



**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 pre-service 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 percent of post respondents that selected each choice and the total number 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 Responses 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

	8 months or less		9 to 18 months		19 months or more		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Months3grp	31	23%	51	38%	54	40%	136	100%

L1: What is your age?

	20-29	30-49	50+	Total
AGE3grp	89%	9%	2%	131

L2: What is your gender?

	Female	Male	Total
GENDER	61%	39%	131

Completed surveys by project.

	Count	Column N %
Agricultural Extension	28	21%
Early Elementary Education	15	11%
Environmental Conservation	23	17%
Municipal Services Development	14	10%
Rural Economic Development	11	8%
Rural Health and Sanitation	23	17%
Urban Youth Development	14	10%
Other. Please specify	8	6%
Total	136	100%

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

	Percent	Number
C2 Health extension	15%	20
Environmental education	14%	19
Agriculture/fish/livestock	12%	17
Youth development	10%	14
Other: Please specify	8%	11
Agroforestry	8%	11
Teacher training	7%	10
Business education/advising	7%	9
Community development	5%	7
Other education	4%	6
Urban & regional planning/municipal development	4%	5
Information & communications technology (ICT)	3%	4
Water sanitation	1%	2
HIV/AIDS	1%	1
Forestry/parks		
Math/science teaching		
English teaching		
NGO development		
Total	100%	136

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

	PERCENT	NUMBER
C2.TEXT	Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.	
Total	100%	136

A. Applying to the Peace Corps

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

A1: How important were the following factors in accepting a PC assignment?

	Not Important	Somewhat important	Important	NA	Total
Different culture	3%	13%	84%		31
Work experience	16%	26%	58%		31
Help others	3%	3%	94%		31
International experience	3%	13%	84%		31
Language	3%	23%	74%		31
Personal growth		19%	81%		31
U. S. job market	48%	32%	19%		31
Serve my country	39%	32%	29%		31
Travel/adventure		19%	81%		31
Other: Please specify below			22%	78%	9

A1_OTHER: How important were the following factors in accepting a PC assignment? Other (specify)

	PERCENT	NUMBER
A1_OTHER	Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.	
Total	100%	136

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

		PCV Responses	% Involved in Initiative	Total PCVs Responding
What prompted you to apply to PC	Personal interest in the Peace Corps	24	77%	
	Peace Corps campus or community information session	13	42%	
	Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (e.g., someone you met or know personally)	10	32%	
	Peace Corps website	10	32%	
	Peace Corps recruiter	6	19%	
	Article or book about the Peace Corps	6	19%	
	Other: Please specify	4	13%	
	Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who spoke to your school or group about the Peace Corps	1	3%	
	Radio, TV, or print advertisement	1	3%	
	Peace Corps material in the mail			
Total				31

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

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

	PERCENT	NUMBER
A2.OTHER.TEXT		
Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.		
Total	100%	136

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 as a Volunteer?

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Extremely 5	Don't know (did not access information)	Total
B1	6%	23%	35%	26%	3%	6%	31

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

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Extremely 5	Don't know (did not access information)	Total
B2	13%	23%	45%	16%	3%		31

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

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Extremely 5	Don't know (did not access information)	Total
B3	10%	19%	29%	35%	6%		31

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

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Extremely 5	Don't know (did not access information)	Total
B4		16%	39%	29%	13%	3%	31

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

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally 5	Total
B7	6%	3%	29%	42%	19%	31

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 Working with youth	68	50%	
Nutrition education	55	40%	
Environment work	53	39%	
Income generation	36	26%	
Natural resources management	36	26%	
Working with NGO(s)	36	26%	
Household food security	31	23%	
Rural development	31	23%	
HIV/AIDS	30	22%	
Water and sanitation	27	20%	
Biodiversity conservation	26	19%	
Community food security (production/marketing)	26	19%	
Girls' education	23	17%	
Library development	22	16%	
Literacy	22	16%	
Urban development/municipal development	21	15%	
Arts	20	15%	
Information and communications technology (ICT)	16	12%	
WID/GAD	16	12%	

World Wise Schools/ Correspondence Match	15	11%	
Microenterprise development	13	10%	
English teaching	12	9%	
Working with special groups (e.g., disabled, elderly, ethnic minorities, orphans)	12	9%	
Other: Please specify	11	8%	
Business advertising	10	7%	
Child survival	10	7%	
Sports/fitness	10	7%	
Mobilize host country nationals (HCNs) to volunteer	3	2%	
Total			136

