

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

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

Completed Surveys by Months in Country

Ī		8 months or less		9 to 18 months		19 months or more		Total	
l		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	Months3grp			41	56%	32	44%	73	100%

L1: What is your age?

	20-29	30-49	50+	Total	
AGE3grp	84%	14%	1%	70	

L2: What is your gender?

	Female	Male	Total	
GENDER	50%	50%	70	

Completed surveys by project.

	Count	Column N %
Community-Based Health	6	8%
Community Economic Development	12	16%
Community & Youth Development	5	7%
Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)	50	68%
Other. Please specify		
Total	73	100%

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

		Percent	Number
C2	English teaching	55%	40
	Business education/advising	16%	12
	Teacher training	15%	11
	Health extension	5%	4
	Youth development	4%	3
	Other: Please specify	1%	1
	HIV/AIDS	1%	1
	Community development	1%	1
	Urban & regional planning/municipal development		
	Water sanitation		
	Forestry/parks		
	Environmental education		
	Other education		
	Math/science teaching		
	Agroforestry		
	Information & communications technology (ICT)		
	NGO development		
	Agriculture/fish/livestock		
	Total	100%	73

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

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C2.TEXT				
	Total	100%	73	1
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A. Applying to the Peace Corps

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

B. Preparation for the Peace Corps

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

Sections A and B are only completed by Volunteers who have been in country less than 9 months. No Volunteers in Mongolia reported they had been in country 8 months or less.

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.

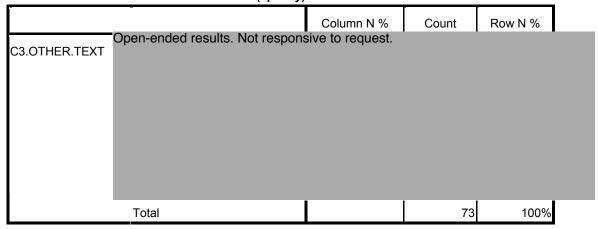
C3: Which of the following activities does your primary assignment/work include? Mark all that apply.

		PCV Responses	% Involved in Initiative	Total PCVs Responding
\$C3PrmAct	English teaching	65	89%	
	Working with youth	41	56%	
	Information and communications technology (ICT)	20	27%	
	Library development	19	26%	
	Working with NGO(s)	18	25%	
	Literacy	15	21%	
	Business advertising	11	15%	
	Microenterprise development	11	15%	
	World Wise Schools/ Correspondence Match	11	15%	
	Girls' education	9	12%	
	Income generation	9	12%	
	Nutrition education	9	12%	
	Rural development	9	12%	
	Working with special groups (e.g., disabled, elderly, ethnic minorities, orphans)	9	12%	
	HIV/AIDS	8	11%	
	Arts	7	10%	
	Sports/fitness	5	7%	
	Other: Please specify	4	5%	
	Mobilize host country nationals (HCNs) to volunteer	3	4%	

Community food security (production/marketing)	2	3%	
Water and sanitation	2	3%	
Child survival	1	1%	
Household food security	1	1%	
Urban development/municipal development	1	1%	
WID/GAD	1	1%	
Biodiversity conservation			
Environment work			
Natural resources management			
Total			73

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)



C6: Hours Spent on Secondary Activities During Average Work Week

	None	1-10 hrs	11-20 hrs	21-30 hrs	31-40 hrs	More than 40 hrs	Total
C6Hrs6grp		65%	29%	4%	1%		69

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	73	11.8	1	40	4

C7: How personally satisfying is your --?

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally 5	Total
Primary assignment	3%	21%	36%	27%	14%	73
Secondary project/activities	3%	4%	29%	42%	22%	72

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.

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
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Manage cultural differences		2%	29%	37%	32%		41
Deal with adjustment issues			34%	41%	24%		41
Work with							
counterparts/community	2%	17%	44%	29%	7%		41
partners							
Use language needed in							
work and social interactions	2%	10%	27%	44%	17%		41
Perform technical aspects of							
your work	2%	10%	39%	37%	10%	2%	41
Work on your project goals							
and objectives	5%	10%	44%	37%	5%		41
Conduct a participatory							
community needs	2%	10%	54%	24%	10%		41
assessment (e.g., PACA)	270	10 70	0470	2470	1070		71
Monitor your project goals							
and outcomes	2%	17%	37%	37%	5%	2%	41
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Maintain your physical health	2%	10%	34%	22%	29%	2%	41
Maintain your	2%	12%	29%	27%	29%		41
mental/emotional health		_,,					
Maintain your personal safety	2%	5%	24%	27%	37%	5%	41
and security	2 70	3 /0	Z+ /0	Z1 /0	37 /6	376	41

