

## Peace Corps Volunteer 2009 Annual Volunteer Survey

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### Introduction to the 2009 Annual Volunteer Survey Report

This country report contains the tables and charts from the Volunteers in your country who completed the 2009 Annual Volunteer Survey (AVS). The results provide a picture of the activities, experiences and views of Peace Corps Volunteers in 2009. The results show areas where Volunteers' needs are met and identify areas where improvements may be needed. The survey was fielded from May through August 2009.

A core set of questions was asked of all Volunteers. For the first time, Volunteers were also asked a series of questions relevant to their time in country:

- Volunteers in country 8 or less months were asked about applying to and preparing for the Peace Corps.
- Volunteers in country 18 or less months were asked about the effectiveness of their preservice training (PST).
- Volunteers in country 19 or more months were asked about their post-service plans, as well as the Peace Corps' resources for their post-service transition.

Tables and graphs are labeled by survey section and the survey question. The tables show the <u>percent</u> of post respondents that selected each choice and the <u>total number</u> of post respondents that answered the question. The number of responses for each question will vary, depending on:

- whether the question was asked of all Volunteers or only the Volunteers in-country a certain number of months and
- how many of the Volunteers who were "eligible" to answer the question did respond.

Most survey questions asked respondents to select only one from a set of choices. The percentages for the "select one" responses add up to 100 percent. Other questions asked Volunteers to "mark all that apply" in situations, for example, where it is likely that respondents are involved in more than one secondary activity. The percentages of the "mark all that apply" responses will total more than 100 percent; each percentage equals the number of respondents selecting that choice divided by the number of respondents who answered the question.

Posts are encouraged to compare these 2009 results with the 2006 and 2008 survey results to note trends and changes over time. Because questions are revised from one survey to the next, a crosswalk between the 2008 and 2009 questions is posted on the OSIRP intranet page under 2009 AVS Reports "Reference Documents." The earlier 2008 survey global, regional and post reports are also posted on the OSIRP Intranet page.

Volunteers' extensive narrative responses to the 29 open-ended questions on the survey are in the post's 2009 Annual Volunteer Survey Open Ended Reponses report. All Volunteers' narrative responses to key questions will be analyzed for global themes and presented in a later report.

The number of surveys for each post includes surveys submitted online by Volunteers and completed paper surveys sent to the Peace Corps headquarters for hand-entry into the online survey system. The final count may include mostly completed partial surveys added to the final dataset after the survey closed.

### **Overview of the Post's 2009 Volunteer Survey Respondents**

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This overview presents basic information about the characteristics of Volunteers who completed the 2009 Annual Volunteer Survey at post.

	8 months or less 9 to 18 months 19 m		19 months or more		Total			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
lonths3grp	34	72%	5	11%	8	17%	47	100%

#### **Completed Surveys by Months in Country**

#### L1: What is your age?

	20-29	30-49	50+	Total
AGE3grp	89%	7%	4%	46

#### L2: What is your gender?

	Female	Male	Total
GENDER	65%	35%	46

#### Completed surveys by project.

	Count	Column N %
Health Project (HIV-AIDS)	28	97%
Other. Please specify	1	3%
Total	29	100%

		Percent	Number
C2	HIV/AIDS	83%	24
	Youth development	3%	1
	Health extension	3%	1
	English teaching	3%	1
	Information & communications technology (ICT)	3%	1
	Agriculture/fish/livestock	3%	1
	Business education/advising		
	Urban & regional planning/municipal development		
	Other: Please specify		
	Water sanitation		
	Forestry/parks		
	Environmental education		
	Other education		
	Teacher training		
	Math/science teaching		
	Agroforestry		
	NGO development		
	Community development		
	Total	100%	29

#### C2: Which best describes the focus of your primary assignment/work?

#### C2.TEXT: Which of the following initiatives does your primary work include? Other (specify)

	PERCENT	NUMBER
C2.TEXT	100%	47
Total	100%	47

### A. Applying to the Peace Corps

This section reports Volunteers' motivations in applying and accepting a Peace Corps assignment.

	Not Important	Somewhat important	Important	NA	Total
Different culture	6%	13%	81%		31
Work experience	9%	24%	67%		33
Help others		6%	94%		33
International experience	3%	12%	85%		33
Language	28%	47%	25%		32
Personal growth	3%	31%	66%		32
U. S. job market	66%	22%	9%	3%	32
Serve my country	38%	34%	28%		32
Travel/adventure		18%	82%		33
Other: Please specify below	9%		9%	82%	11

#### A1\_OTHER: How important were the following factors in accepting a PC assignment? Other (specify)

			(1)	-
		PERCENT	NUMBER	
A1_OTHER	Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.			
	Total	100%	47	

		PCV Responses	% Involved in Initiative	Total PCVs Responding
What prompted you to apply to PC	Personal interest in the Peace Corps	15	88%	
	Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (e.g., someone you met or know personally	8	47%	
	Peace Corps campus or community information session	6	35%	
	Peace Corps website	4	24%	
	Other: Please specify	4	24%	
	Peace Corps recruiter	1	6%	
	Article or book about the Peace Corps	1	6%	
	Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who spoke to your school or group about the Peace Corps			
	Radio, TV, or print advertisement			
	Peace Corps material in the mail			
	Total			17

#### A2. What prompted you to apply to the PC? Mark all that apply.

Percents may total to more than 100% since Volunteers were asked to "Mark all that apply."

		PERCENT	NUMBER
A2.OTHER.TEXT	Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.		
	Total	100%	47

#### A2.OTHER.TEXT: What prompted you to apply to the PC? Other (specify)

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### **B.** Preparation for the Peace Corps

This section reports on Volunteers' assessment of the materials and information available before their service.

#### B1: How useful was the information on the PC website in preparing you for the realities of living and working

						Don't know (did	
						not access	
	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Extremely 5	information)	Total
B1	6%	26%	48%	16%		3%	31

as a Volunteer?

#### B2: How useful were the PC materials about your country in helping you prepare for your service?

						Don't know (did	
						not access	
	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Extremely 5	information)	Total
B2	6%	24%	45%	21%	3%		33

## B3: How useful were the materials you received from the PC about your primary assignment in helping you prepare for your service?

						Don't know (did	
	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Extremely 5	not access information)	Total
B3	15%	45%	24%	15%			33

B4: How useful were the materials you received from the PC regarding the need for flexibility in adapting to your work?

						Don't know (did	
						not access	
	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Extremely 5	information)	Total
B4		12%	50%	28%	3%	6%	32

B7: How prepared do you feel to meet the challenges of PC service?

