appendix B.

EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION



Since 2012, Peace Corps Tonga and the Rotary Club of Nuku’alofa (RCN) have built a collaborative partnership to support a wide variety of locally-led community projects through Tongan Schools. It started when Peace Corps Volunteers teaching in local schools helped distribute donated books secured by RCN. In 2015 after finding that many of these books were neither age appropriate nor culturally relevant, Volunteers helped expand the program to create small reading books covering familiar themes and using relevant local vocabulary. The collaboration continued when a drought hit in 2015, and RCN stepped in to create water tanks at the schools and Peace Corps Volunteers collaborated to draft a handbook on maintaining them. Tonga is one

great example of how strong local relationships between Rotary clubs, Peace Corps Posts, and local community leaders can lead to sustainable, community-led project success.

In May of 2015 a Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana collaborated with the Rotary Club of Selibe-Phikwe to acquire wheelchairs for people living in the area. Wheelchair donations from the Rotary Club were acquired through their fundraising efforts and partnership with a UK NGO. When based on a demonstrated community need, this type of project can be a straightforward and engaging way for Rotarians and Peace Corps Volunteers to collaborate.





Rotary clubs donated 11,500 books to 65 schools in the Dominican Republic. The schools use the donated books on a daily basis, especially the leveled readers that help children learn to read. By having age-appropriate, high-quality books in the schools, Peace Corps Volunteers are better able to perform in their capacity as Primary Literacy Specialists.

RESOURCES

- Rotary Community Corps: www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/rotary-community-corps
- Rotary Grants: www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/grants
- Rotary Showcase: www.rotary.org/showcase
- Appendix B: Volunteer Collaboration Guiding Principles document

Supporting projects from a distance through programming and training

US-based clubs and Peace Corps posts and Volunteers may explore opportunities for collaboration through joint programming, technical and training to support PCV community-led initiatives that build local capacity in a particular Peace Corps country of service.



One strong example of Rotary and Peace Corps building local capacity through joint programming was the implementation of the Souns program in and around Pretoria, South Africa. Souns, a letter-sound program, is based on Montessori principles and provides early childhood educators and parents with tools to help children build early literacy skills. Local and international Rotary members worked in collaboration with the Peace Corps post in South Africa to train Peace Corps Education Volunteers in the Souns curriculum and provide teaching materials for classrooms.

TAKE ACTION

PEACE CORPS

- Peace Corps staff and PCVs can consider collaboration with Rotary and Rotaract clubs that have technical expertise and/or access to technical resources that can support community projects including youth literacy, preventative health, and water and sanitation. PCVs, in coordination with their program managers, can explore collaboration between Rotary or Rotaract clubs and their communities by identifying areas of potential alignment and opportunities for collaboration for both primary and potential secondary projects and making introductions between US-based and in-country clubs. (See Appendix B: Peace Corps Volunteer Collaboration Guidelines to better understand the expectations of Volunteers in such an engagement.)

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- Upon invitation from Peace Corps, Rotarians and Rotaractors with particular expertise or country knowledge could also participate in PCV training by sending teaching materials electronically or by mail.
- Rotarians and Rotaractors may also be open to sharing technical support virtually in areas such as water and sanitation for Peace Corps projects.
- Rotary global grant projects: Once the host club has conducted a community assessment and worked with local community leaders to design a sustainable project together, they may determine they require expertise from another organization for part of project implementation and/or training. In those cases, there may be an opportunity for the host Rotary club to reach out to nearby Peace Corps Volunteers to have a role in the project to help mobilize or build capacity for the local community in coordination with community leaders and the Rotarians. Any Peace Corps Volunteer involvement must be first approved by Peace Corps Post staff.



In 2019, after forging relationships across Ukraine and Belarus, and with support from US-based Rotary clubs, a Kiev-based Peace Corps Volunteer and Rotary International District 2232 teamed up with (9) Peace Corps Volunteers, (5) Lviv International Rotaractors, and (8) Rotarians to successfully initiate the District's first Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) with 17 sponsored participants. As with other RYLA programs throughout the world, the conference brought together young adults to build skills in leadership, volunteerism, communication, public speaking, conflict resolution and team building.

RESOURCES

- Appendix B: Volunteer Collaboration Guiding Principles document
- Appendix D: Peace Corps Posts and Program Sectors
- Appendix E: Peace Corps Program Sector Snapshots
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA): <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/rotary-youth-leadership-awards>

G. Volunteer recruitment and pre-service

Help find great applicants for Peace Corps Service and connect with new invitees before they depart overseas.

TAKE ACTION

PEACE CORPS RECRUITERS

- Peace Corps Recruiters can engage their local Rotary or Rotaract club by using the Rotary Club Finder Tool on Rotary.org. This engagement can include connecting local PCV (Peace Corps Volunteers) to the chapter leadership prior to departure and after service.
- Peace Corps Recruiters can visit Rotary.org and Rotary or Rotaract club websites for national, district and local Rotarian and Rotaractor-sponsored events. Contact organizers to determine feasibility of promoting service in the Peace Corps' two-year program or Peace Corps Response.



ROTARY

- *US-based:* Rotarians/Rotaractors and Peace Corps Volunteers share similar values that support service in global and local communities. Rotarians/Rotaractors should consider serving in the Peace Corps two-year program or leverage their technical and career expertise in becoming a short-term Peace Corps Response Volunteer. Visit Peace Corps' website to learn more about both programs and to contact your local recruiter (<https://www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/connect-with-a-recruiter/>).
- *US-based:* **Refer a Friend** to be a Peace Corps Volunteer with this convenient, [online applicant referral program tool](#). Also, share the program with your members by adding this custom link to your communications: <http://www.peacecorps.gov/refer/by/rotary>. This will take visitors to a page where one can learn about the program and submit an email encouraging a "friend" to consider serving as a Volunteer. Leverage Peace Corps marketing tools to help promote the program. Get started with our [Marketing Toolkit Guide](#) or go directly to the [Marketing Tools](#).
- *US-based:* Support the Peace Corps in reaching your club members by inviting your local Peace Corps Recruiters to meet your club on an annual basis. If there are special events with other community members, consider inviting your Recruiters to attend and share their service experience.
- *US-based:* Consider attending or offering to host a Peace Corps Volunteer Welcome Back and Send Off Party at your club meeting space. Connect your local Peace Corps Recruiter to engage PCV "invitees" and their families prior to their departure overseas and as they return from service and look for ways to engage locally.

- *Global:* Promote Peace Corps' two-year program and Peace Corps Response. If your country hosts PCVs, reach out to the Peace Corps Country Director to welcome incoming PCVs during their three months of in-country language and technical training before the start of their service.
- *Global:* If your country hosts Peace Corps Volunteers, learn about their work and whether they are empowering the same communities where your club is working. To connect with Peace Corps Volunteers, contact the Country Director or other country office staff.