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

					 		
	Not effective	Poor	Adequate	Effective	Very Effective	NA/No training	Total
Manage cultural differences		3%	27%	43%	23%	4%	70
Deal with adjustment issues		7%	33%	39%	14%	7%	70
Build and strengthen working relationships with counterparts/community partners		7%	29%	33%	30%	1%	70
Use language needed in work and social interactions		11%	29%	31%	23%	6%	70
Perform technical aspects of your work		19%	23%	36%	20%	3%	70
Work on your project goals and objectives	1%	16%	33%	29%	19%	3%	70
Conduct a participatory community needs assessment (e.g.,PACA)	3%	13%	39%	28%	12%	6%	69
Monitor project goals and outcomes	1%	19%	39%	29%	10%	3%	70
Maintain your physical health	1%	1%	40%	34%	19%	4%	70
Maintain your mental/emotional health		3%	40%	39%	10%	9%	70
Maintain your personal safety and security		1%	33%	36%	29%	1%	70

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

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	No/ No answer	Yes	Total				
Skills specific to my assignment	26	47	73				
Assessing community needs	55	18	73				
Organizing/implementing community activities	32	40	72				
Building capacity of local organizations	60	10	70				
Monitoring, reporting, and evaluating my work	27	45	72				
Designing and implementing training sessions	47	25	72				

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

	No/ No answer	Yes	Total
Skills specific to my assignment	4	68	72
Assessing community needs	4	68	72
Organizing/implementing community activities	5	66	71
Building capacity of local organizations	13	58	71
Monitoring, reporting, and evaluating my work	8	63	71
Designing and implementing training sessions	9	63	72

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

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	No/ No answer	Yes	Total
Skills specific to my assignment	8	50	58
Assessing community needs	10	54	64
Organizing/implementing community activities	14	49	63
Building capacity of local organizations	23	41	64
Monitoring, reporting, and evaluating my work	14	44	58
Designing and implementing training sessions	21	42	63

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.

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

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally 5	NA	Total
Meets the objectives of the project plan	1%	11%	38%	42%	8%		72
Builds local capacity for sustainability	4%	18%	38%	32%	8%		72
Involves local people in planning and implementing activities	3%	10%	42%	32%	14%		72
Complements other local development activities	6%	17%	35%	32%	8%	3%	72
Transfers skills to host country individuals and organizations		7%	39%	40%	14%		72
Mobilizes host country nationals (HCNs) to volunteer	21%	29%	31%	15%	1%	3%	72
Helps promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served (goal 2)	1%	4%	15%	42%	38%		72
Helps promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans (goal 3)	1%	7%	19%	38%	33%	1%	72

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		6%	38%	38%	19%		32
Want the assistance that you provided	6%	3%	28%	28%	34%		32

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

	None 1	2	3	4	Exceptional 5	NA	Total
Ability to access information (e.g., library, Internet, etc.)	8%	17%	21%	33%	19%	1%	72
Leadership skills	7%	15%	35%	35%	8%		72
Planning and management	7%	10%	26%	49%	8%		72
Problem solving/critical thinking	8%	14%	31%	36%	11%		72
Self-esteem	7%	7%	35%	38%	12%	1%	72
Technical skills	4%	14%	29%	38%	15%		72
Use of local resources	8%	17%	39%	28%	8%		72
Use of external resources (e.g., grants, international NGOs)	10%	21%	28%	29%	12%		72
Better understanding of Americans	1%	3%	8%	31%	57%		72
Other: Please specify below			6%			94%	16

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%	73	
Total		73	100%

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

	None 1	2	3	4	Exceptional 5	NA	Total
Ability to access information (e.g., library, Internet, etc.)	8%	14%	27%	27%	18%	6%	71
Leadership skills	7%	18%	30%	32%	8%	4%	71
Planning and management	7%	20%	37%	27%	6%	4%	71
Problem solving/critical thinking	6%	20%	28%	37%	8%	1%	71
Self-esteem	3%	11%	27%	41%	14%	4%	71
Technical skills	4%	11%	37%	26%	17%	4%	70
Use of local resources	6%	18%	42%	20%	8%	6%	71
Use of external resources (e.g., grants, international NGOs)	18%	17%	27%	21%	8%	8%	71
Better understanding of Americans	1%	7%	14%	28%	48%	1%	71
Other: Please specify below		6%	12%		6%	75%	16

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	Open-ended results. N	ot responsive to	request.		
	Total		73	100%	