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally 5	Total
B7		3%	19%	72%	6%	32

## C. Your Peace Corps Assignment

This section reports Volunteers' primary assignment work and secondary activities. The term "primary assignment" refers to the Volunteers' assignment which is part of an overall project plan designed by your host country partners and in-country Peace Corps staff.

		apply.		
		PCV Responses	% Involved in Initiative	Total PCVs Responding
\$C3PrmAct	HIV/AIDS	29	94%	
	Income generation	19	61%	
	Working with NGO(s)	17	55%	
	Working with youth	17	55%	
	Nutrition education	13	42%	
	Working with special groups (e.g., disabled, elderly, ethnic minorities, orphans)	13	42%	
	Girls' education	11	35%	
	Information and communications technology (ICT)	9	29%	
	English teaching	8	26%	
	WID/GAD	8	26%	
	Water and sanitation	7	23%	
	Community food security (production/marketing)	6	19%	
	Household food security	6	19%	
	Library development	5	16%	
	Business advertising	4	13%	
	Child survival	4	13%	
	Microenterprise development	4	13%	
	World Wise Schools/ Correspondence Match	3	10%	

C3: Which of the following activities does your primary assignment/work include? Mark all that

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Rural development	2	6%	
Environment work	1	3%	
Literacy	1	3%	
Mobilize host country nationals (HCNs) to volunteer	1	3%	
Natural resources management	1	3%	
Sports/fitness	1	3%	
Other: Please specify	1	3%	
Arts			
Biodiversity conservation			
Urban development/municipal development			
Total			31

Percents may total to more than 100% since Volunteers were asked to "Mark all that apply."

#### C3: Which of the following activities does your primary assignment/work include? Other (specify)

		Column N %	Count	Row N %
C3.OTHER.TEXT	Open-ended results. Not responsive to reque	est.		
	Total		47	100%

#### C4: Hours Spent on Primary Assignment During Average Work Week

	None	1-10 hrs	11-20 hrs	21-30 hrs	31-40 hrs	More than 40 hrs	Total
C4Hrs6grp		32%	42%	6%	19%		31

#### C4: How many hours do you spend on your primary assignment during an average work

week?

	All Volunteers	Average	Lowest reported	Highest reported	Did not answer
C4	47	17.8	3	40	16

			% Involved in	Total PCVs
		PCV Responses	Initiative	Responding
\$C5SecAct	English teaching	29	72%	
	Working with youth	23	58%	
	Income generation	18	45%	
	Working with NGO(s)	14	35%	
	Girls' education	13	32%	
	Sports/fitness	12	30%	
	World Wise Schools/ Correspondence Match	11	28%	
	Household food security	10	25%	
	Information and communications technology (ICT)	10	25%	
	Working with special groups (e.g., disabled, elderly, ethnic minorities, orphans)	10	25%	
	Business advertising	8	20%	
	HIV/AIDS	8	20%	
	Library development	8	20%	
	Arts	7	18%	
	Child survival	7	18%	
	Literacy	7	18%	
	Nutrition education	7	18%	
	Water and sanitation	7	18%	
	WID/GAD	7	18%	
	Mobilize host country nationals (HCNs) to volunteer	6	15%	
	Community food security (production/marketing)	5	12%	

# C5: Which of the following do your secondary activities (other than your primary assignment work) include? Mark all that apply.

Urban development/municipal development	4	10%	
Other: Please specify	4	10%	
Environment work	3	8%	
Microenterprise development	3	8%	
Biodiversity conservation	1	2%	
Rural development	1	2%	
Natural resources management			
Total			40

Percents may total to more than 100% since Volunteers were asked to "Mark all that apply."

#### C5: Which of the following do your secondary activities include? Other (specify)

	Colur	nn N %	Count	Row N %	
C5.OTHER.TEXT Open-ended resu	Its. Not responsive to	request.			
Total			47	100%	

#### **C5: No Secondary Activities**

		Percent	Number
C5.NONE	No	91%	43
	Yes, I have no secondary activities	9%	4
	Total	100%	47

	None	1-10 hrs	11-20 hrs	21-30 hrs	31-40 hrs	More than 40 hrs	Total
C6Hrs6grp		56%	35%	9%			34

C6. How many hours do you spend on secondary activities during an average work week?

	All Volunteers	Average	Lowest reported	Highest reported	Did not answer
C6	47	12.1	2	30	13

C7: How personally satisfying is your--?

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally 5	Total
Primary assignment	9%	20%	31%	29%	11%	45
Secondary project/activities		2%	27%	54%	17%	41

## **D. Training for Peace Corps Assignment**

This section reports Volunteers' assessments of the effectiveness of their Pre-Service Training and In-Service Training at post. In-Service Training (IST) includes: Reconnect; Technical IST; Mid-Service and Close of Service conferences; project management/leadership conferences; and other post-sponsored training sessions.

	Not effective	Poor	Adequate	Effective	Very Effective	NA/No training	Total
Manage cultural differences		16%	44%	16%	24%		25
Deal with adjustment issues		8%	40%	32%	20%		25
Work with							
counterparts/community	4%	40%	32%	24%			25
partners							
Use language needed in	20%	44%	28%	8%			25
work and social interactions	2070	11/0	2070	0,0			20
Perform technical aspects of	4%	24%	32%	28%	8%	4%	25
your work							
Work on your project goals		16%	40%	40%	4%		25
and objectives							
Conduct a participatory							
community needs	20%	8%	28%	32%	12%		25
assessment (e.g., PACA)							
Monitor your project goals	4%	24%	36%	32%	4%		25
and outcomes							
Maintain your physical health	4%		12%	42%	42%		24
Maintain your		12%	20%	24%	44%		25
mental/emotional health		. 270	2070	2.70	. 170		20
Maintain your personal safety			28%	36%	36%		25
and security			_370	2370	3070		20

D1: (PCVs at post 18 months or less) How effective was your Pre-Service Training (PST) in preparing you to--

	Not effective	Poor	Adequate	Effective	Very Effective	NA/No training	Total
Manage cultural differences	3%	22%	38%	22%	6%	9%	32
Deal with adjustment issues		19%	48%	23%	6%	3%	31
Build and strengthen working relationships with counterparts/community partners	6%	29%	29%	26%	6%	3%	31
Use language needed in work and social interactions	19%	19%	23%	19%		19%	31
Perform technical aspects of your work		19%	31%	41%	6%	3%	32
Work on your project goals and objectives		23%	29%	32%	16%		31
Conduct a participatory community needs assessment (e.g.,PACA)	13%	23%	26%	19%	6%	13%	31
Monitor project goals and outcomes	4%	11%	56%	22%	4%	4%	27
Maintain your physical health		3%	23%	32%	32%	10%	31
Maintain your mental/emotional health		3%	23%	37%	30%	7%	30
Maintain your personal safety and security		6%	26%	45%	16%	6%	31

