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## The Peace Corps and the First Lady | Let Girls Learn

As part of the U.S. government's commitment to Let Girls Learn, First Lady Michelle Obama and the Peace Corps have formed a powerful collaboration to expand access to education for girls around the world. Educating girls is essential to healthy and thriving communities but, globally, 62 million girls are not in school.

Let Girls Learn will address that challenge by empowering local leaders to put in place lasting solutions to lower barriers to girls' education. Peace Corps Volunteers who live and work at the grassroots level will serve as catalysts of community-led change, and every American can get involved and make a difference. The collaboration has three parts:

### Empowering Leaders

The initiative will aim to train thousands of Volunteers and tens of thousands of community leaders over the next six years to be champions of girls' education.

### Working Hand in Hand with Communities

Peace Corps Volunteers collaborate with local leaders to achieve community-based solutions through the Peace Corps Partnership Program. From helping establish a school library to organizing a technology camp for girls, the newly established Peace Corps Let Girls Learn Fund will support Peace Corps Volunteers' efforts.

### Increasing the Impact of Peace Corps Volunteers

Peace Corps Volunteers work to break down the barriers to girls' education in the communities they serve. Through Let Girls Learn, the Peace Corps will expand the number of Volunteers directly promoting girls' education and empowerment. Activities for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers will engage the American public, extending that impact even further.

This collaboration will bring increased focus, resources, and impact to the critical issue of girls' education around the world.

*For more information, visit [letgirlslearn.peacecorps.gov](http://letgirlslearn.peacecorps.gov)*

The Peace Corps' Let Girls Learn program will launch in **11 countries the first year:** Albania, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Georgia, Ghana, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Togo, and Uganda.

Last year, **over 82,000 girls** and young women around the world participated in youth clubs and camps led by Peace Corps Volunteers.

More than 2,000 Peace Corps Volunteers led girls' education and empowerment activities in **over 60 countries** last year.

In the last two years, **400 Peace Corps Volunteers**, staff, and host country counterparts have been trained to respond to gender-based violence that prevents girls from learning in school and, in some cases, from attending school at all.