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 request.			
Total		136	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		35%	33%	19%	7%	5%	134

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	136	19.0	1	70	2

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

	PCV Responses	% Involved in Initiative	Total PCVs Responding
\$C5SecAct English teaching	78	59%	
Working with youth	58	44%	
Arts	49	37%	
Nutrition education	42	32%	
Environment work	39	30%	
HIV/AIDS	27	20%	
Sports/fitness	27	20%	
Girls' education	24	18%	
Library development	23	17%	
WID/GAD	23	17%	
Working with NGO(s)	20	15%	
Literacy	19	14%	
Income generation	16	12%	
Information and communications technology (ICT)	14	11%	

Rural development	14	11%
World Wise Schools/ Correspondence Match	14	11%
Other: Please specify	12	9%
Biodiversity conservation	11	8%
Water and sanitation	11	8%
Household food security	8	6%
Natural resources management	8	6%
Urban development/municipal development	7	5%
Working with special groups (e.g., disabled, elderly, ethnic minorities, orphans)	7	5%
Business advertising	5	4%
Community food security (production/marketing)	5	4%
Microenterprise development	5	4%
Mobilize host country nationals (HCNs) to volunteer	5	4%
Child survival	2	2%
Total		

132

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)

	Column N %	Count	Row N %
C5.OTHER.TEXT	Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.		
Total		136	100%

C5: No Secondary Activities

	Percent	Number
C5.NONE No	99%	134
Yes	1%	2
Total	100%	136

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%	26%	7%	1%	1%	134

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	136	11.5	1	50	2

C7: How personally satisfying is your--?

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	Exceptionally 5	Total
Primary assignment	1%	9%	32%	41%	16%	136
Secondary project/activities	1%	4%	25%	53%	18%	135

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
Manage cultural differences		9%	22%	49%	21%		82
Deal with adjustment issues		6%	27%	50%	17%		82
Work with counterparts/community partners	4%	24%	33%	23%	13%	2%	82
Use language needed in work and social interactions		5%	16%	45%	32%	2%	82
Perform technical aspects of your work	2%	12%	23%	33%	26%	2%	81
Work on your project goals and objectives		9%	31%	46%	14%	1%	81
Conduct a participatory community needs assessment (e.g., PACA)		10%	34%	35%	17%	4%	82
Monitor your project goals and outcomes	1%	16%	48%	18%	13%	4%	82
Maintain your physical health		5%	31%	40%	22%	2%	81
Maintain your mental/emotional health		6%	31%	40%	21%	2%	81
Maintain your personal safety and security		1%	20%	44%	33%	1%	81

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			34%	26%	23%	17%	108
Deal with adjustment issues		5%	34%	31%	17%	13%	108
Build and strengthen working relationships with counterparts/community partners	1%	7%	36%	33%	16%	7%	107
Use language needed in work and social interactions	1%	4%	25%	36%	34%		106
Perform technical aspects of your work	2%	15%	28%	38%	13%	5%	108
Work on your project goals and objectives		11%	36%	33%	12%	8%	107
Conduct a participatory community needs assessment (e.g.,PACA)	2%	6%	33%	26%	18%	16%	108
Monitor project goals and outcomes	1%	10%	44%	24%	10%	10%	107
Maintain your physical health	1%	5%	41%	19%	22%	12%	108
Maintain your mental/emotional health	1%	8%	32%	23%	18%	18%	108
Maintain your personal safety and security		4%	29%	30%	25%	12%	105

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

	No/ No answer	Yes	Total
Skills specific to my assignment	55	80	135
Assessing community needs	90	46	136
Organizing/implementing community activities	62	71	133
Building capacity of local organizations	97	36	133
Monitoring, reporting, and evaluating my work	26	110	136
Designing and implementing training sessions	85	50	135

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

	No/ No answer	Yes	Total
Skills specific to my assignment	5	129	134
Assessing community needs	2	133	135
Organizing/implementing community activities	5	126	131
Building capacity of local organizations	24	107	131
Monitoring, reporting, and evaluating my work	6	127	133
Designing and implementing training sessions	15	117	132