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

	None 1	2	3	4	Exceptional 5	NA	Total
Identifying and prioritizing organizational needs	15%	15%	28%	32%	6%	4%	72
Leadership	17%	15%	32%	25%	6%	4%	71
Management	15%	13%	37%	25%	6%	4%	71
Monitoring and evaluation	12%	15%	38%	22%	8%	4%	72
Planning and implementing organizational activities	11%	10%	35%	25%	15%	4%	72
Teamwork/participatory decision-making	8%	11%	31%	32%	14%	4%	72
Use of local resources	11%	19%	31%	26%	8%	4%	72
Ability to mobilize, manage, and sustain local volunteers	14%	18%	28%	29%	6%	6%	72
Other: Please specify below	5%	5%	11%	11%		68%	19

E5: To what extent does your assignment enhance the capacities of organizations with whom you work? Other (specify)

		Column N %	Count	Row N %		
Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.						
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	Total		73	100%		

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

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally 5	NA	Total
Your counterpart/community partner	1%	10%	32%	33%	24%		72
Another institution/organization	11%	14%	36%	26%	10%	3%	72
Members of your host community	4%	14%	32%	35%	15%		72
Other: Please specify below			8%	15%		77%	13

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

	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Too early to tell	Total
E7	0%	4%	23%	44%	30%	0%	71

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

	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
E7		4%	23%	44%	30%	71

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

		PCV Responses	% Doing This	Total PCVs Responding
\$E9Goal3Acts	Electronic updates	64	91%	
	Hosting American visitors	51	73%	
	Personal website or blog	39	56%	
	Hard copy/paper update	25	36%	
	Enrollment in the CWWS/CMS program	21	30%	
	While on home leave, spoke at a school or community group	14	20%	
	Pen pal program/letter exchange	10	14%	
	Podcasted/created a slide show or video posted online	10	14%	
	Other please specify	9	13%	
	Peace Corps Week activities	1	1%	
	Total			70

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

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

	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	99%	1%	73

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 NOT recommend it	Total
	CWWS/CM.	recommend it	NOT recommend it	Total
E10	69%	30%	1%	67

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	0%	8%	17%	47%	28%	0%	72

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		8%	17%	47%	28%	72

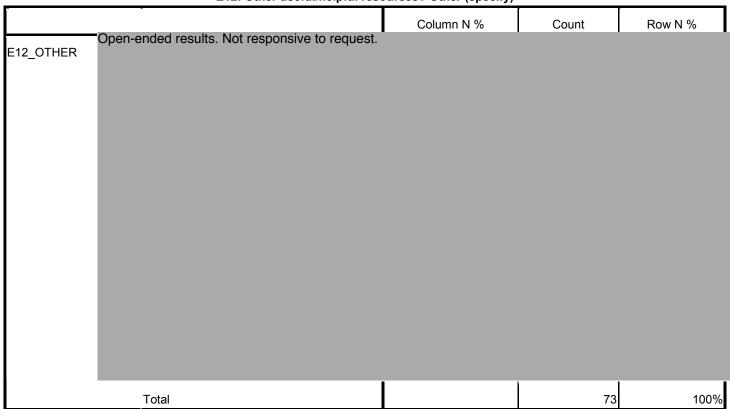
E12: Which of the following resources have been useful to you in your third goal activities?

	Yes
Coverdell World Wise Schools staff (Useful)	10
Contact with other Peace Corps staff in Washington, D.C. (Useful)	7
Information at staging (Useful)	18
Information from your post sent to you before departure (Useful)	31
Internet (Useful)	53
Invitation kits (Useful)	28
Material in staging packet (Useful)	24
Peace Corps staff at post (e.g., World Wise School contact) (Useful)	17
Recruiting (Useful)	16
Resources available from Coverdell World Wise Schools (Useful)	7
Resources available on Peace Corps website (e.g., third goal section) (Useful)	19
Training on third goal (Useful)	11

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)	24
Contact with other Peace Corps staff in Washington, D.C. (Would be helpful)	24
Information at staging (Would be helpful)	12
Information from your post sent to you before departure (Would be helpful)	9
Internet (Would be helpful)	15
Invitation kits (Would be helpful)	11
Material in staging packet (Would be helpful)	9
Peace Corps staff at post (e.g., World Wise School contact) (Would be helpful)	15
Recruiting (Would be helpful)	13
Resources available from Coverdell World Wise Schools(Would be helpful)	20
Resources available on Peace Corps website (e.g., third goal section) (Would be helpful)	18
Training on third goal (Would be helpful)	22
Other: Please specify below (Would/will be helpful)	2