#### D5: How effective was your In-Service Training (IST) in preparing you to--

#### D8: Did you have this skill before joining the Peace Corps?

	No/ No answer	Yes	Total
Skills specific to my assignment	18	26	44
Assessing community needs	31	14	45
Organizing/implementing community activities	23	19	42
Building capacity of local organizations	39	5	44
Monitoring, reporting, and evaluating my work	16	28	44
Designing and implementing training sessions	30	15	45

	No/ No answer	Yes	Total
Skills specific to my assignment	1	26	27
Assessing community needs	4	40	44
Organizing/implementing community activities	2	42	44
Building capacity of local organizations	1	42	43
Monitoring, reporting, and evaluating my work	1	42	43
Designing and implementing training sessions	3	38	41

#### D8: Is the skill needed for your Peace Corps work?

	No/ No answer	Yes	Total
Skills specific to my assignment	8	23	31
Assessing community needs	19	23	42
Organizing/implementing community activities	21	17	38
Building capacity of local organizations	20	20	40
Monitoring, reporting, and evaluating my work	12	24	36
Designing and implementing training sessions	17	18	35

#### D8: Have you had adequate Peace Corps training to acquire the skill?

### E. Volunteer Assignment Goals and Impact

This section reports Volunteers' self-assessments of their impact on the individuals and organizations in the communities in which they serve. At the end of this section, Volunteers' third goal activities, participation in Coverdell World Wise School/Correspondence Match (CWWS/CM) and use of Peace Corps resources to support their work are reported in questions.

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally 5	NA	Total
Meets the objectives of the project plan	6%	15%	32%	32%	15%		34
Builds local capacity for sustainability	3%	15%	30%	36%	15%		33
Involves local people in planning and implementing activities	3%	3%	12%	56%	26%		34
Complements other local development activities	3%	15%	29%	38%	15%		34
Transfers skills to host country individuals and organizations	3%	9%	24%	56%	6%	3%	34
Mobilizes host country nationals (HCNs) to volunteer	21%	33%	21%	12%	9%	3%	33
Helps promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served (goal 2)	3%	12%	22%	22%	38%	3%	32
Helps promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans (goal 3)	3%	13%	26%	23%	29%	6%	31

#### E1: To what extent does your Volunteer work assignment address the following?

#### E2: To what extent does your host community--?

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally 5	NA	Total
Need the assistance that you provided		25%	12%	25%	38%		8
Want the assistance that you provided	12%		25%	38%	25%		8

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	None 1	2	3	4	Exceptional 5	NA	Total
Ability to access information (e.g., library, Internet, etc.)	17%	10%	31%	17%	24%		29
Leadership skills	10%	3%	28%	48%	7%	3%	29
Planning and management	3%	10%	23%	53%	7%	3%	30
Problem solving/critical thinking	3%	14%	31%	45%	3%	3%	29
Self-esteem	10%	7%	31%	28%	21%	3%	29
Technical skills	3%	7%	30%	40%	17%	3%	30
Use of local resources	7%	13%	27%	50%		3%	30
Use of external resources (e.g., grants, international NGOs)	7%	10%	27%	30%	27%		30
Better understanding of Americans	7%	3%	17%	37%	37%		30
Other: Please specify below					25%	75%	4

E3: How much impact does your assignment have on the capacities of your host counterparts/community partners?

## E3: How much impact does your assignment have on the capacities of your host counterparts/community partners? Other (specify)

	Column N %	Count	Row N %
E3_OTHER	100%	47	
Total		47	100%

	None 1	2	3	4	Exceptional 5	NA	Total
Ability to access information (e.g., library, Internet, etc.)	7%	26%	30%	24%	11%	2%	46
Leadership skills	2%	9%	36%	38%	11%	4%	45
Planning and management	7%	4%	33%	43%	9%	4%	46
Problem solving/critical thinking	2%	4%	24%	57%	9%	4%	46
Self-esteem		9%	24%	46%	15%	7%	46
Technical skills	4%	17%	35%	28%	11%	4%	46
Use of local resources	2%	11%	27%	48%	7%	5%	44
Use of external resources (e.g., grants, international NGOs)	2%	11%	41%	30%	9%	7%	44
Better understanding of Americans	2%		7%	37%	50%	4%	46
Other: Please specify below	12%				12%	75%	8

#### E4: How much impact does your assignment have on the capacities of your host individuals with whom you work?

## E4: How much impact does your assignment have on the capacities of your host individuals with whom you work? Other (specify)

	Column N %	Count	Row N %
E4_OTHER	100%	47	
Total		47	100%

	None 1	2	3	4	Exceptional 5	NA	Total
Identifying and prioritizing organizational needs	4%	13%	35%	39%	9%		46
Leadership	4%	15%	41%	35%	4%		46
Management	7%	11%	37%	41%	2%	2%	46
Monitoring and evaluation	11%	11%	39%	33%	7%		46
Planning and implementing organizational activities	4%	4%	35%	39%	17%		46
Teamwork/participatory decision-making	2%	13%	37%	37%	11%		46
Use of local resources	7%	15%	30%	41%	7%		46
Ability to mobilize, manage, and sustain local volunteers	9%	22%	48%	13%	7%	2%	46
Other: Please specify below	11%		11%	11%	11%	56%	9

#### E5: To what extent does your assignment enhance the capacities of organizations with whom you work?

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Column N % Count Row N %   E5_OTHER Open-ended results. Not responsive to request. Total 47 100%			-		
E5_OTHER				Count	Row N %
		Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.			
Total 47 100%	E5_OTHER				
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		Total		47	100%

#### E6: How effective have you been in transferring knowledge and skills to help the following persons or groups build their

capacities?

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	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally 5	NA	Total
Your counterpart/community partner	15%	9%	15%	41%	17%	2%	46
Another institution/organization	7%	17%	39%	30%	7%		46
Members of your host community	7%	20%	30%	37%	4%	2%	46
Other: Please specify below	17%		17%	17%		50%	6

	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Too early to tell	Total
E7	0%	0%	13%	70%	17%	0%	30

E7: To what extent have HC individuals gained a better understanding of Americans? Includes "Too early to tell."

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	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
E7			13%	70%	17%	30

			% Daing This	Total PCVs
		PCV Responses	% Doing This	Responding
\$E9Goal3Acts	Electronic updates	27	93%	
	Hard copy/paper update	22	76%	
	Hosting American visitors	16	55%	
	Enrollment in the CWWS/CMS program	13	45%	
	Personal website or blog	13	45%	
	Pen pal program/letter exchange	7	24%	
	While on home leave, spoke at a school or community group	3	10%	
	Peace Corps Week activities	1	3%	
	Podcasted/created a slide show or video posted online	1	3%	
	Other please specify			
	Total			29

#### E9. In which of the following third goal activities have you participated during your PC service?

Percents may total to more than 100% since Volunteers were asked to "Mark all that apply."