EXAMPLES

- Local Peace Corps Recruiters host Welcome Back and Send Off Parties for Volunteers and their family. Peace Corps invitees are invited to attend these events to network with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and supports in their local community prior to service. Rotarians are encouraged to participate in these events to network with Peace Corps Volunteers for possible collaboration or upon their return from Peace Corps service.
- Peace Corps Recruiters are often available to attend Rotary-sponsored conferences and other Rotary-related events to talk to Rotarians about service in Peace Corps' two-year program or Peace Corps Response, Peace Corps' shorter-term, more technically focused program. These events are also great opportunities to invite youth leaders involved in Rotary programs to learn about service overseas.

RESOURCES

- Connect with a Peace Corps Recruiter: www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/connect-with-a-recruiter/
- Peace Corps Volunteer Program: www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer
- Peace Corps Response Program: www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/is-peace-corps-right-for-me/peace-corps-response/
- Rotary International events: <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-ideas/events>
- Rotary Club Finder Tool: <https://my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder>

H. Returning Volunteer Engagement

Peace Corps Office of the Third Goal offers support to returning Volunteers to share their experience and bring their learning back home to their communities in the U.S.

TAKE ACTION



PEACE CORPS

- Invite Rotary members to participate in Returned Volunteer Service (RVS) activities to serve as professional networking resources
- Post training staff can provide information about Rotary International programming in the US during Volunteer Close of Service (COS) Conferences to help provide professional and ongoing civic leadership opportunities for returning Peace Corps Volunteers. (See Rotary at a Glance and Appendix flyer for materials to share with Volunteers during their COS.)

ROTARY

- Post employment or other community leadership positions on the Peace Corps Career Link website: <https://www.peacecorps.gov/returned-volunteers/careers/career-link/>
- Learn more about a specific issue, country, and/or the experience of an RPCV from their community by requesting RPCV speakers through the Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools Speakers Match program: <https://www.peacecorps.gov/educators/speakers-match/>
- Connect with an RPCV affinity group in your geographic area, with a connection to the country in which your club is located, or whose membership is made up of Rotarian RPCVS. Find a group at National Peace Corps Association: <https://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/company/directory>
- Engage RPCVs by posting events on the Peace Corps Events for Returned Volunteers web page: <https://www.peacecorps.gov/returned-volunteers/events>

RESOURCES

- Peace Corps Career Link: www.peacecorps.gov/returned-volunteers/careers/career-link/
- Peace Corps Events for Returned Volunteers: www.peacecorps.gov/returned-volunteers/events
- RPCV Speaker Match: www.peacecorps.gov/educators/speakers-match/
- Rotary Club Finder tool: <https://my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder>
- Rotary Brand Center: <https://brandcenter.rotary.org> (customizable materials for RPCVs presenting at clubs)
- Partnering for Peace: <https://www.partneringforpeace.org/cpages/home1> (affinity group of Rotarian RPCVs)

I. Share your story

How did you engage in the global strategic partnership between Rotary and the Peace Corps?

Peace Corps and Rotary International would love to feature your experience and perspective in our social, digital, and print media. Consider sharing not only stories, but also lessons learned and advice for others wishing to become actively involved in this partnership. Your stories will inspire other Rotary members and Peace Corps Volunteers to replicate your success. Stories and photos from any/all areas of engagement are welcome! Please send to

rotary.service@rotary.org and visit the Peace Corps Share your story link:

<https://www.peacecorps.gov/contact/volunteer-story/>



Please note that your submission will be subject to review by both Peace Corps and Rotary International, according to the policies and rules of the current Memorandum of Understanding between both parties.

Blog posts should meet the following requirements:

- Keep stories short (300-700 words for Rotary; 500-800 words for Peace Corps)
- Write in the first person (I, me, my) voice and include personal observations and impressions. The best posts tell a story that will inspire others to take similar action.
- Know your audience. Are you writing for currently serving Peace Corps Volunteers? Current Rotary/Rotaract members? Host country nationals? The general public?
 - Stories intended specifically for the Peace Corps blog should embody the style and tone of their brand personality: innovator, problem-solver, optimistic, resourceful, collaborative, creative
- Keep topics relevant or timely. What is trendy right now? What special days or celebrations are coming up?
- Be direct. Most blog readers decide if an entry is worth reading in just a few seconds. State your main point in the beginning of your post and include supporting information in subsequent paragraphs.
- Write for an online audience. Online attention spans are short, and readers scan a page more than they read word-by-word. Keeping that in mind, employ scannable tactics such as:
 - Have a hook – what will make someone want to continue reading?
 - Short paragraphs (one idea a paragraph)
 - Short sentences
 - Highlighted keywords
 - Sub-headings
 - Bulleted lists

- Write for a wide audience and avoid Peace Corps or Rotary jargon, acronyms, or technical language. Use conversational language to explain things clearly, and include specific examples to illustrate a point, focusing on people, relationships, and impact.
- Consider incorporating multimedia features such as videos, images, and infographics to provide compelling and easily digestible content for readers. Include at least 2-4 photos, ideally that show people taking action. Include appropriate signed authorization for photos and videos.
- Avoid PII (personally identifying information), such as where a Peace Corps Volunteer lives or works.
- Always be respectful of the host country and host country nationals
- Include links to other sites, blogs, partner organizations
- Encourage reader interaction by providing a clear call to action, such as asking readers to post their thoughts in the comments section or to share the piece on social media with their networks.

Blog posts may be edited for clarity and brevity, and will be sent back to the submitter for review and approval.

Now that you've published your story make sure to use it! Share it on your social media platforms, with your leadership, or even with the press. Make sure your colleagues know what stories are available because they may want to use them for reports or presentations. Stories also help staff at HQ. We use them for our many reports, on our flagship social media channels, and for recruitment!

For examples of features from this service partnership, visit the following:



- Rotary Service in Action blog: <https://rotaryserviceblog.org/category/service-and-project-partnerships/>
- Rotary Voices blog (keyword search Peace Corps): <https://blog.rotary.org/>
- Peace Corps Share your story link: www.peacecorps.gov/stories/
- *The Rotarian* magazine: <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/magazines/rotarian>
- Rotary regional magazines: <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/magazines>

COLLABORATION EXAMPLES



Rotarian and Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Charlie Masilae has recruited several Returned Peace Corps Volunteers to his local Rotary chapter in Denver, Colorado. <https://blog.rotary.org/2019/03/18/returned-peace-corps-volunteers-make-great-members/>

At the University of Denver, more than 85 Rotarian RPCVs attended a workshop to discuss ways Rotary clubs and Peace Corps Volunteers can collaborate to work on initiatives and what past collaborations have looked like. Examples of past collaborations include implementing a computer lab in Senegal and aiding a community in developing a source of clean water in Burkina Faso.