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	59%	39%	1%	69

F. Peace Corps Support

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

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

	Not at all	Minimally	Adequately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Not Used	Total
F2		4%	19%	27%	48%	1%	73

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	4%	12%	24%	42%	18%		72
Cross-cultural		11%	24%	38%	28%		72
Emotional	7%	15%	26%	28%	17%	7%	72
Feedback on my work reports	15%	18%	32%	19%	14%	1%	72
Job assignment	4%	19%	24%	31%	22%		72
Language learning		4%	28%	36%	32%		72
Medical	1%	6%	17%	31%	44%	1%	72
Safety and security		4%	11%	33%	51%		72
Site selection/preparation	10%	11%	25%	28%	26%		72
Technical skills	3%	18%	28%	36%	14%	1%	72

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

health/adjustment issues?

	Not at all satisfied	2	ď	4	Completely satisfied 5	Total
F4	5%	12%	29%	33%		

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	3%	6%	15%	17%	8%	51%	71

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)

	No support	Minimal support	Adequate support	Considerable support	Exceptional support	Total
F5	6%	11%	31%	34%	17%	35

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

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	19%	81%	72
Informative content	21%	79%	72
My comfort level discussing issues	32%	68%	72
Adequacy of visits	34%	66%	71

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

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	25%	75%	68
Informative content	31%	69%	68
My comfort level discussing issues	29%	71%	69
Adequacy of visits	37%	63%	68

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	13%	87%	69
Informative content	15%	85%	71
My comfort level discussing issues	14%	86%	71
Adequacy of visits	10%	90%	71

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

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	6%	94%	71
Informative content	8%	92%	71
My comfort level discussing issues	13%	87%	70
Adequacy of visits	11%	89%	70

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	3%	97%	71
Informative content	1%	99%	71
My comfort level discussing issues	3%	97%	71
Adequacy of visits	10%	90%	70

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

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	12%	88%	69
Informative content	9%	91%	69
My comfort level discussing issues	16%	84%	68
Adequacy of visits	14%	86%	69

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

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	10%	90%	71
Informative content	16%	84%	70
My comfort level discussing issues	13%	87%	70
Adequacy of visits	13%	87%	68

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	23%	77%	13
Informative content	17%	83%	12
My comfort level discussing issues	33%	67%	12
Adequacy of visits	38%	62%	13

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	4%	29%	42%	22%	3%	73

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

Most effective	Cellphone (voice)	51%	37
	In-person visits	15%	11
	Email/ Internet	15%	11
	Text messaging	14%	10
	Telephone at residence or work	3%	2
	Telephone not at residence or work	1%	1
	Other. Please specify		
	Letters		
	CB radio		
	Total	100%	72

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

Second most effective	Email/ Internet	36%	26
Second most enective	Email/ internet	3070	20
	Cellphone (voice)	33%	24
	Text messaging	24%	17
	Telephone at residence or work	3%	2
	Telephone not at residence or work	1%	1
	Letters	1%	1
	In-person visits	1%	1
	Other. Please specify		
	CB radio		
	Total	100%	72

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

(C11_THREE) Third most	Email/ Internet	36%	26
effective	In-person visits	26%	19
	Text messaging	25%	18
	Cellphone (voice)	8%	6
	Telephone at residence or work	3%	2
	Telephone not at residence or work	1%	1
	Other. Please specify		
	Letters		
	CB radio		1-
	Total	100%	72

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	1%	3%	30%	36%	30%	73

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.

G1: How safe do you feel ...?

			Adequately			
	Not at All Safe	Often Safe	Safe	Usually Safe	Very Safe	Total
Where you live		4%	10%	31%	56%	72
Where you work		1%	8%	17%	74%	72
When you travel in-country	4%	11%	33%	32%	19%	72
City where main Peace Corps office is located	11%	28%	32%	22%	7%	72

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	86.8%	1.9%	5.7%	1.9%		3.8%	53
Anti-American	53.4%	8.6%	24.1%	1.7%	8.6%	3.4%	58
Disability	100.0%						52
Gender	87.0%		9.3%		3.7%		54
Racial/color	87.5%			8.9%		3.6%	56
Religious	96.2%		1.9%		1.9%		52
Sexual (verbal)	74.5%	7.3%	12.7%	3.6%	1.8%		55
Sexual (physical)	77.2%	21.1%	1.8%				57
Sexual orientation	96.2%		1.9%			1.9%	53