	Have done third goal activities	No third goal activities	Total
Peace Corps' third goal is to "help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans." In which of the following third goal activities, including your contact with family and friends, have you participated during your Peace Corps	98%	2%	47

## E9: When asked about third goal activities, Volunteer answered "No involvement in third goal activities."

#### E10: Would you recommend participation in the CWWS CMS to other Volunteers?

-	I have not participated in	I have participated in CWWS/CM & would	I have participated in CWWS/CM and would	
	CWWS/CM.	recommend it	NOT recommend it	Total
E10	62%	31%	7%	29

E11: To what extent have Americans gained a better understanding of HCNs? Includes "Too early to tell."

		Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Too early to tell	Total
E11	1	0%	0%	33%	50%	17%	0%	30

#### E11: To what extent have Americans gained a better understanding of HCNs? Excludes "Too early

to tell."

	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
E11			33%	50%	17%	30

	Yes
Coverdell World Wise Schools staff (Useful)	10
Contact with other Peace Corps staff in Washington, D.C. (Useful)	4
Information at staging (Useful)	13
Information from your post sent to you before departure (Useful)	17
Internet (Useful)	32
Invitation kits (Useful)	18
Material in staging packet (Useful)	20
Peace Corps staff at post (e.g., World Wise School contact) (Useful)	15
Recruiting (Useful)	7
Resources available from Coverdell World Wise Schools (Useful)	8
Resources available on Peace Corps website (e.g., third goal section) (Useful)	11
Training on third goal (Useful)	9

#### E12: Which of the following resources have been useful to you in your third goal activities?

#### E12: Which of the following resources would/will be helpful to you in your third goal activities?

	Yes
Coverdell World Wise Schools staff (Would be helpful)	21
Contact with other Peace Corps staff in Washington, D.C. (Would be helpful)	17
Information at staging (Would be helpful)	9
Information from your post sent to you before departure (Would be helpful)	12
Internet (Would be helpful)	12
Invitation kits (Would be helpful)	7
Material in staging packet (Would be helpful)	7
Peace Corps staff at post (e.g., World Wise School contact) (Would be helpful)	6
Recruiting (Would be helpful)	10
Resources available from Coverdell World Wise Schools(Would be helpful)	11
Resources available on Peace Corps website (e.g., third goal section) (Would be helpful)	9
Training on third goal (Would be helpful)	17
Other: Please specify below (Would/will be helpful)	2

	Column N %	Count	Row N %						
E12_OTHER	100%	47							
Total		47	100%						

#### E12: Other useful/helpful resources? Other (specify)

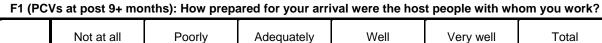
#### E13: Do you know about the Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP)?

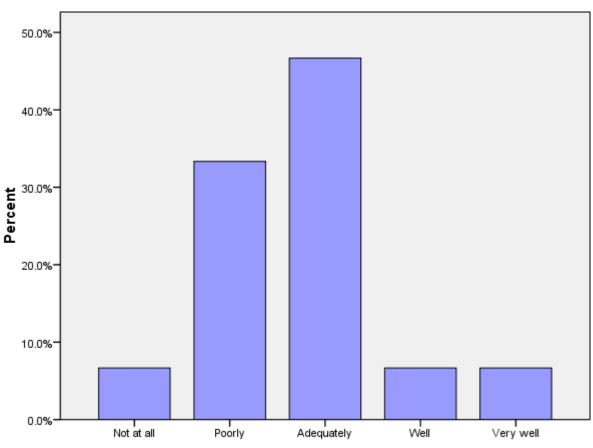
	No	Yes, but I haven't used it.	Yes, I have used it.	Total	
E13	66%	25%	9%	44	

### F. Peace Corps Support

This section reports Volunteers' assessments of in-country Peace Corps.

	Not at all	Poorly	Adequately	Well	Very well	Total
F1	7%	33%	47%	7%	7%	15





F1: When you arrived at your community, how prepared for your arrival were the host people with whom you work?

	Not at all	Minimally	Adequately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Not Used	Total
F2			17%	13%	67%	3%	30

F2: How satisfied are you with the health care you received from your PCMO(s)?

F3: How satisfied are you with the following support provided by in-country PC staff?

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Completely 5	NA	Total
Administrative/logistical	10%	27%	33%	23%	7%		30
Cross-cultural	3%	31%	41%	10%	10%	3%	29
Emotional	3%	13%	27%	27%	27%	3%	30
Feedback on my work reports	3%	10%	27%	40%	13%	7%	30
Job assignment	20%	20%	27%	20%	13%		30
Language learning	17%	50%	20%	13%			30
Medical			14%	24%	62%		29
Safety and security		17%	31%	24%	28%		29
Site selection/preparation	30%	22%	26%	11%	11%		27
Technical skills	7%	21%	43%	29%			28

### F4: How satisfied are you with the Peace Corps allocation of time and resources to mental

health/adjustment issues?

	Not at all satisfied 1	2	3	4	Completely satisfied 5	Total
F4		10%	38%	31%	21%	29

F5: What level of PC support have you received to help cope with stress from issues such as HIV/AIDS, food insecurity, etc. in your community? (Including PCVs w/no need for support)

	No support	Minimal support	Adequate support	Considerable support	Exceptional support	NA / I have no need for support	Total
F5		17%	38%	10%		34%	29

# F5: What level of PC support have you received to help cope with stress from issues such as HIV/AIDS, food insecurity, etc. in your community? (Excluding PCVs w/no need for support)

				Considerable	Exceptional	
	No support	Minimal support	Adequate support	support	support	Total
F5	0%	26%	58%	16%	0%	19

#### F6: How would you rate your interaction with the Country Director in terms of the following?

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	18%	82%	44
Informative content	19%	81%	43
My comfort level discussing issues	30%	70%	43
Adequacy of visits	49%	51%	37

#### F6b: How would you rate your interaction with the PTO/SRPTC in terms of the following?

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	16%	84%	43
Informative content	17%	83%	42
My comfort level discussing issues	19%	81%	42
Adequacy of visits	33%	67%	33

#### F6c: How would you rate your interaction with the APCD/Program Manager in terms of the following?

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	9%	91%	44
Informative content	11%	89%	44
My comfort level discussing issues	18%	82%	44
Adequacy of visits	22%	78%	40

	U		
	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	5%	95%	44
Informative content	2%	98%	44
My comfort level discussing issues	12%	88%	43
Adequacy of visits	21%	79%	39

F6d: How would you rate your interaction with the PCMO in terms of the following?