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

	No/ No answer	Yes	Total
Skills specific to my assignment	18	99	117
Assessing community needs	15	110	125
Organizing/implementing community activities	31	87	118
Building capacity of local organizations	50	62	112
Monitoring, reporting, and evaluating my work	27	84	111
Designing and implementing training sessions	26	98	124

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	2%	9%	35%	40%	12%	1%	136
Builds local capacity for sustainability	3%	15%	39%	36%	7%		136
Involves local people in planning and implementing activities	1%	9%	30%	41%	18%		136
Complements other local development activities	1%	13%	35%	36%	10%	4%	136
Transfers skills to host country individuals and organizations		4%	36%	41%	19%		135
Mobilizes host country nationals (HCNs) to volunteer	16%	26%	29%	19%	6%	4%	135
Helps promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served (goal 2)		7%	15%	43%	36%		136
Helps promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans (goal 3)		6%	18%	38%	38%		136

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	7%	11%	26%	33%	20%	2%	54
Want the assistance that you provided	6%	19%	26%	33%	15%	2%	54

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.)	15%	28%	27%	17%	10%	3%	136
Leadership skills	3%	13%	41%	30%	10%	2%	135
Planning and management	3%	10%	36%	41%	8%	1%	136
Problem solving/critical thinking	2%	13%	40%	35%	9%	1%	136
Self-esteem	2%	15%	32%	30%	15%	6%	136
Technical skills	1%	12%	33%	38%	14%	1%	136
Use of local resources		10%	29%	46%	12%	1%	136
Use of external resources (e.g., grants, international NGOs)	12%	19%	26%	29%	11%	4%	136
Better understanding of Americans	1%	3%	18%	41%	35%	1%	134
Other: Please specify below	9%		6%	2%	6%	77%	47

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	Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.		
Total		136	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.)	14%	19%	23%	32%	11%	2%	133
Leadership skills	1%	15%	32%	42%	8%	2%	132
Planning and management	4%	13%	36%	41%	5%	2%	133
Problem solving/critical thinking	1%	12%	32%	44%	11%	1%	133
Self-esteem	1%	9%	27%	41%	21%	2%	133
Technical skills	2%	10%	33%	39%	15%	2%	131
Use of local resources	1%	8%	42%	35%	12%	2%	131
Use of external resources (e.g., grants, international NGOs)	17%	17%	29%	28%	7%	4%	133
Better understanding of Americans		5%	14%	41%	40%		133
Other: Please specify below	11%		5%	5%	2%	77%	44

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%	136	
Total		136	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	5%	26%	34%	20%	10%	5%	134
Leadership	9%	17%	36%	22%	8%	7%	134
Management	9%	19%	34%	23%	9%	7%	134
Monitoring and evaluation	7%	25%	32%	23%	7%	7%	132
Planning and implementing organizational activities	6%	16%	32%	31%	9%	6%	134
Teamwork/participatory decision-making	7%	12%	34%	28%	12%	7%	134
Use of local resources	3%	19%	39%	22%	11%	7%	134
Ability to mobilize, manage, and sustain local volunteers	12%	21%	33%	18%	7%	10%	134
Other: Please specify below	10%	2%	12%	4%	6%	65%	48

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

	Column N %	Count	Row N %
E5_OTHER Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.			
Total		136	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	4%	10%	36%	36%	11%	1%	135
Another institution/organization	10%	24%	31%	24%	3%	7%	135
Members of your host community		8%	38%	41%	13%		135
Other: Please specify below	8%		10%	8%	2%	72%	40

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%	31%	38%	23%	3%	134

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		5%	32%	39%	24%	130

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	108	84%	
	Hosting American visitors	72	56%	
	Hard copy/paper update	58	45%	
	Personal website or blog	56	43%	
	Enrollment in the CWWS/CMS program	41	32%	
	Pen pal program/letter exchange	13	10%	
	While on home leave, spoke at a school or community group	12	9%	
	Podcasted/created a slide show or video posted online	9	7%	
	Other please specify	5	4%	
	Peace Corps Week activities	4	3%	
	Total			

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%	136

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

	I have not participated in CWWS/CM.	I have participated in CWWS/CM & would recommend it	I have participated in CWWS/CM and would NOT recommend it	Total
E10	68%	28%	5%	130