<https://rotaryserviceblog.org/2017/11/08/strengthening-the-connection-between-peace-corps-volunteers-and-rotary-members/>



Encouraged by the service he pursued through Rotary, Cal Mann participated in the Peace Corps as an older volunteer, making up the small fewer than 10% of PCVs who serve when they are over 50 years old. Mann utilized the Rotary and Peace Corps collaboration to foster relations with PCVs and local organizations in the area they are serving including Rotary clubs themselves. This type of collaboration allowed for more ways Rotary members could engage in service depending on what country they were in and what projects Peace Corps Volunteers were working on: <https://rotaryserviceblog.org/2019/05/24/how-peace-corps-can-help-expand-the-impact-of-rotary-clubs/>

Because of a grant from Rotary, the Rotary Club Santo Domingo was able to begin a project implementing a well water system in multiple communities in the Dominican Republic with the help of Peace Corps volunteers. Rotary was also able to get in touch with an RPCV that was able to help with the project. <https://rotaryserviceblog.org/2019/03/27/rotary-clubs-partner-with-peace-corps-volunteers-to-provide-water-and-sanitation/>



Erica Brouillette served as Community Service Director of the Northern Virginia Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (NOVA RPCV), an affiliate group of the National Peace Corps Association. NOVA RPCV initiated a local Rotary-Peace Corps Partnership by working with refugees. NOVA RPCV has started providing drivers to transport refugees from the airport to temporary housing, as well as to take them to and from needed appointments. NOVA RPCV and the Falls Church Rotary Club as successfully implemented a joint service project packing refugee welcome kits.

<https://rotaryserviceblog.org/2017/08/11/why-peace-corps-and-rotary-are-the-perfect-fit/>

Appendix A: Peace Corps Partnership Program Guiding Principles Document



Peace Corps Partnership Program Guiding Principles for Donors

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Peace Corps through a donation to the Peace Corps Partnership Program! Your donation will support and engage Peace Corps Volunteers and their communities around the world through projects that are:

- Jointly led and developed by Peace Corps Volunteers and the local community in their country of service;
- Identified and initiated by community partners who have invested a minimum of 25% of the project cost in donated labor, materials, or monetary support;
- Approved by Peace Corps staff and monitored to ensure compliance with the Peace Corps' established Small Grants Program policies and procedures; and
- Subject to strict federal financial controls to ensure donated funds reach the intended communities.

In order to ensure the smooth management of PCPP projects, minimize disruption to field operations, adhere to safety and security policies, and maintain the effectiveness of our Volunteers and the in- country program, we have developed the following guidelines for donors. As a donor to the Peace Corps Partnership Program, you understand and agree that:

1. All Peace Corps Partnership Program projects are community initiated and led jointly by the Peace Corps Volunteer and their community to address a pressing community need.
2. The Peace Corps works to fully fund each Peace Corps Partnership Program project as quickly as possible so that the funds can be sent to the field, and the community and Volunteer can promptly begin the project.
3. While the Peace Corps can identify historical trends in projects by sector and geographical region, the agency cannot guarantee that a specific type of project will be available at a specific post in any calendar year.
4. Any donor communication with the Peace Corps regarding the donation, or projects supported by the donation, or any other related issue must be conducted through the Office of Gifts and Grants Management at Peace Corps headquarters.
5. Extraordinary requests relating to the donation (including but not limited to requests for post site visits or additional information outside of the standard reporting agreed upon in the Donor Agreement), must be received in writing by the Office of Gifts and Grants Management at Peace Corps headquarters. [Peace Corps Office of Gifts and Grants Management, 1275 First Street Northeast, Washington, DC, 20526; pcpp@peacecorps.gov; 202-692-2170] These requests will be reviewed by the Office of Gifts and Grants Management Staff and forwarded in a timely manner to other offices as appropriate for further review. Extraordinary requests may or may not be granted at the agency's sole discretion.

6. Donors may not contact any currently serving Peace Corps Volunteers or Peace Corps staff at posts without first obtaining permission from the Office of Gifts and Grants Management.
7. Any permitted communications between a donor and any Peace Corps Volunteer or Peace Corps Staff member must be conducted in a professional and courteous manner. The donor must include the Office of Gifts and Grants Management in all such permitted communications.
8. Donors may state the facts of their donation publicly (including the PCPP project title and amount of the donation) and must adhere to the terms outlined in the Donor Agreement with regards to statements regarding their donation to the Peace Corps. Donors may not make any statement regarding the donation that would imply endorsement or advertisement by the Peace Corps of the donor, its officers, employees, representatives, products or services, or otherwise diminish the good name and goodwill of the Peace Corps.
9. These provisions supersede any prior mode of communication, practice or understanding between you, the Donor, and Peace Corps Volunteers and staff.

Appendix B: Volunteer Collaboration Guiding Principles document



Post Level Volunteer Collaboration Guiding Principles

The work of Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) is defined by the boundaries of the three goals of Peace Corps, as delineated in the Peace Corps Act:

- To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
- To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
- To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

To assist PCVs in pursuit of these goals during the 27 months of their service, Peace Corps trains PCVs in the language, technical and cultural aspects relevant to the PCVs' work in their country of service. Peace Corps believes that PCVs should learn to live among the local populations, and work within and alongside the local communities in order to be an appropriate development partner to the communities.

A PCV's work helps the communities they serve improve their capacity building. With that in mind, the Peace Corps requires any organization seeking to engage with a PCV in bringing opportunities to the communities to recognize that all actions taken in a community reflect on the PCV's and the Peace Corps program in that country and thus understand and agree to the following:

1. All organizations that want to engage with PCVs must understand that all actions taken in a community reflect on the PCV's work and on the Peace Corps program in that Country. Therefore, the PC post must approve in writing any proposed project or activity taken in collaboration with a PCV.
2. Project or activity must be planned together with a Peace Corps post program staff member, a relevant PCV, a relevant partner organization, and local community leaders, in order to ensure the most effective, sustainable, and culturally appropriate implementation, to which the PCV will be the judge. The Peace Corps will determine whether involvement or engagement with a PCV is appropriate, and no direct contact with a PCV is permitted unless authorized by Peace Corps staff.
3. Any joint activity or project must address a local or regional need and must be linked to a capacity-building effort, as determined by the PCV.
4. Any joint activity or project must be approved by the PCV's Program Manager.
5. To ensure that the PCV will have developed a stronger understanding of the community, a PCV must have served in their site for a minimum amount of time as determined by their Program Manager before the PCV is eligible to engage in any such activity or project.
6. The PCV provides services to the community where he or she is assigned by the PC post. Therefore, the PCV is unable to collaborate on any project outside of that community. If a Partner requires the PCV's accompaniment in other communities, a pre-planned schedule must be developed and mutually agreed upon, recognizing that a PCV's priority is to work with the community where he/she is assigned.