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

	Never	Once	2-5 times	6-10 times	11-25 times	26+ times	Total
Age	83.3%		16.7%				6
Anti-American	88.0%	8.0%	4.0%				25
Gender	100.0%						4
Racial/color	100.0%						6
Religious	100.0%						2
Sexual (verbal)	84.6%	15.4%					13
Sexual (physical)	58.3%	41.7%					12
Sexual orientation	100.0%						1

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	85.2%	11.1%	3.7%				54
Theft	50.8%	30.2%	17.5%	1.6%			63
Robbery	94.3%	5.7%					53
Physical assault	68.5%	20.4%	11.1%				54
Aggravated assault	98.1%		1.9%				53
Sexual assault	90.7%	7.4%	1.9%				54
Rape	98.1%	1.9%					53

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

	Never	Once	2-5 times	6-10 times	11-25 times	26+ times	Total
Burglary	28.6%	57.1%	14.3%				7
Theft	37.9%	51.7%	10.3%				29
Robbery	33.3%	66.7%					3
Physical assault	43.8%	50.0%	6.2%				16
Sexual assault	80.0%	20.0%					5
Rape		100.0%					1

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

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		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpBurg	I did not think the PC could help	2	50%	
	I felt it was too minor or common to report	2	50%	
	Other	1	25%	
	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			
	Total			4

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

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

		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpTheft	I felt it was too minor or common to report	11	69%	
	I did not think the PC could help	7	44%	
	Other	3	19%	
	It might hurt my relationship with the community	2	12%	
	I believed it could result in changing sites			
	Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality			
	Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me			
	Total			16

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

		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpRobb	I felt it was too minor or common to report	2	67%	
	I did not think the PC could help	1	33%	
	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			3

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

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

		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpPhAs	I felt it was too minor or common to report	6	75%	
	I did not think the PC could help	4	50%	
	Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me	2	25%	
	Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality	1	12%	
	It might hurt my relationship with the community	1	12%	
	Other	1	12%	
	I believed it could result in changing sites			
	Total			8

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

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		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpAgAs	I felt it was too minor or common to report	2	67%	
	I did not think the PC could help I believed it could result in changing sites	1	33%	
	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			3

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

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
\$NoRpSxAs	I did not think the PC could help	4	67%	
	I felt it was too minor or common to report	2	33%	
	Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality	2	33%	
	Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me	2	33%	
	It might hurt my relationship with the community	1	17%	
	I believed it could result in changing sites			
	Other			
	Total			6

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

		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
		FCV Responses	Rptu	Responding
\$NoRpRape	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			4
	It might hurt my relationship with the community			·
	Other			
	Total			2

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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 involvement in HIV/AIDS activities?

			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	4%	7%	33%	56%	7.

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		19%	39%	32%	6%	3%	31

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
ŀ	H3	3%	42%	29%	6%	19%	31

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)

	Seldom effective	Sometimes effective	Often effective	Almost always effective	Total
H3	4%	52%	36%	8%	25

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.

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

	Never lived with a	Yes, I 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
l1		45%	3%	52%	71

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

	Daily	Several times a week	Weekly	Several times a month	Monthly	Less than once a month	Total
12	41%	19%	16%	13%	9%	3%	70

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		10%	58%	30%	3%	71

14: Do you have the following at your worksite?

		3 ,	
	Never	Sometimes or more often	Total
Electricity	1%	99%	70
Running water	38%	62%	69

I4: Do you have the following at your residence?

		Sometimes or	
	Never	more often	Total
Electricity		100%	67
Running water	56%	44%	68

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	6%	7%	44%	30%	14%	71

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

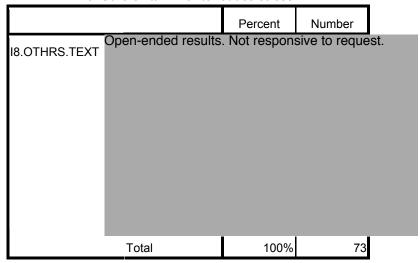
	Not at all stressful 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally stressful 5	NA	Total
Cultural issues	15%	27%	30%	24%	4%		71
Dealing with violence in					•	•	
country (e.g., civil unrest,	35%	20%	21%	15%	7%	1%	71
domestic violence, corporal	33 /0	20 /0	2170	1370	7 70	1 70	, ,
punishment)							
Health/medical problems	30%	25%	30%	8%	7%		71
Issues including family,	30%	25%	23%	17%	4%	1%	71
friends, loved ones in U.S.	30 /0	25 /0	25 /0	17 70	4 70	1 70	7 1
Isolation/loneliness	27%	8%	31%	21%	13%		71
Local language	9%	29%	36%	20%	7%		70
Primary assignment	10%	23%	30%	23%	15%		71
Romantic relationships in-	0-04	222/	4-04				_,
country	35%	28%	15%	11%	3%	7%	71
Interactions with other	220/	0.40/	000/	400/	20/		70
Volunteers	33%	34%	20%	10%	3%		70
Interactions with PC Staff	37%	38%	13%	6%	7%		71
Safety and security	30%	37%	20%	10%	4%		71
Other: Please specify below			20%		50%	30%	10