F6e: How would you rate your interaction with the Safety and Security Coordinator in terms of the following?

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	16%	84%	44
Informative content	21%	79%	43
My comfort level discussing issues	13%	87%	45
Adequacy of visits	29%	71%	41

## F6f: How would you rate your interaction with the Training Manager in terms of the following?

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	7%	93%	46
Informative content	5%	95%	42
My comfort level discussing issues	5%	95%	43
Adequacy of visits	19%	81%	37

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	32%	68%	44
Informative content	26%	74%	43
My comfort level discussing issues	21%	79%	43
Adequacy of visits	28%	72%	36

F6g: How would you rate your interaction with administrative staff in terms of the following?

#### F6h: How would you rate your interaction with other post staff (please specify) in terms of the following?

-	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	40%	60%	5
Informative content	25%	75%	4
My comfort level discussing issues	43%	57%	7
Adequacy of visits	33%	67%	6

#### F7: To what extent is your CD aware of Volunteer issues and concerns through interactions with

Volunteers?

	Not at all	Minimally	Adequately	Considerably	Completely	Total
F7	5%	32%	39%	25%		44

#### F8: What is the most effective way you use to communicate with PC staff?

Most effective	Cellphone (voice)	31%	13
	Text messaging	26%	11
	Email/ Internet	24%	10
	Telephone at residence or work	7%	3
	Letters	7%	3
	In-person visits	5%	2
	Other. Please specify		
	Telephone not at residence or work		
	CB radio		
	Total	100%	42

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Second most effective	Cellphone (voice)	31%	13
	Email/ Internet	29%	12
	Text messaging	26%	11
	Telephone at residence or work	5%	2
	Letters	5%	2
	Telephone not at residence or work	2%	1
	In-person visits	2%	1
	Other. Please specify		
	CB radio		
	Total	100%	42

#### F8: What is the second most effective way you use to communicate with PC staff?

#### F8: What is the third most effective way you use to communicate with PC staff?

(C11_THREE) Third most effective	Text messaging	21%	9
	Telephone at residence or work	19%	8
	Letters	17%	7
	Email/ Internet	17%	7
	In-person visits	14%	6
	Cellphone (voice)	10%	4
	CB radio	2%	1
	Other. Please specify		
	Telephone not at residence or work		
	Total	100%	42

#### F9: How do you rate the effectiveness of your communication resources for contacting in-country PC staff?

	Very poor	Poor	Adequate	Good	Excellent	Total
F9	9%	24%	30%	33%	4%	46

## G. Your Safety and Security

This section reports on how safe and informed about their safety Volunteers feel. Their experiences with reported and unreported crimes are summarized.

	Not at All Safe	Often Safe	Adequately Safe	Usually Safe	Very Safe	Total
Where you live	3%		17%	40%	40%	30
Where you work			13%	27%	60%	30
When you travel in-country		20%	43%	30%	7%	30
City where main Peace Corps office is located		27%	40%	27%	7%	30

#### G1: How safe do you feel ...?

G2: Please indicate the number of times you experienced the following types of discrimination/harassment.

	Never	Once	2-5 times	6-10 times	11-25 times	26+ times	Total
Age	80.0%	4.0%	8.0%	4.0%		4.0%	25
Anti-American	42.3%	15.4%	30.8%	11.5%			26
Disability	100.0%						25
Gender	48.0%	8.0%	8.0%	4.0%	12.0%	20.0%	25
Racial/color	50.0%	4.2%		4.2%	8.3%	33.3%	24
Religious	84.0%		4.0%	8.0%	4.0%		25
Sexual (verbal)	34.6%	3.8%	7.7%	7.7%	15.4%	30.8%	26
Sexual (physical)	50.0%	3.8%	30.8%		7.7%	7.7%	26
Sexual orientation	96.2%	3.8%					26

	Never	Once	2-5 times	6-10 times	11-25 times	26+ times	Total
Age	80.0%		20.0%				5
Anti-American	92.9%		7.1%				14
Gender	100.0%						12
Racial/color	100.0%						12
Religious	100.0%						4
Sexual (verbal)	87.5%		6.2%			6.2%	16
Sexual (physical)	61.5%	15.4%	15.4%			7.7%	13
Sexual orientation	100.0%						1

#### G2: Please indicate the number of times you reported discrimination/harassment events to PC.

#### G3: Please indicate the number of times you experienced the following types of crimes.

	Never	Once	2-5 times	6-10 times	11-25 times	26+ times	Total
Burglary	86.8%	13.2%					38
Theft	38.1%	42.9%	19.0%				42
Robbery	94.4%	5.6%					36
Physical assault	69.2%	15.4%	12.8%	2.6%			39
Aggravated assault	97.3%	2.7%					37
Sexual assault	78.4%	13.5%	8.1%				37
Rape	97.2%	2.8%					36

#### G3: Please indicate the number of times you reported the following crimes to Peace Corps.

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	Never	Once	2-5 times	6-10 times	11-25 times	26+ times	Total
Burglary	50.0%	50.0%					4
Theft	44.0%	52.0%	4.0%				25
Robbery	50.0%	50.0%					2
Physical assault	58.3%	33.3%	8.3%				12
Aggravated assault		100.0%					1
Sexual assault	87.5%	12.5%					8
Rape	100.0%						1

		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpBurg	I did not think the PC could help	1	50%	
	I felt it was too minor or common to report	1	50%	
	I believed it could result in changing sites			
	Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality			
	Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me			
	It might hurt my relationship with the community			
	Other			
	Total			:

#### G4a: If you did not report your experience with burglary, please your reason(s) for not reporting.

\*Percents may total to more than 100% since Volunteers were asked to "mark all that apply."

		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpTheft	I felt it was too minor or common to report	7	78%	
	I did not think the PC could help	4	44%	
	Other	2	22%	
	It might hurt my relationship with the community	1	11%	
	I believed it could result in changing sites			
	Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality			
	Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me			
	Total			9

#### G4b: If you did not report your experience with theft, please your reason(s) for not reporting.

\*Percents may total to more than 100% since Volunteers were asked to "mark all that apply."

		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpRobb	I did not think the PC could help	1	100%	
	Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me	1	100%	
	I believed it could result in changing sites			
	I felt it was too minor or common to report			
	Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality			
	It might hurt my relationship with the community			
	Other			
	Total			

#### G4c: If you did not report your experience with robbery, please your reason(s) for not reporting.

\*Percents may total to more than 100% since Volunteers were asked to "mark all that apply."