7. Activity or project must not interfere with the PCV's main responsibilities to their assigned community, on which the PCV is supervised by local and/or regional institutional counterpart in addition to PC post.
8. A strategic partner's desire to engage in an activity or project should be directed to the PC post.
9. A strategic partner recognizes that PCVs have transportation limitations. PCVs have very limited resources to cover transportation costs and this can limit their ability to support other communities.
10. A strategic partner recognizes a PCV's understanding of cultural norms and customs of the community and will discuss with a PCV on how to appropriately implement projects while respecting the culture of the community.
11. A strategic partner recognizes that a PCV is working within the scope of an action plan that has been validated by PC Staff, agreed upon by community leaders and PC post staff. If PCV deems it necessary to engage Partner, both parties will ensure that joint work will not hamper action plan.
12. PCVs work to ensure that locals learn to rely on their own strengths and resources. Therefore, Partner will understand that impromptu gifts to community members are not appropriate.
13. As a matter of Peace Corps policy, a PCV cannot receive donations or gifts – including cost of meals, transportation, etc. These items cannot be accepted by PCVs, nor on behalf of their communities.
14. As a matter of Peace Corps policy, a PCV cannot be involved in any fundraising effort (neither crowdfunding nor targeted fundraising). Neither Peace Corps' name, logo, nor PCV's name can be used in any fundraising effort.

Appendix C: Peace Corps and Rotary Partnership Overview Flyer



The Peace Corps and Rotary Partnership

Peacebuilding from the Ground Up

Since 2015, Peace Corps and Rotary International have worked together to foster collaboration among Rotarians, Peace Corps Volunteers, and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. We continue to connect our networks to share and replicate community-building success and leverage our respective resources around the shared goal of fostering world peace and friendship.

Why Work with a Peace Corps Volunteer?

Volunteers are embedded in local communities, and have skills in assessing and identifying community assets and opportunities.

By living and working in the communities where they serve, Volunteers can ensure local community involvement and long-term sustainability.

Volunteers can bridge connections between local community leaders and Rotarians and can help bring other capacity-building resources to a project.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) bring experience, skills, and passion for civic engagement back to the U.S. and can serve as valuable resources for ongoing collaboration with Rotarians.

How to Collaborate

Provide Project and Technical Support in the Field

- Provide relevant technical and training support upon invitation from and coordination with Peace Corps posts
- Collaborate with in-country Rotary clubs and Peace Corps Posts to support communities and Volunteers addressing local challenges
- Contribute to a Volunteer-supported small grant project or to country level initiatives that align with your club's priorities through the Peace Corps Partnership Program

Help Bring a Volunteer's Learning and Experience Back Home

- Help Returned Peace Corps Volunteers find career and civic engagement opportunities after they return to the U.S.
- Invite a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer to your club meeting to share about his/her experience abroad and learn about a country, local challenges and people-centered solutions

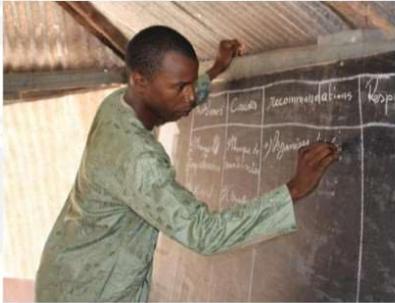
Encourage More U.S. Residents to Serve in Peace Corps

- Consider serving in either Peace Corps' two-year program or a shorter-term technical assignment with Peace Corps Response
- Invite a Peace Corps Recruiter to participate in local or national Rotary-sponsored events

For more information contact partnerships@peacecorps.gov



How have Peace Corps and Rotary Worked Together in the Past?



Rotarian RPCV Combating Cervical Cancer in Senegal

Andrew Dykens, a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) and member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, launched the nonprofit Peace Care, to bring resources needed in Senegal to combat cervical cancer. After hearing about the need for cervical cancer screenings from Peace Corps Post staff, Dykens and Peace Care responded by training local health workers to detect abnormal cervical cells. They have been working collaboratively with Rotarians and Rotary clubs, who have been supporting this initiative, allowing for the expansion of these services.

U.S. Club Helping Peace Corps Small Grants Address Big Problems

With the support of a Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) grant from the Mill Valley Rotary Club, a Peace Corps Volunteer supported a public health campaign to build bathrooms in a remote Peruvian mountain town. The grant provided the material resources to construct and connect 15 bathrooms to the local sewer. The project also enabled the Volunteers to train residents in both the construction and maintenance of the bathrooms and was sustained through a long-term inspection plan developed with the local public health office. One of many such grants, the Peace Corps Partnership Program allows clubs like Mill Valley to support multiple small projects by issue area, by amount, by country and even by supporting a Volunteer from their home state.



Building Post-Level Partnership on the Ground in the Pacific

Since 2012, Peace Corps Tonga and the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa (RCN) have built a collaborative partnership to support a wide variety of locally-led community projects through Tongan Schools. It started when Peace Corps Volunteers teaching in local schools helped distribute donated books secured by RCN. In 2015 after finding that many of these books were neither age appropriate nor culturally relevant, Volunteers helped expand the program to create small reading books covering familiar themes and using relevant local vocabulary. The collaboration continued when a drought hit in 2015, and RCN stepped in to create water tanks at the schools and Peace Corps Volunteers collaborated to draft a handbook on maintaining them. Tonga is one great example of how strong local relationships between Rotary clubs, Peace Corps Posts, and local community leaders can lead to sustainable, community-led project success.