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%	5%	29%	44%	21%	2%	133

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		5%	30%	44%	21%	131

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

	Yes
Coverdell World Wise Schools staff (Useful)	26
Contact with other Peace Corps staff in Washington, D.C. (Useful)	18
Information at staging (Useful)	70
Information from your post sent to you before departure (Useful)	79
Internet (Useful)	106
Invitation kits (Useful)	88
Material in staging packet (Useful)	69
Peace Corps staff at post (e.g., World Wise School contact) (Useful)	40
Recruiting (Useful)	36
Resources available from Coverdell World Wise Schools (Useful)	28
Resources available on Peace Corps website (e.g., third goal section) (Useful)	45
Training on third goal (Useful)	42
Other: Please specify below (Useful)	2

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)	43
Contact with other Peace Corps staff in Washington, D.C. (Would be helpful)	45
Information at staging (Would be helpful)	11
Information from your post sent to you before departure (Would be helpful)	14
Internet (Would be helpful)	14
Invitation kits (Would be helpful)	10
Material in staging packet (Would be helpful)	10
Peace Corps staff at post (e.g., World Wise School contact) (Would be helpful)	24
Recruiting (Would be helpful)	24
Resources available from Coverdell World Wise Schools (Would be helpful)	25
Resources available on Peace Corps website (e.g., third goal section) (Would be helpful)	30
Training on third goal (Would be helpful)	31
Other: Please specify below (Would/will be helpful)	1

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

	Column N %	Count	Row N %
E12_OTHER	Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.		
Total		136	100%

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

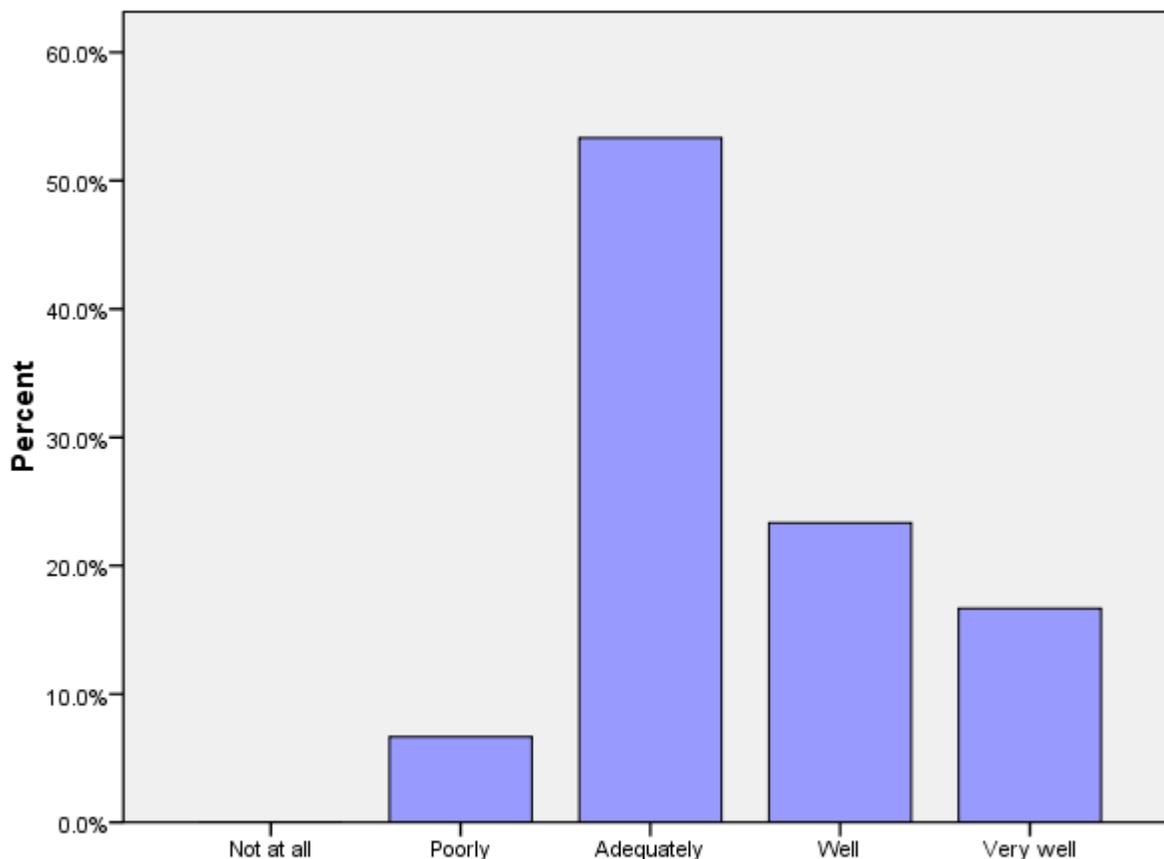
	No	Yes, but I haven't used it.	Yes, I have used it.	Total
E13	27%	63%	10%	134

F. Peace Corps Support

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

F1 (PCVs at post 9+ months): How prepared for your arrival were the host people with whom you work?