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

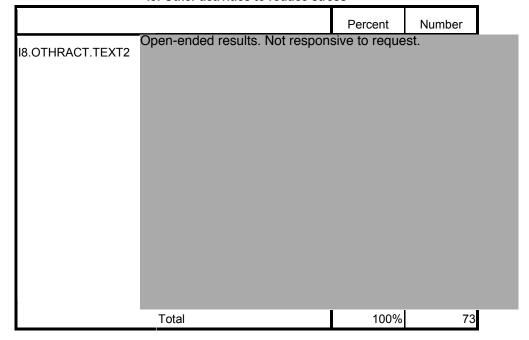
		PCV Responses	% Using This Stress Reducer	Total PCVs Responding
\$I8LessStress	Pursue personal hobbies	61	87%	
	Talk with friends and family in US	54	77%	
	Talk with PCVs outside my community	52	74%	
	Do sports	49	70%	
	Talk with PCVs in my community	46	66%	
	Leave the community for a time	40	57%	
	Get involved in other projects	36	51%	
	Talk with co-workers or friends (not PCVs)	29	41%	
	Meditate	17	24%	
	Talk with PC in-country staff	16	23%	
	Talk with my host family	14	20%	
	Pray	11	16%	
	Do other activity (specify)	7	10%	
	Talk with Office of Special Services staff			
	Total			70

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

18: Others I talk with to reduce stress



18: Other activities to reduce stress



I8: When asked about ways of coping with stress, Volunteers who answered "No stress"

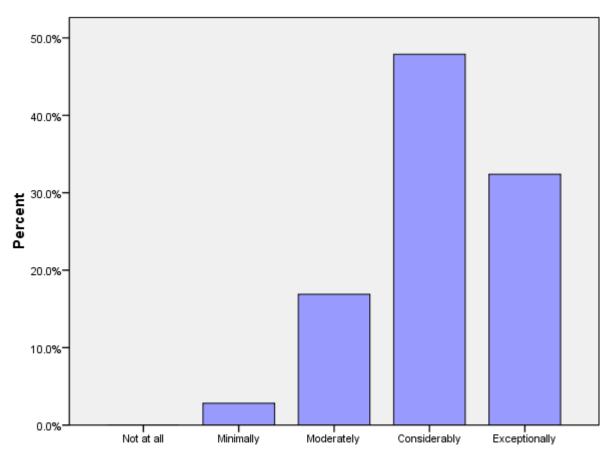
	No	Yes, I have no stress	Total
I8.NOSTRESS	97%	3%	73

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.

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

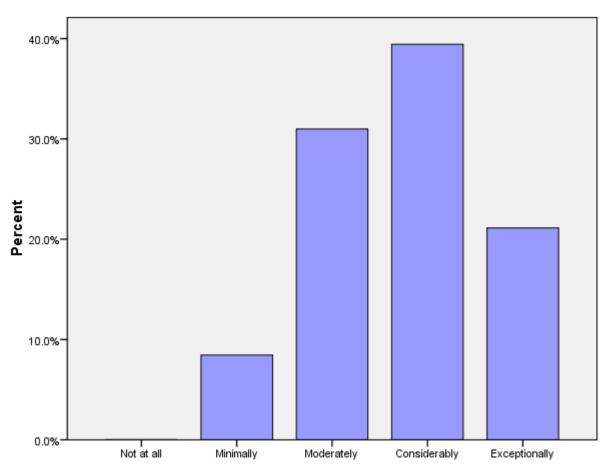
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1A		3%	17%	48%	32%	71