		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpPhAs	I did not think the PC could help	7	100%	
	I felt it was too minor or common to report	3	43%	
	It might hurt my relationship with the community	1	14%	
	I believed it could result in changing sites			
	Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality			
	Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me			
	Other			
	Total			7

## G4d: If you did not report your experience with physical assault, please your reason(s) for not reporting.

reporting.						
		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding		
\$NoRpAgAs	I did not think the PC could help I believed it could result in changing sites I felt it was too minor or common to report Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me It might hurt my relationship with the community Other		Rptd	Responding		
	Total					

## G4: If you did not report your experience with aggravated assault, please your reason(s) for not reporting.

		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpSxAs	I did not think the PC could help	4	80%	-
	I felt it was too minor or common to report	1	20%	
	It might hurt my relationship with the community	1	20%	
	I believed it could result in changing sites			
	Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality			
	Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me			
	Other			
	Total			

### G4e: If you did not report your experience with sexual assault, please your reason(s) for not reporting.

		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpRape	I did not think the PC could help	1	100%	
	I believed it could result in changing sites			
	I felt it was too minor or common to report			
	Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality			
	Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me			
	It might hurt my relationship with the community			
	Other			
	Total			

### G4f: If you did not report your experience with rape, please your reason(s) for not reporting.

### H. Volunteers Working in HIV/AIDS

This section reports Volunteers' involvement in HIV/AIDS and their perceived effectiveness of their HIV/AIDS related activities.

H1: Which of the following best describes your in	volvement in HIV/AIDS activities?
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-			Involved in		
		HIV/AIDS work is	HIV/AIDS efforts,		
	HIV/AIDS work is	part of my	not	Not involved in	
	my primary	secondary	primary/secondary	any HIV/AIDS	
	assignment.	activities.	work	related activities	Total
H1	91%	7%	2%		46

### H2: How well has PC training prepared you to undertake your HIV/AIDS activities?

-	Not at all	Poorly	Adequately	Well	Very well	NA	Total
H2		24%	41%	28%	4%	2%	46

H3: In working with HC individuals or groups, how would you rate the effectiveness of your specific HIV/AIDS activities? (Including the "Don't Know" responses)

	Seldom effective	Sometimes effective	Often effective	Almost always effective	Don't know	Total
H3	4%	20%	39%	17%	20%	46

H3: In working with HC individuals or groups, how would you rate the effectiveness of your specific HIV/AIDS activities? (Excluding the "Don't Know" responses)

_	Sometimes Seldom effective effective		Often effective	Almost always effective	Total
H3	5%	24%	49%	22%	37

### I. Your Life in the Peace Corps

This section reports on Volunteers' descriptions of and adjustments to their living conditions, including stress factors and how Volunteers cope with stress.

		Yes, I lived with a			
	Never lived with a	host country	Yes, in my	Yes, both during	
	host country	individual or family	community (not	PST and later in	
	individual or family	only	during PST).	my community.	Total
11		33%	3%	63%	30

### I1: Have you lived with a host country individual or family?

### 12: How often do you interact with HCNs in community/family social events?

	Several times a		Several times a Several times a		Less than once a		
	Daily	week	Weekly	month	Monthly	month	Total
12	23%	33%	13%	13%	13%	3%	30

## I3: How well can you communicate in the language used by most people in your community?

	Not at all	Poorly	Adequately	Well	Very well	Total
13		24%	48%	24%	3%	29

### I4: Do you have the following at your worksite?

		Sometimes or	
	Never	more often	Total
Electricity		100%	30
Running water	10%	90%	30

### I4: Do you have the following at your residence?

	Never	Sometimes or more often	Total
Electricity		100%	28
Running water	4%	96%	28

### I5: How well do your PC experiences match the expectations you had before you became a

Volunteer?

-	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
15	3%	34%	41%	21%		29

### 17: To what extent do the following create stress and/or emotional health issues for you?

	Not at all stressful 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally stressful 5	NA	Total
Cultural issues	4%	17%	41%	26%	11%		46
Dealing with violence in country (e.g., civil unrest, domestic violence, corporal punishment)	20%	50%	7%	15%		9%	46
Health/medical problems	28%	43%	15%	15%			47
Issues including family, friends, loved ones in U.S.	17%	26%	28%	21%	9%		47
Isolation/loneliness	9%	36%	32%	15%	6%	2%	47
Local language	4%	17%	39%	30%	9%		46
Primary assignment	9%	24%	37%	24%	7%		46
Romantic relationships in- country	33%	17%	13%	4%		33%	46
Interactions with other Volunteers	50%	30%	13%	7%			46
Interactions with PC Staff	32%	34%	21%	9%	4%		47
Safety and security	26%	53%	17%	2%	2%		47
Other: Please specify below	10%			20%	20%	50%	10

		PCV Responses	% Using This Stress Reducer	Total PCVs Responding
\$I8LessStress	Talk with PCVs outside my community	40	85%	
	Pursue personal hobbies	38	81%	
	Talk with friends and family in US	34	72%	
	Leave the community for a time	29	62%	
	Do sports	25	53%	
	Talk with PCVs in my community	23	49%	
	Talk with co-workers or friends (not PCVs)	23	49%	
	Get involved in other projects	17	36%	
	Meditate	13	28%	
	Pray	12	26%	
	Do other activity (specify)	12	26%	
	Talk with my host family	7	15%	
	Talk with PC in-country staff	5	11%	
	Talk with Office of Special Services staff			
	Total			47

### 18: Please mark all of the typical ways in which you cope with stress.

\*Percents total to more than 100% since Volunteers were asked to "mark all that apply."

### 18: Others I talk with to reduce stress

		Percent	Number	
18.OTHRS.TEXT	Open-ended results. Not res	ponsive to re	equest.	
	Total	100%	47	

	I8: Other activities to reduce stress		
		Percent	Number
I8.OTHRACT.TEXT2	Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.		
	Total	100%	47

### 18: When asked about ways of coping with stress, Volunteers who answered "No stress"

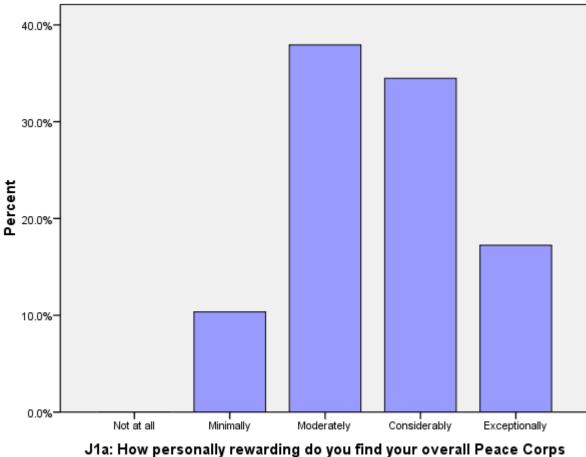
	No	Yes, I have no stress	Total
I8.NOSTRESS	100%		47

### J. Overall Assessment of Peace Corps Service

This section reports Volunteers' level of satisfaction with their Peace Corps service and their expectations about completing their service.