Appendix D: Peace Corps Posts and Program Sectors

Peace Corps Countries of Service and Program Sectors
Updated 10/22/2019

Source: 2020 Congressional Budget Justification Report

Peace Corps Countries by Region	Peace Corps Post City	2 Year Volunteer Count	Peace Corps Response Volunteers	Agriculture	Community Economic Development	Education	Environment	Health	Youth in Development
Asia									
Cambodia	Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh	130				•		•	
China	Chengdu, Schuan	140	•			•			
Indonesia	Surabaya	150				•			
Mongolia	Ullaanbaatar	120				•		•	•
Myanmar	Sanchaung Township, Yangon	80				•			
Nepal	Kathmandu	90		•					
Philippines	Manila	190	•			•	•		•
Sri Lanka	Colombo	30				•			
Thailand	Bangkok	110				•			•
Timor-Leste	Dili	60			•				
Eastern Europe and Central Asia									
Albania	Tirana	80			•	•		•	
Armenia	Yerevan	80	•			•			•
Georgia	Tbilisi	120	•		•	•			
Kosovo	Pristina	80			•	•			
Kyrgyz Republic	Bishkek	110				•			
Moldova	Chisinau	120			•	•		•	
North Macedonia	Skopje	140	•		•				
Ukraine	Kyiv	330			•	•			•
Pacific Islands									
Fiji	Suva	100	•						•
Samoa	Motootua	60	•			•			
Tonga	Nuku'alofa	70				•			
Vanuatu	Port Vila	80	•			•		•	

Volunteer numbers and sectors may fluctuate. For latest updates, please visit peacecorps.gov

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North Africa and the Middle East									
Morocco	Rabat	280							•
Caribbean									
Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	190			•	•		•	•
Eastern Caribbean	Castries								
	Roseau		•			•			
	St. George's								
	Kingstown	90							
Jamaica	Kingstown	60				•	•		
Central America and Mexico									
Belize	Belmopan	60						•	
Costa Rica	San Jose	130	•		•	•			•
Guatemala	Antigua	150	•					•	•
Mexico	Colonia San Javier,		•			•	•		
	Queretaro	100							
Panama	Panama City	220	•	•		•	•	•	
South America									
Columbia	Barranquilla	130	•		•	•			
Ecuador	Quito	140				•		•	•
	Kingston,		•			•	•	•	
	Georgetown	70							
Paraguay	Asuncion	220	•	•	•		•	•	
Peru	Lima	220	•		•			•	•

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**Appendix E:
Peace Corps
Program Sector
Snapshots**



ENVIRONMENT
FORGE A GLOBAL
MOVEMENT TO
PROTECT OUR PLANET

ENVIRONMENT

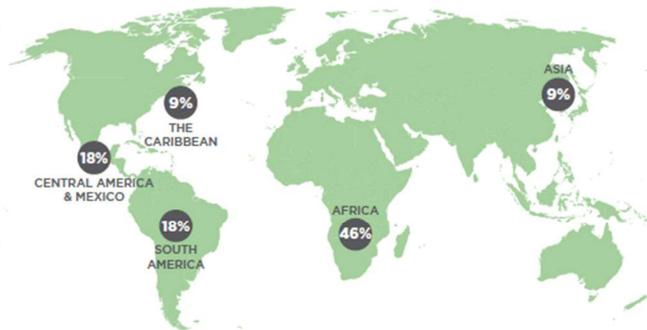
Peace Corps Volunteers who serve in the Environment (ENV) sector leave their green fingerprint on the future by teaching environmental awareness and promoting sustainability in local communities.

WHY ENVIRONMENT IS IMPORTANT

The well being and survival of humans and other living things depend on the planet’s natural resources and ecosystems. The imperative is not only to maintain these resources for the present, but also to extend them in perpetuity for future generations. By 2050, the world’s human population is expected to increase by 2 billion people to approximately 9.7 billion and to 11 billion by 2100.

WHERE ENVIRONMENT VOLUNTEERS WORK

483 ENV Volunteers (6.5% of all Peace Corps Volunteers) currently serve in 11 countries:



“The sustainable management of the environment and natural resources is vital for economic growth and human well-being. When managed well, renewable natural resources, watersheds, productive landscapes and seascapes can provide the foundation for sustained inclusive growth, food security and poverty reduction. The world’s ecosystems regulate the air, water and soil on which we all depend and form a unique and cost-effective buffer against extreme weather events and climate change.

**THE WORLD BANK. LAST UPDATED APRIL 18, 2017.
“ENVIRONMENT: OVERVIEW.”**



Peace Corps countries with ENV projects:

- Guinea
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Malawi
- Mexico
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Philippines
- Senegal
- Togo
- Zambia

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WHAT ENVIRONMENT VOLUNTEERS DO

Youth environmental education aims to promote understanding of, and respect for the environment by in-school and out of school youth.

PCV activities include:

- fostering environment education and awareness through community based eco-clubs
- implementing school recycling programs in conjunction with classes in environmental education

Soil and water improvement activities assists individuals and communities to protect and conserve soil and water resources essential to the ecosystems on which we depend.

PCV activities include:

- introducing innovative soil fertility and water conservation methods to adapt to increasingly arid climates
- providing technical assistance to farmers in employing natural resource management methods in agro-pastoral systems

Tree planting, nurseries, and forestation works with individuals, households and communities to reduce and reverse the impact of deforestation on local ecosystems while contributing to household food security and improved energy efficiencies.

Activities undertaken by PCVs include:

- combating soil erosion and climate change by planting gardens and establishing tree nurseries with local counterparts
- slowing rates of deforestation through the introduction of fuel efficient cookstoves

OUR IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2018:

- although less than 7% of Volunteers are formally assigned to the Environment sector, across all sectors, Volunteers worked with local counterparts to plant over 146,000 trees and supported the creation of approximately 1,976 tree nurseries
- ENV Volunteers helped to strengthen the organizational management and social media capacity of Env. NGOs working on environmental shocks and stresses
- ENV Volunteers helped to establish eco-clubs and introduced conservation agriculture to 6100 students at local schools
- ENV Volunteers collaborated with local households and municipalities to promote and apply the '3Rs' of Solid Waste Management (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)

ABOUT THE PEACE CORPS

The Peace Corps sends Americans with a passion for service abroad on behalf of the United States to work with communities and create lasting change. Volunteers develop sustainable solutions to address challenges in education, health, community economic development, agriculture, environment, and youth development. Through their Peace Corps experience, Volunteers gain a unique cultural understanding and a lifelong commitment to service that positions them to succeed in today's global economy. Since President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961, more than 235,000 Americans of all ages have served in 141 countries worldwide.