	Not at all	Poorly	Adequately	Well	Very well	Total
F1		7%	53%	23%	17%	30



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

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		3%	18%	32%	47%		133

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		7%	27%	32%	33%	1%	135
Cross-cultural	1%	5%	27%	33%	30%	4%	135
Emotional	4%	10%	22%	28%	27%	9%	135
Feedback on my work reports	5%	16%	27%	29%	19%	4%	135
Job assignment	1%	13%	30%	31%	24%	1%	135
Language learning	2%	2%	16%	33%	45%	1%	135
Medical		3%	20%	38%	39%	1%	135
Safety and security		2%	8%	33%	57%		135
Site selection/preparation	8%	21%	22%	22%	25%	1%	134
Technical skills	1%	9%	28%	40%	20%	1%	134

F4: How satisfied are you with the PC time and resources allocated to mental health/adjustment issues?

	Not at all satisfied 1	2	3	4	Completely satisfied 5	Total
F4	3%	12%	22%	39%	24%	135

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	2%	10%	16%	13%	7%	53%	134

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	5%	21%	33%	27%	14%	63

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

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	4%	96%	131
Informative content	5%	95%	131
My comfort level discussing issues	4%	96%	131
Adequacy of visits	15%	85%	130

F6: How would you rate your interaction with the PTO/SRPTC in terms of the following?

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	5%	95%	129
Informative content	5%	95%	129
My comfort level discussing issues	4%	96%	128
Adequacy of visits	7%	93%	130

F6: How would you rate your interaction with the APCD/Program Manager in terms of the following?

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	22%	78%	132
Informative content	14%	86%	131
My comfort level discussing issues	25%	75%	133
Adequacy of visits	16%	84%	134

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

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	5%	95%	129
Informative content	6%	94%	130
My comfort level discussing issues	5%	95%	131
Adequacy of visits	5%	95%	131

F6: 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	2%	98%	131
Informative content	1%	99%	132
My comfort level discussing issues	0%	100%	131
Adequacy of visits	4%	96%	131

F6: How would you rate your interaction with the Training Manager in terms of the following?

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	4%	96%	127
Informative content	6%	94%	126
My comfort level discussing issues	6%	94%	125
Adequacy of visits	6%	94%	125

F6: How would you rate your interaction with administrative staff in terms of the following?

	Not adequate	Adequate	Total
Responsiveness to my issues	5%	95%	131
Informative content	2%	98%	130
My comfort level discussing issues	4%	96%	129
Adequacy of visits	3%	97%	128

F6: 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	21%	79%	24
Informative content	4%	96%	23
My comfort level discussing issues	14%	86%	21
Adequacy of visits	5%	95%	20

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	1%	4%	29%	51%	15%	133

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

Most effective	Cellphone (voice)	65%	87
	In-person visits	15%	20
	Text messaging	14%	19
	Email/ Internet	4%	5
	Telephone at residence or work	2%	2
	Other. Please specify		
	Telephone not at residence or work		
	Letters		
	CB radio		
	Total	100%	133

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

Second most effective	Text messaging	32%	43
	Email/ Internet	31%	41
	Cellphone (voice)	24%	32
	In-person visits	11%	14
	Telephone at residence or work	2%	3
	Other. Please specify		
	Telephone not at residence or work		

Letters		
CB radio		
Total	100%	133

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

(C11_THREE) Third most effective	Email/ Internet	44%	58
	In-person visits	31%	40
	Text messaging	17%	22
	Cellphone (voice)	5%	6
	Telephone at residence or work	3%	4
	Letters	1%	1
	Other. Please specify		
	Telephone not at residence or work		
	CB radio		
	Total	100%	131

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		2%	23%	32%	43%	133

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...?