	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1A		10%	38%	34%	17%	29

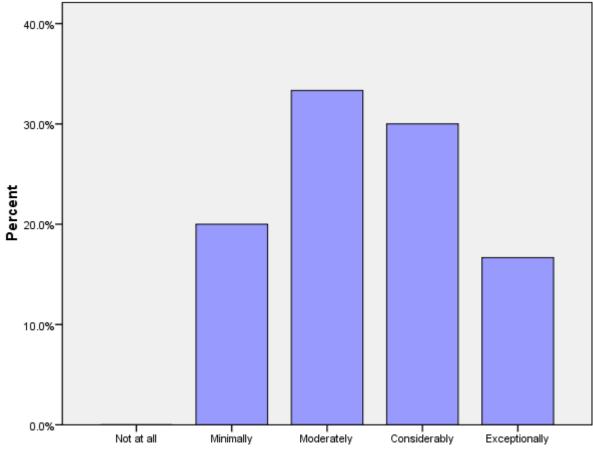
J1a: How personally rewarding do you find your overall Peace Corps service?



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	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1B		20%	33%	30%	17%	30

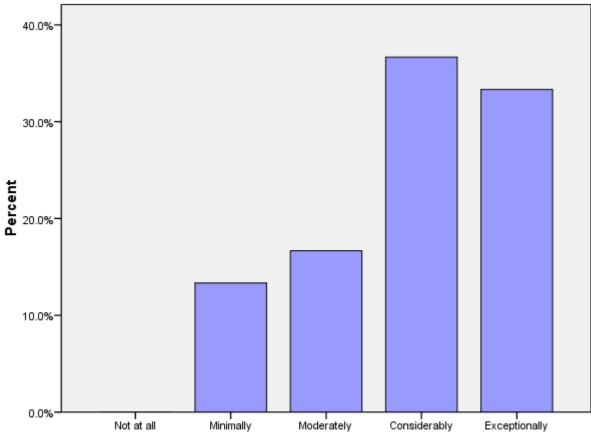
J1b: How personally rewarding do you find your community involvement?



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	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1C		13%	17%	37%	33%	30

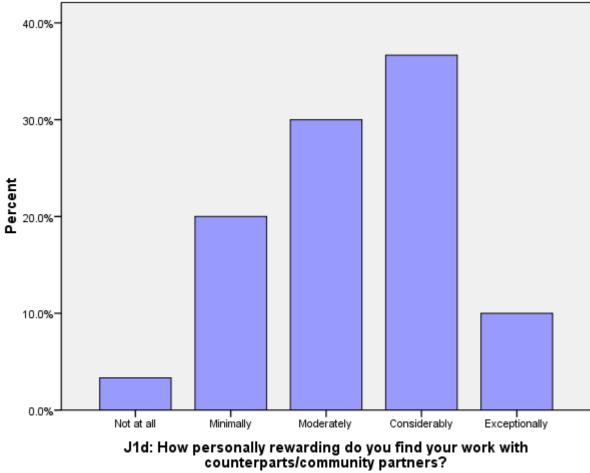
J1c: How personally rewarding do you find your experience with other Volunteers?



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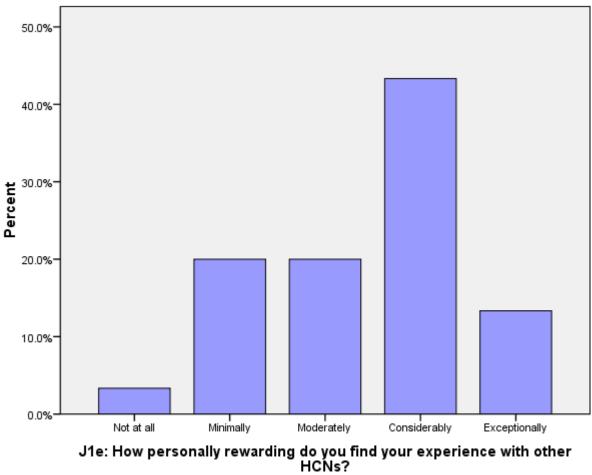
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1D	3%	20%	30%	37%	10%	30

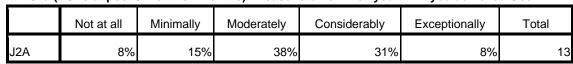
J1d: How personally rewarding do you find your work with counterparts/community partners?



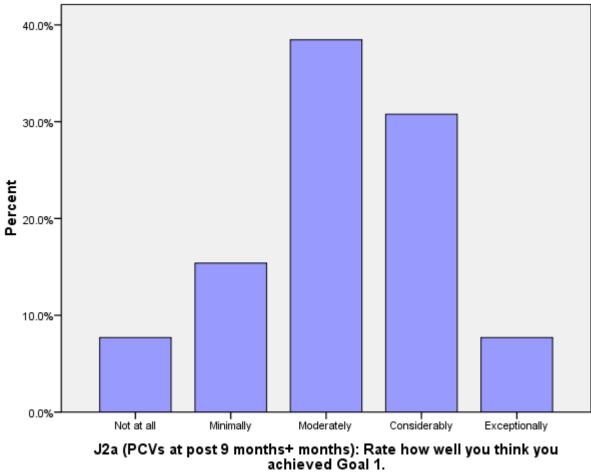
		Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1E	Ē	3%	20%	20%	43%	13%	30

J1e: How personally rewarding do you find your experience with other HCNs?



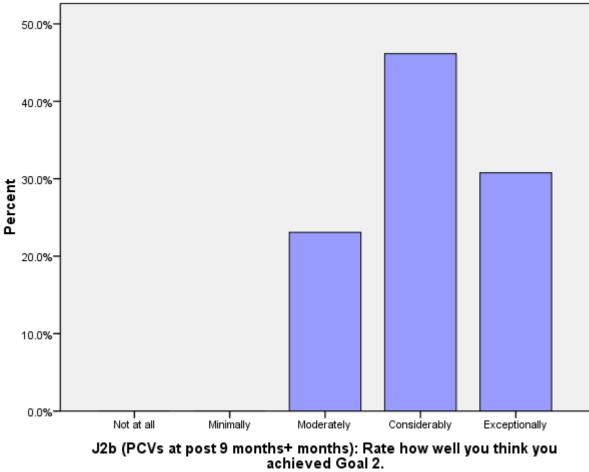


J2a (PCVs at post 9 months+ months): Please rate how well you think you achieved Goal 1.