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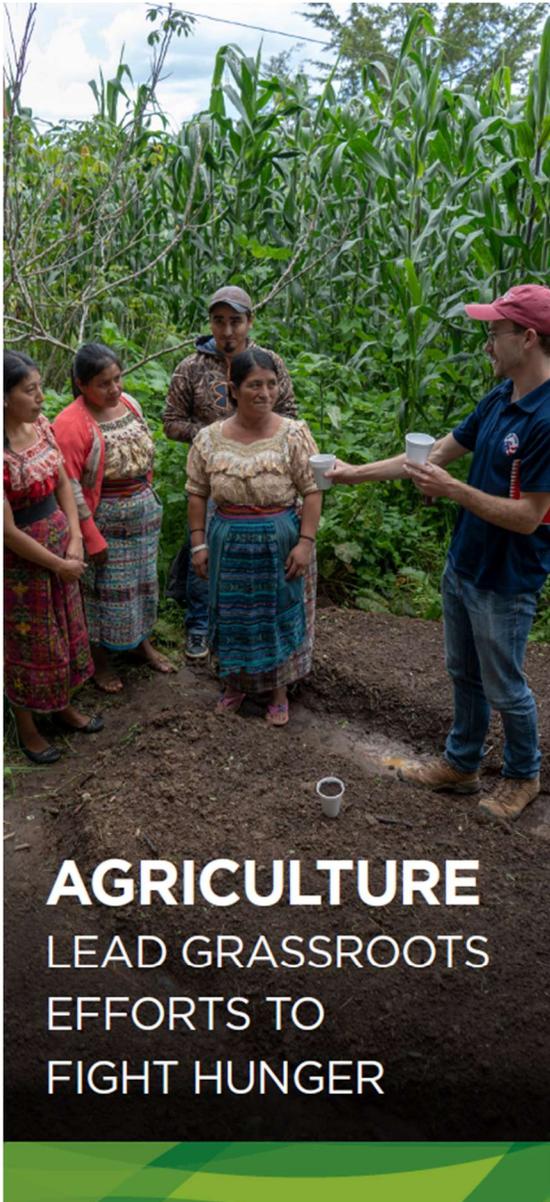
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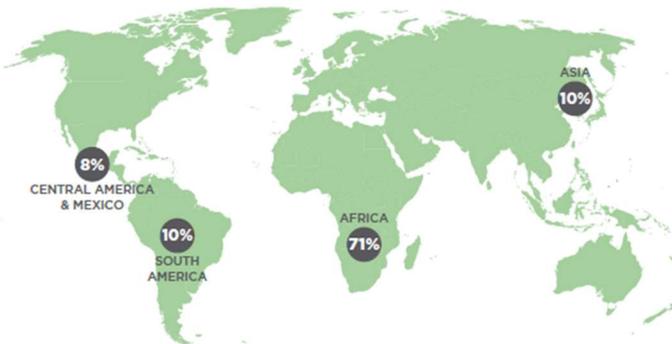
Peace Corps Volunteers who serve in the Agriculture (AG) sector take part in growing a community's well-being. With programs in food security, climate change, sustainable living, and farming—AG Volunteers take part in growing a community.

WHY AGRICULTURE IS IMPORTANT

The trend in population growth and the continued existence of poverty and hunger reinforce predictions that market demand for food will continue to grow. Projections show that feeding a world population of over 9 billion in 2050 will require raising overall food production by some 70 percent over the next 30 years. Food production in developing countries will need to almost double during this time period.

WHERE AGRICULTURE VOLUNTEERS WORK

683 AG Volunteers (10% of all Peace Corps Volunteers) currently serve in 15 countries:



“The first essential component of social justice is adequate food for all mankind, food is the moral right for all who are born into this world.”

DR. NORMAN BORLAUG



Peace Corps countries with AG projects:

- Benin
- Cameroon
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Madagascar
- Nepal
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Senegal
- Tanzania
- The Gambia
- Uganda
- Zambia



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WHAT AGRICULTURE VOLUNTEERS DO

Ensuring Food and Nutrition Security, Sustainable Livelihoods and Resilience

AG Volunteers assist smallholder-farmers and their households to achieve food and nutrition security, sustainable livelihoods, and increased resilience by teaching one-on-one, conducting group trainings, facilitating farmer-to-farmer demonstrations and coaching farmers and their family members to:

- improve the diversity, productivity, and/or sustainability of their agricultural production;
- generate agriculture-related income;
- increase their dietary diversity.

OUR IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2018:

- 358 AG Volunteers trained 26,348 individuals, 53% of whom were women and girls, in 13 countries on different ways to improve and ensure their food and nutrition security.
- 334 AG PCVs taught or trained 12,771 individuals, 54% of whom were women, in 15 countries to apply at least one improved agricultural management practice or technology to improve their agricultural activity.
- 64 AG PCVs provided business development services to individuals and groups, 47% of participants being female, from 1,571 micro, small and medium sized enterprises in 10 countries.
- 189 PCVs trained 11,475 individuals, 63% women and girls, in 14 countries on improved child health and nutrition practices.

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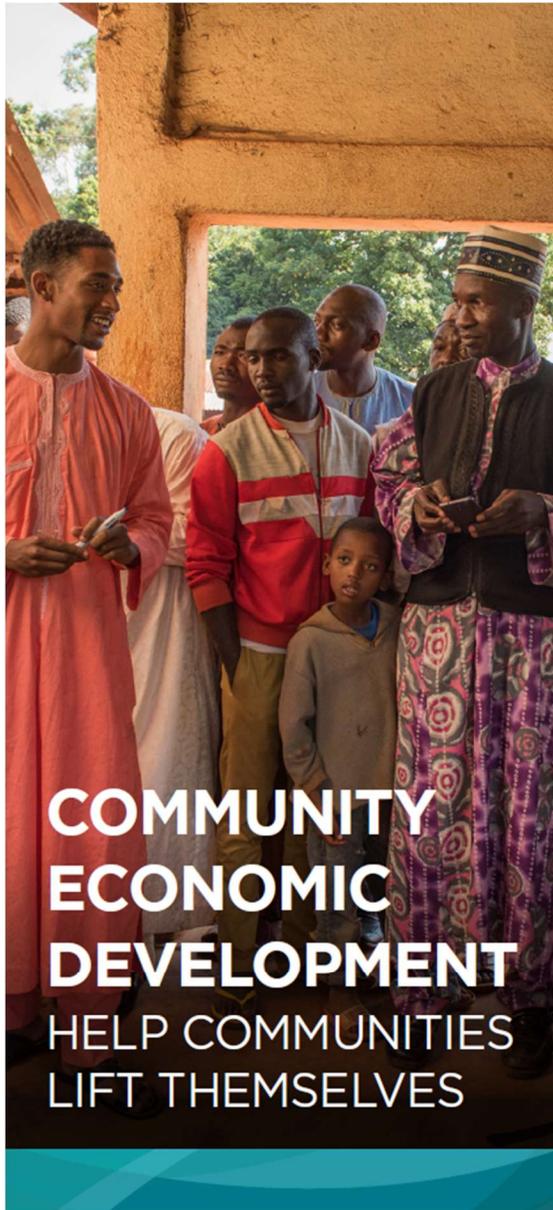
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COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

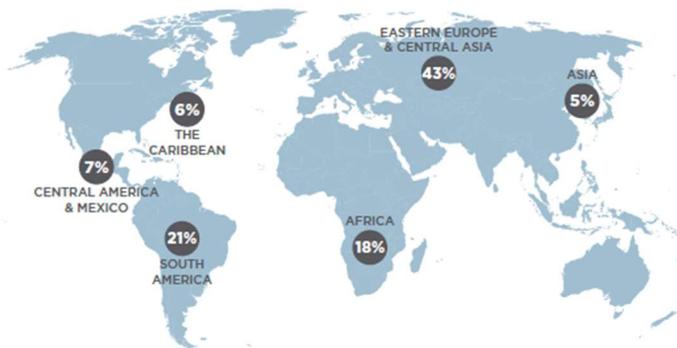
Peace Corps Volunteers who serve in the Community Economic Development (CED) sector strengthen local economies by helping individuals pursue new economic opportunities, and assisting local organizations in successfully implementing community development projects.