	Not at All Safe	Often Safe	Adequately Safe	Usually Safe	Very Safe	Total
Where you live		3%	6%	35%	56%	133
Where you work		2%	4%	28%	66%	133
When you travel in-country		2%	17%	53%	27%	132
City where main Peace Corps office is located		2%	23%	50%	26%	133

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	95.8%	2.1%	1.1%			1.1%	95
Anti-American	68.3%	9.9%	17.8%	2.0%	2.0%		101
Disability	100.0%						94
Gender	66.7%	2.1%	15.6%	8.3%	3.1%	4.2%	96
Racial/color	83.3%	3.1%	5.2%	3.1%	2.1%	3.1%	96
Religious	93.6%	1.1%	4.3%		1.1%		94
Sexual (verbal)	58.7%	3.3%	13.0%	4.3%	6.5%	14.1%	92
Sexual (physical)	91.4%	7.5%	1.1%				93
Sexual orientation	97.9%	1.1%		1.1%			94

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	100.0%						3
Anti-American	89.3%	7.1%	3.6%				28
Gender	92.3%	7.7%					26
Racial/color	100.0%						14
Religious	100.0%						5
Sexual (verbal)	89.2%	10.8%					37
Sexual (physical)	50.0%	50.0%					6
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	88.5%	8.7%	2.9%				104
Theft	60.9%	26.4%	12.7%				110
Robbery	100.0%						98
Physical assault	96.9%	3.1%					96
Aggravated assault	100.0%						98
Sexual assault	96.9%	3.1%					98
Rape	100.0%						97

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	36.4%	63.6%					11
Theft	23.1%	59.0%	17.9%				39
Physical assault	50.0%	50.0%					2
Sexual assault	66.7%	33.3%					3

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

		PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpBurg	I felt it was too minor or common to report	5	71%	
	I did not think the PC could help	3	43%	
	It might hurt my relationship with the community	1	14%	
	Other	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			
	Total			

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

G4: 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	14	82%	
	I did not think the PC could help	6	35%	
	Other	3	18%	
	It might hurt my relationship with the community	1	6%	
	I believed it could result in changing sites			
	Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality			
	Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me			
	Total			

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

G4: 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 did not think the PC could help	1	50%	
	Other	1	50%	
	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			
	Total			

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

G4: 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	Other	2	67%	
	I felt it was too minor or common to report	1	33%	
	I did not think the PC could help			
	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			

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

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
\$NoRpAgAs I did not think the PC could help	1	50%	
I felt it was too minor or common to report	1	50%	
Other	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			
Total			

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

G4: 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	3	75%
	I believed it could result in changing sites	1	25%
	I felt it was too minor or common to report	1	25%
	It might hurt my relationship with the community	1	25%
	Other	1	25%
	Concerns of a possible breach in confidentiality		
	Reporting might result in disciplinary action against me		
	Total		

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

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

	PCV Responses	% Reason Not Rptd	Total PCVs Responding
\$NoRpRape Other	1	100%	
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			
Total			1

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

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?

	HIV/AIDS work is my primary assignment.	HIV/AIDS work is part of my secondary activities.	Involved in HIV/AIDS efforts, not primary/secondary work	Not involved in any HIV/AIDS related activities	Total
H1	10%	23%	20%	48%	133

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	1%	12%	32%	29%	20%	6%	69

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	1%	29%	43%	10%	16%	69

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	2%	34%	52%	12%	58

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?

	No, I have never lived with a host country individual or family	Yes, I lived with a host country individual or family only	Yes, in my community (not during PST).	Yes, both during PST and later in my community.	Total
I1	1%	2%	8%	89%	134

I2: 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
I2	58%	21%	14%	3%	3%	1%	134

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
I3	1%	6%	33%	41%	19%	134

I4: Do you have the following at your worksite?

	Never	Sometimes or more often	Total
Electricity	2%	98%	133
Running water	17%	83%	133

I4: Do you have the following at your residence?