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

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

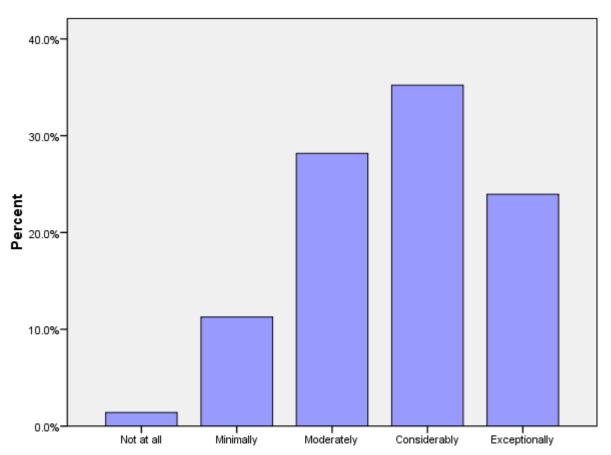
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1B		8%	31%	39%	21%	71



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

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

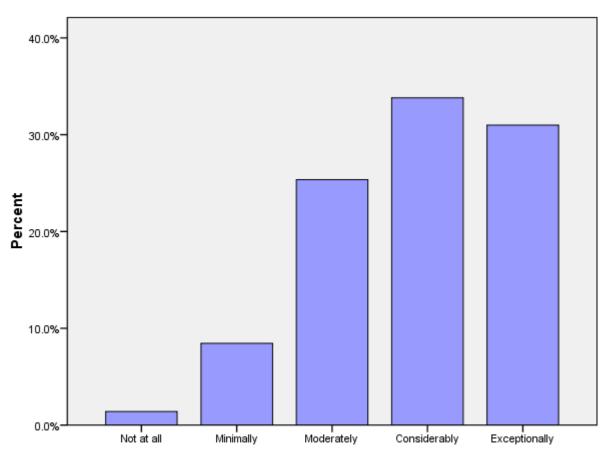
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1C	1%	11%	28%	35%	24%	71



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

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

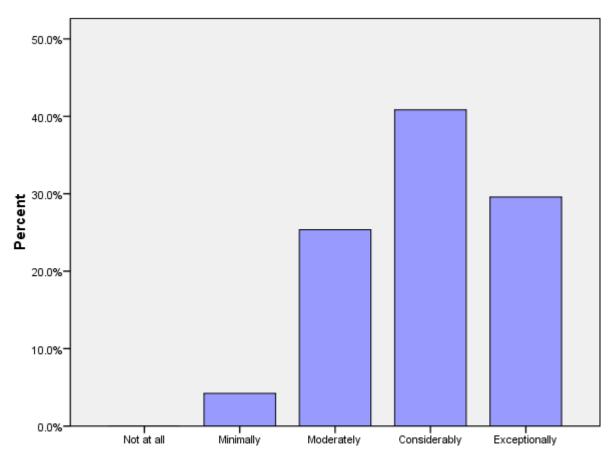
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1D	1%	8%	25%	34%	31%	71



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

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

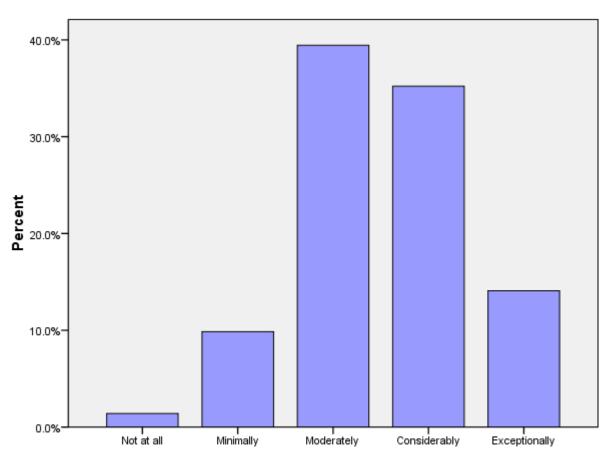
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1E		4%	25%	41%	30%	71



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.

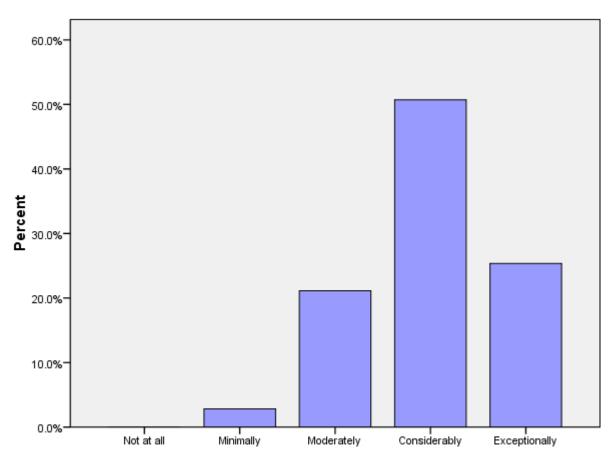
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J2A	1%	10%	39%	35%	14%	71