WHY COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS IMPORTANT

The challenge: poverty reduction is one of the greatest global challenges, with 767 million people still living on less than \$1.90 per day.¹ In most countries where CED Volunteers serve, people continue to rate “unemployment, low wages, and high cost of living” as their highest priority concerns—even above health.²

WHERE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEERS WORK

547 CED Volunteers (8% of all Peace Corps Volunteers) currently serve in 16 countries:



“In recognition of the fact that women in developing countries play a significant role in economic production, family support, and the overall development process, the Peace Corps shall be administered so as to give particular attention to those programs, projects, and activities which tend to integrate women into the national economics of developing countries, thus improving their status and assisting the total development effort.

THE PEACE CORPS ACT, 1961



Peace Corps countries with CED projects:

- Albania
- Benin
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- Georgia
- Kosovo
- Moldova
- Namibia
- North Macedonia
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Senegal
- Timor-Leste
- Uganda
- Ukraine

¹ Estimate from 2013. The World Bank. “Poverty Overview.” Last modified: October 2, 2016.

² World Health Organization. 2010. The World Health Report. Health Systems Financing: the Path to Universal Coverage. Geneva, Switzerland.

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WHAT COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEERS DO

Community-based development projects

CED Volunteers help community-based organizations operate more sustainably by:

- Improving their internal administrative systems and processes
- Designing, implementing, and monitoring projects that benefit community members
- Collaborating with peer organizations to increase their collective impact
- Organizing volunteering and service learning opportunities for community members

Financial and employment skills development

CED Volunteers help households achieve economic security and upward economic mobility by:

- Supporting savings and access to credit
- Training on personal money management skills
- Working with entrepreneurs and business owners to develop and market their products
- Teaching basic business skills
- Mentoring youth to develop vocational and job readiness skills



OUR IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2018:

- CED Volunteers trained 7,568 individuals in entrepreneurship. Over 60% of the individuals trained were women and girls.
- More than 320 CED Volunteers reported building the capacity of over 1,200 community-based organizations to improve their project design and management practices.
- Although only eight percent of Peace Corps Volunteers are CED Volunteers, over 54% of all Peace Corps Volunteers reported carrying out at least one activity that advanced local community economic development outcomes.

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EDUCATION

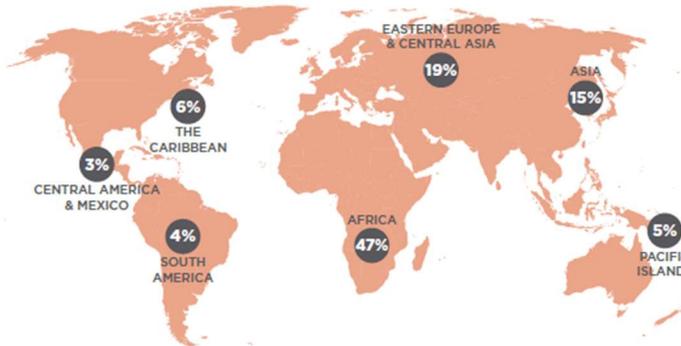
Peace Corps Volunteers who serve in the Education (ED) sector play a role in the future of local communities by working with schools, communities, parents, and students to enhance the teaching of math, science, English, and literacy—or by training others to teach more effectively.

WHY EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT

Education is a pathway to the global economy for people in developing nations and has a greater impact—particularly for girls—on reducing poverty than many other development initiatives. In most developing countries, few children graduate from secondary school and many do not even finish primary school. In Ghana, for example, only 50 percent of children complete the fifth grade, and of those, less than half can comprehend a simple paragraph.¹

WHERE EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS WORK

3,061 ED Volunteers (43% of all Peace Corps Volunteers) currently serve in 50 countries:



“What can change the world today is the same thing that has changed it in the past—an idea and the service of dedicated, committed individuals to that idea.”

SARGENT SHRIVER

¹Epstein, Mark and Yuthas, Kristi. Winter 2012. “Redefining Education in the Developing World.” Stanford Social Innovation Review. Volume 10, Number 1. http://www.ssiireview.org/articles/entry/redefining_education_in_the_developing_world.



Peace Corps countries with ED projects:

- Albania
- Armenia
- Benin
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- China
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- Eastern Caribbean
- Ecuador
- Ethiopia
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guyana
- Indonesia
- Jamaica
- Kosovo
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Liberia
- Macedonia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Lesotho
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Panama
- Philippines
- Rwanda
- Samoa
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- The Gambia
- Timor Leste
- Togo
- Tonga
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- Vanuatu
- Zambia

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WHAT EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS DO

Literacy Volunteers work on the elementary level, ensuring that students are both “reading to learn” and “learning to read” through:

- direct student teaching
- working with counterparts to increase their skills in literacy teaching
- working with the families of students to provide home support for school literacy
- facilitating the creation and management of libraries

Math and Science Volunteers provide direct teaching in math and science subjects so that students can:

- apply math and science to the natural world and their community
- see themselves as people who use math and science (especially girls)
- prepare for employment that supports their country’s economy

Math and Science Volunteers also:

- work with counterparts to share their teaching techniques and to create resources for teaching math and science based on low-cost, local, resources
- increase community awareness of math and science by facilitating events that bring families to the school (such as science fairs and “mathletes” contests)

Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Volunteers work across grades 3-13, using communicative, student centered approaches to make language learning fun and meaningful. In addition they provide:

- extracurricular opportunities to practice English including camps and clubs
- training to counterparts in both English proficiency and teaching techniques
- opportunities to engage families in their students’ learning through spelling bees, English plays or skits, and English classes for community members

OUR IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2018 ED Volunteers:

- taught 422,874 students across 50 countries
- engaged in either co-teaching or teacher communities of practice with over 20,343 counterpart teachers
- facilitated school/community events to improve student learning or school facilities where over 26,477 community members participated

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YOUTH IN DEVELOPMENT

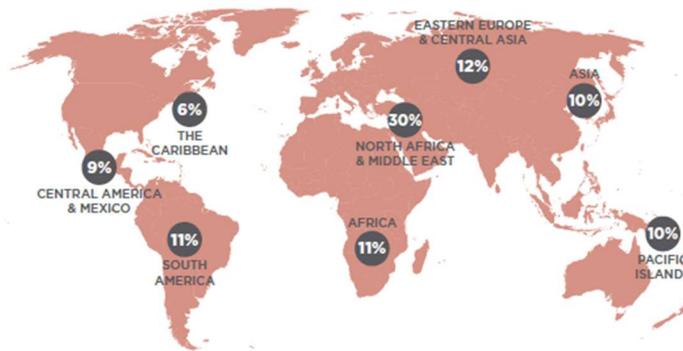
Peace Corps Volunteers who serve in the Youth in Development (YD) sector engage youth by working on awareness projects such as HIV/AIDS education, gender issues, environmental awareness, sports programs, and more.