	Never	Sometimes or more often	Total
Electricity	1%	99%	132
Running water	17%	83%	132

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
I5	3%	14%	34%	44%	4%	134

I7: 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	8%	20%	42%	22%	6%	1%	132
Dealing with violence in country (e.g., civil unrest, domestic violence, corporal punishment)	39%	24%	14%	5%	6%	13%	132
Health/medical problems	23%	28%	26%	14%	6%	3%	132
Issues including family, friends, loved ones in U.S.	16%	24%	24%	22%	9%	5%	131
Isolation/loneliness	13%	27%	30%	19%	10%	1%	132
Local language	9%	24%	37%	19%	9%	2%	130
Primary assignment	9%	29%	30%	25%	5%	2%	131
Romantic relationships in-country	27%	26%	21%	8%	4%	14%	132
Interactions with other Volunteers	42%	36%	12%	7%	1%	2%	131
Interactions with PC Staff	41%	34%	16%	3%	4%	2%	132
Safety and security	46%	32%	13%	6%	2%	2%	132
Other: Please specify below	8%	4%	8%		17%	62%	24

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

		PCV Responses	% Using This Stress Reducer	Total PCVs Responding
\$18LessStress	Talk with PCVs outside my community	117	91%	
	Pursue personal hobbies	107	84%	
	Leave the community for a time	97	76%	
	Talk with friends and family in US	90	70%	
	Do sports	88	69%	
	Get involved in other projects	73	57%	
	Talk with co-workers or friends (not PCVs)	62	48%	
	Talk with my host family	59	46%	
	Talk with PCVs in my community	38	30%	
	Pray	33	26%	
	Talk with PC in-country staff	31	24%	
	Meditate	30	23%	
	Do other activity (specify)	10	8%	
	Talk with Office of Special Services staff			
	Total			

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

I8: Others I talk with to reduce stress

	Percent	Number
I8.OTHRSTXT	Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.	
Total	100%	136

I8: Other activities to reduce stress

	Percent	Number
I8.OTHRACTTXT2	Open-ended results. Not responsive to request.	
Total	100%	136

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

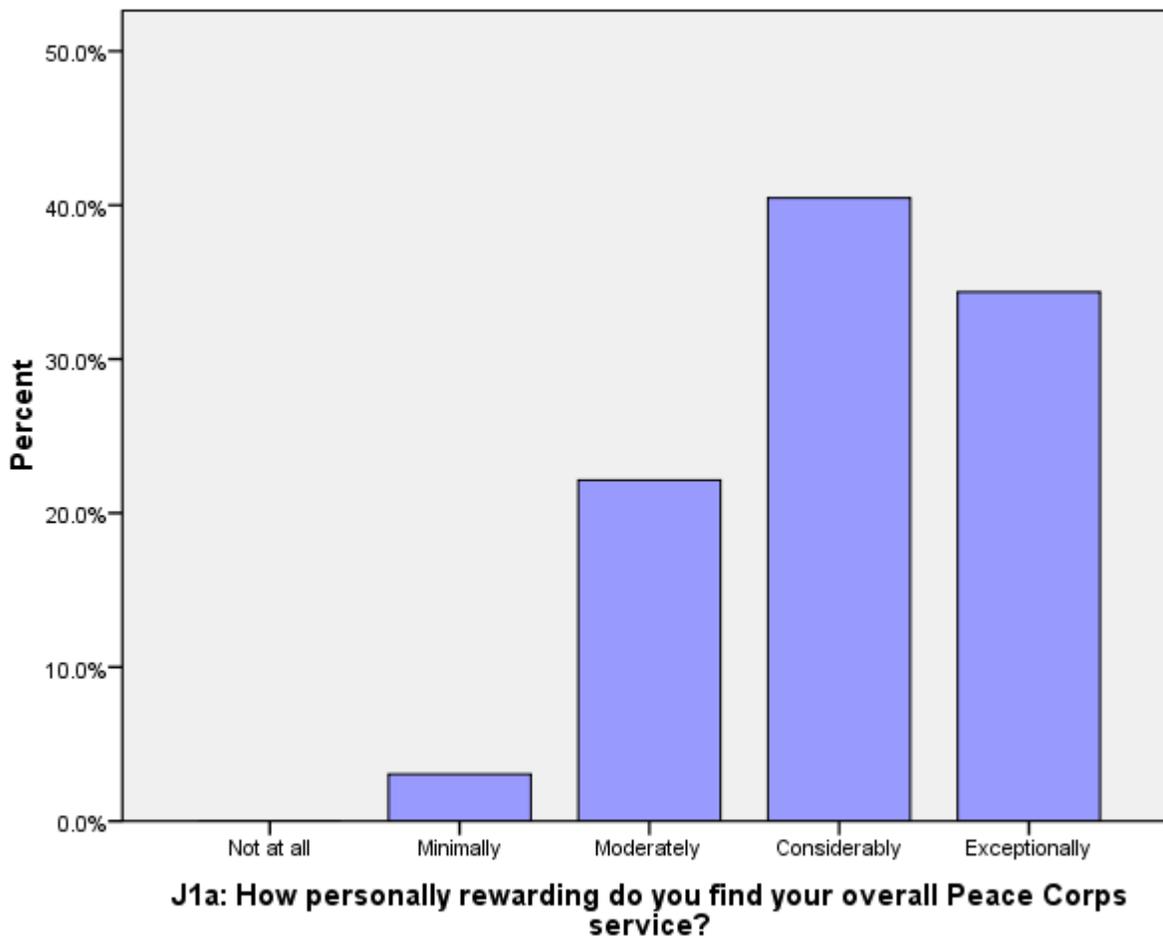
	No	Yes, I have no stress	Total
I8.NOSTRESS	98%	2%	136