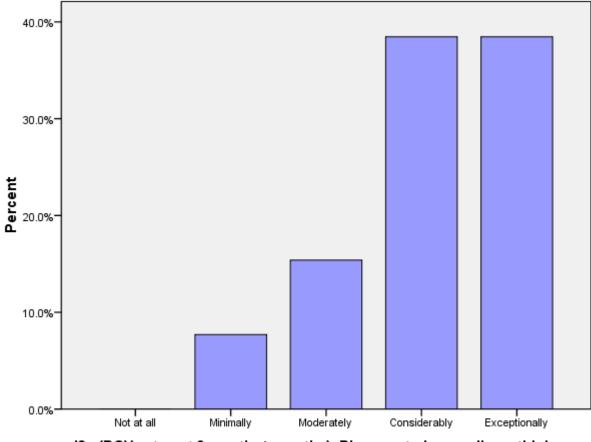
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J2B			23%	46%	31%	13

J2b: (PCVs at post 9 months+ months): Please rate how well you think you achieved Goal 2.



	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J2C		8%	15%	38%	38%	13

J2c (PCVs at post 9 months+ months): Please rate how well you think you achieved Goal 3.



J2c (PCVs at post 9 months+ months): Please rate how well you think you achieved Goal 3.

J3: Today, would you make the same decision to join the Peace Corps?

	No	Not likely	Possibly	Probably	Definitely	Total
J3	3%	7%	24%	31%	34%	29

J4: Would you recommend Peace Corps service to others you think are qualified?

	No	Not likely	Possibly	Probably	Definitely	Total
J4		20%	17%	23%	40%	30

J5: Do you intend to complete your Peace Corps service?

	No	Not sure	Yes	Might extend	Total
J5	7%	17%	63%	13%	30

J6: Would your host country benefit most if the Peace Corps program was---?

Ī				Refocused/redesig			
		Discontinued	Reduced	ned	Maintained as is	Expanded	Total
ļ	J6			77%		23%	30

### K. Activities After Peace Corps Service

This section reports on Volunteers' plans for after they have completed their Peace Corps Service.

#### K1a: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Work in government.

	Government							
In the U.S.	In your host country	In another country	Ν					
100%	0%	0%	2					

\* Percent of cases was used. Percentages will be greater than 100 since Volunteers were asked to select all that applied.

#### K1b: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Work in the private sector.

	Private Sector							
In the U.S.	In your host country	In another country	Ν					
100%	0%	0%	2					

\* Percent of cases was used. Percentages will be greater than 100 since Volunteers were asked to select all that applied.

#### K1c: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Work for an NGO.

	NGO							
In the U.S.	In your host country	In another country	Ν					
75%	25%	50%	4					

\* Percent of cases was used. Percentages will be greater than 100 since Volunteers were asked to select all that applied.

#### K1d: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Work for PC Response.

	Peace Corps Response							
In the U.S.	In your host country	In another country	Ν					
0%	0%	100%	2					

	Volunteer Activities							
In the U.S.	In your host country	In another country	Ν					
759	6 0%	25%	4					

### K1e: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Continue to participate in volunteer activities.

\* Percent of cases was used. Percentages will be greater than 100 since Volunteers were asked to select all that applied.

### K1f: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Graduate school/academic credentialing.

Graduate School				
In the U.S. In your host country In another country N				
83%	0%	17%	6	

\* Percent of cases was used. Percentages will be greater than 100 since Volunteers were asked to select all that applied.

### K1g: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Travel.

Travel				
In the U.S. In your host country In another country N				
40%	0%	60%	5	

\* Percent of cases was used. Percentages will be greater than 100 since Volunteers were asked to select all that applied.

### K1h: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Other.

Other			
In the U.S. In your host country In another country N			Ν
100%	0%	0%	1

## K2:How prepared do you feel to share your Peace Corps experience and knowledge of your host country with others in the United States when you return?

	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Total
How prepared do you feel to	0%	0%	14%	86%	
share your Peace Corps					
experience and knowledge of					
your host country with others in					7
the United States when you					
return?					

### K3: How well do you feel Peace Corps has prepared you for life in the U. S. after you return?

	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
How well do you feel Peace	0%	25%	50%	25%	0%	
Corps has prepared you for life						
in the U.S. after your return?						8

### K6: Have your life/career goals changed because of your Peace

Corps service?

	No	Yes	Total
Have your life/career goals	38%	62%	
changed because of your			
Peace Corps service?			8

### K7: How well informed are you about the following opportunities for returned Volunteers:

	Not informed	Somewhat informed	Well informed	Ν
Peace Corps Response	50%	38%	12%	8
Peace Corps' Fellows/USA program	25%	50%	25%	8
Noncompetitive eligibility	12%	25%	62%	8
RPCV Career Center in Washington, D.C.	75%	25%	0%	8
Returned Volunteer Services	75%	12%	12%	8

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Learn about Fellows/USA	University website	29%	l
program	Word of mouth	29%	
	From a recruiter	14%	
	PC Website	14%	
	At post's information resource center	14%	
	Other	14%	
	Hotline	0%	
	At PST	0%	
	At IST	0%	
	Mid-service mailing from PC	0%	
	At COS Conference	0%	
	From staff in the host country's PC office	0%	
	Ν		7

### K8: How did you first learn about the Fellows/USA program?

	he following resources do you think will be helpi		
K9 Resources	Applying to federal government with RPCV noncompetitive eligibility	75%	
	Career Resource Manual	62%	
	Electronic newsletter with job postings and career advice	62%	
	Access to free job bulletins	50%	
	RPCV Handbook	38%	
	List of RPCVs willing to talk to me about their careers	38%	
	RPCV career conferences	38%	
	Connection with RPCVs through a mentoring program	38%	
	RPCV job search webinars	25%	
	Self-assessment software (SIGI 3)	25%	
	NOT SURE	25%	
	Guide to speaking about my PC service to others (third goal)	12%	
	Other	0%	
	Ν		8

### K9: Which of the following resources do you think will be helpful as you exit Peace Corps service?

# K10: Which of the following third goal (helping promote a better understanding of peoples on the part of Americans) activities do you plan to do when you return to the U. S.?

K10 Third Goal	Continue with volunteerism and service learning	100%	
	Write stories from my PC service on my own	88%	
	Speak to a group of adults about my experience	62%	
	Join a RPCV group	62%	
	Speak to school age children about my experience	50%	
	Participate in PC Week	25%	
	Obtain and use PC third goal resources	12%	
	Write stories from my PC service in conjunction with CWWS	0%	
	Other	0%	
	NOT SURE	0%	
	Ν		8