WHY YOUTH IN DEVELOPMENT IS IMPORTANT

An unprecedented youth bulge of over 1.8 billion youth between the ages of 10 and 24 poses both a challenge and an opportunity. More than 200 million youth live on less than \$1 per day; over 260 million are not attending school, and over 71 million remain unemployed globally. Engaging youth, fostering agency, and building critical life and leadership skills significantly strengthens long-term health, education, economic and community engagement outcomes.

WHERE YOUTH IN DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEERS WORK

917 YD Volunteers (13% of all Peace Corps Volunteers) currently serve in 13 countries:



“ I really feel like I can be a leader in my community and make a change. I never thought I was good at school or that I could do things like become a teacher or start a business. But now I feel like I should go out and try a lot of different things and that I will be successful. It makes me feel really good about myself to have other girls my age ask me for advice.

AYESHA, YOUTH CLUB LEADER, BOTSWANA



Peace Corps countries with YD projects:

- Armenia
- Botswana
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Eswatini
- Guatemala
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Morocco
- Peru
- Philippines
- Thailand
- Ukraine



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WHAT YOUTH IN DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEERS DO

YD Volunteers support youth in their transition to becoming healthy, productive, civically engaged adults by:

- Co-facilitating youth clubs focused on building life, leadership, and employability-related skills
- Mentoring youth in support of life, leadership, and employability-related skills
- Facilitating youth's participation in volunteer or service learning in their school or community
- Co-teaching or supporting opportunities for youth to learn life and employability-related skills in a school or other instructional setting

OUR IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2018:

- YD PCVs co-facilitated over 5,000 youth clubs, reaching over 51,000 youth, including over 31,000 girls and young women, with mentoring activities aimed at developing a wide range of skills and promoting leadership potential.
- YD PCVs reached over 40,000 youth, including close to 23,000 girls and young women, with mentoring activities aimed at building life skills and fostering their sense of agency.
- YD PCVs facilitated or co-facilitated over 3,500 training activities for developing livelihood (employment, entrepreneurship, financial literacy) skills and strengthening participation in economic life that reached over 80,000 youth.

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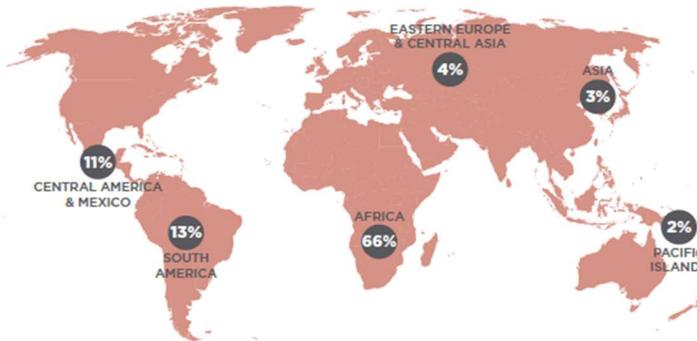
Peace Corps Volunteers who serve in the Health sector work with clinics or develop education strategies to change the way host communities approach maternal, child and adolescent health, nutrition, hygiene, water and sanitation, or HIV/AIDS.

WHY HEALTH IS IMPORTANT

Specific segments of the world's population disproportionately experience negative health outcomes, which ultimately decreases global productivity. Women suffer health risks, especially around pregnancy and labor. Children under 5 are vulnerable to malnutrition, infection, and early death. Adolescent girls remain at risk for HIV because of biological, social and behavioral factors. Health programming for youth should be comprehensive and address needs of young women and men by building on their strengths.

WHERE HEALTH VOLUNTEERS WORK

1,494 Health Volunteers (21% of all Peace Corps Volunteers) currently serve in 35 countries:



“My work as a Peace Corps Health Volunteer has centered on capacity building through empowerment and that underlying goal pulsates through nutrition mama’s project. My mamas have spent their lives determined to not be defeated by their circumstances...They believe in the work that they have set out to accomplish and I have watched them show up over and over again to see it through. This is their success story.”

HEALTH PCV, TANZANIA



Peace Corps countries with Health projects:

- Albania
- Belize
- Benin
- Botswana
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Ecuador
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Guyana
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- The Gambia
- Togo
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WHAT HEALTH VOLUNTEERS DO

Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Health Volunteers work with communities to end preventable child and maternal deaths by co-facilitating:

- Groups to promote comprehensive ANC visits among pregnant women to increase healthy pregnancy, safe delivery and healthy newborns.
- Groups of mothers and caregivers to keep children under 5 healthy through promotion of good nutrition, malaria prevention and improved hygiene practices
- Trainings to build capacity of community health workers' skills in behavior change communication

HIV/AIDS

Health Volunteers work to decrease HIV transmission by partnering with community members to co-facilitate:

- Sexual reproductive health/HIV prevention education at youth camps and clubs
- Sessions with health service providers, school staff, adult community members, and people affected by HIV to educate on HIV prevention, medical services, and stigma
- Caregiving support groups for orphans and vulnerable children and caregivers
- Building clinic staff capacity to improve Supply Chain Management systems



Youth Health and Well-being

Health Volunteers support youth to effectively transition to healthy and productive adults by partnering with community members to co-facilitate:

- Clubs, camps, and classroom curriculum, providing essential health information to youth 10-19 years of age
- Trainings with groups to support youth health and well-being
- Trainings with health workers and school-based staff to build capacity to facilitate health and life skills curricula

OUR IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2018:

- 13,358 individuals were reached with individual or small group education on how to keep children under 5 healthy
- 150 Volunteers implemented activities that reached individual or small group education on essential maternal and newborn care
- Volunteers reached 159,589 individuals in priority population groups with comprehensive HIV prevention interventions.

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