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

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

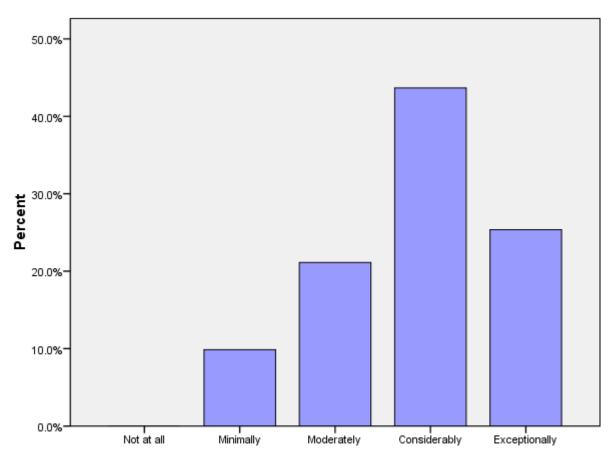
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J2B		3%	21%	51%	25%	71



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

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

	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J2C		10%	21%	44%	25%	71



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	1%	4%	8%	24%	62%	71

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

	No	Not likely	Possibly	Probably	Definitely	Total
J4	1%	6%	14%	20%	59%	71

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

	No	Not sure	Yes	Might extend	Total
J5	3%	6%	72%	19%	72

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

			Refocused/redesig			
	Discontinued	Reduced	ned	Maintained as is	Expanded	Total
J6		3%	44%	24%	29%	70

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 In the U.S. country In another country N				
100%	0%	0%	8		

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

Private Sector					
In your host In the U.S. country In another country N					
in the o.o.	Country	in another country	11		
73% 2		13%	15		

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

NGO						
ls the II C	In your host	In another country	N			
In the U.S.	country	In another country	IN			
90%	10%	10%	10			

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

Peace Corps Response						
In your host In the U.S. country In another country N						
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75%	25%	75%	4			

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

Volunteer Activities						
In the U.S.	In your host	In another country	N			
iii tile 0.5.	country	in another country	IN			
72%	28%	22%	18			

^{*} 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 your host				
In the U.S.	country	In another country	N		
100%	0%	0%	10		

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

Travel						
In your host						
In the U.S.	country	In another country	N			
44%	22%	67%	9			

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

Other					
In the U.S.	In your host country	In another country	Z		
50%	0%	•	6		

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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%	6%	25%	69%	
share your Peace Corps					
experience and knowledge of					
your host country with others in					32
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%	19%	47%	22%	12%	
Corps has prepared you for life						
in the U.S. after your return?						32

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

Corps service?

	No	Yes	Total
Have your life/career goals	45%	55%	
changed because of your			
Peace Corps service?			31

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

	Not informed	Somewhat informed	Well informed	N
Peace Corps Response	26%	32%	42%	31
Peace Corps' Fellows/USA program	13%	45%	42%	31
Noncompetitive eligibility	6%	45%	48%	31
RPCV Career Center in Washington, D.C.	23%	45%	32%	31
Returned Volunteer Services	23%	48%	29%	31

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

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Learn about Fellows/USA	PC Website	58%	Ti.
program	From a recruiter	19%	
	At COS Conference	19%	
	Word of mouth	12%	
	At IST	8%	
	From staff in the host country's PC office	8%	
	At PST	4%	
	Mid-service mailing from PC	4%	
	University website	4%	1
	At post's information resource center	4%	
	Other	4%	
	Hotline	0%	
	N		26

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

Peace Corps service?				
K9 Resources	Access to free job bulletins	60%	1	
	Career Resource Manual	50%		
	Guide to speaking about my PC service to others (third goal)	47%		
	Electronic newsletter with job postings and career advice	47%		
	RPCV career conferences	43%		
	RPCV job search webinars	37%		
	RPCV Handbook	33%		
	Applying to federal government with RPCV noncompetitive eligibility	33%		
	List of RPCVs willing to talk to me about their careers	33%		
	Connection with RPCVs through a mentoring program	33%		
	NOT SURE	23%		
	Self-assessment software (SIGI 3)	20%		
	Other	0%		
	N		30	

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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	84%	
	Speak to school age children about my experience	65%	
	Speak to a group of adults about my experience	58%	
	Write stories from my PC service on my own	55%	
	Join a RPCV group	48%	
	Participate in PC Week	23%	
	Obtain and use PC third goal resources	23%	
	Write stories from my PC service in conjunction with CWWS	13%	
	NOT SURE	13%	
	Other	0%	
	N		31

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