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.

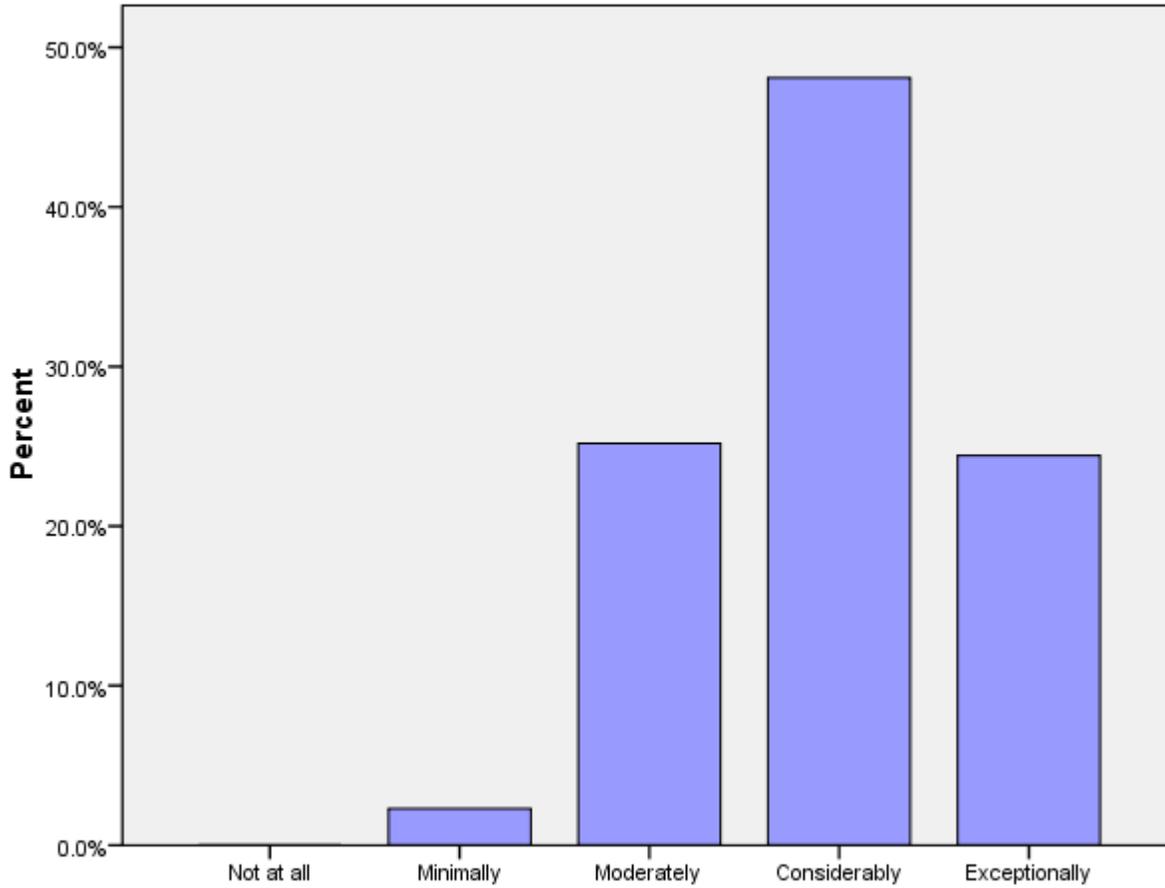
J1a: How personally rewarding do you find your overall Peace Corps service?

	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1A		3%	22%	40%	34%	131



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

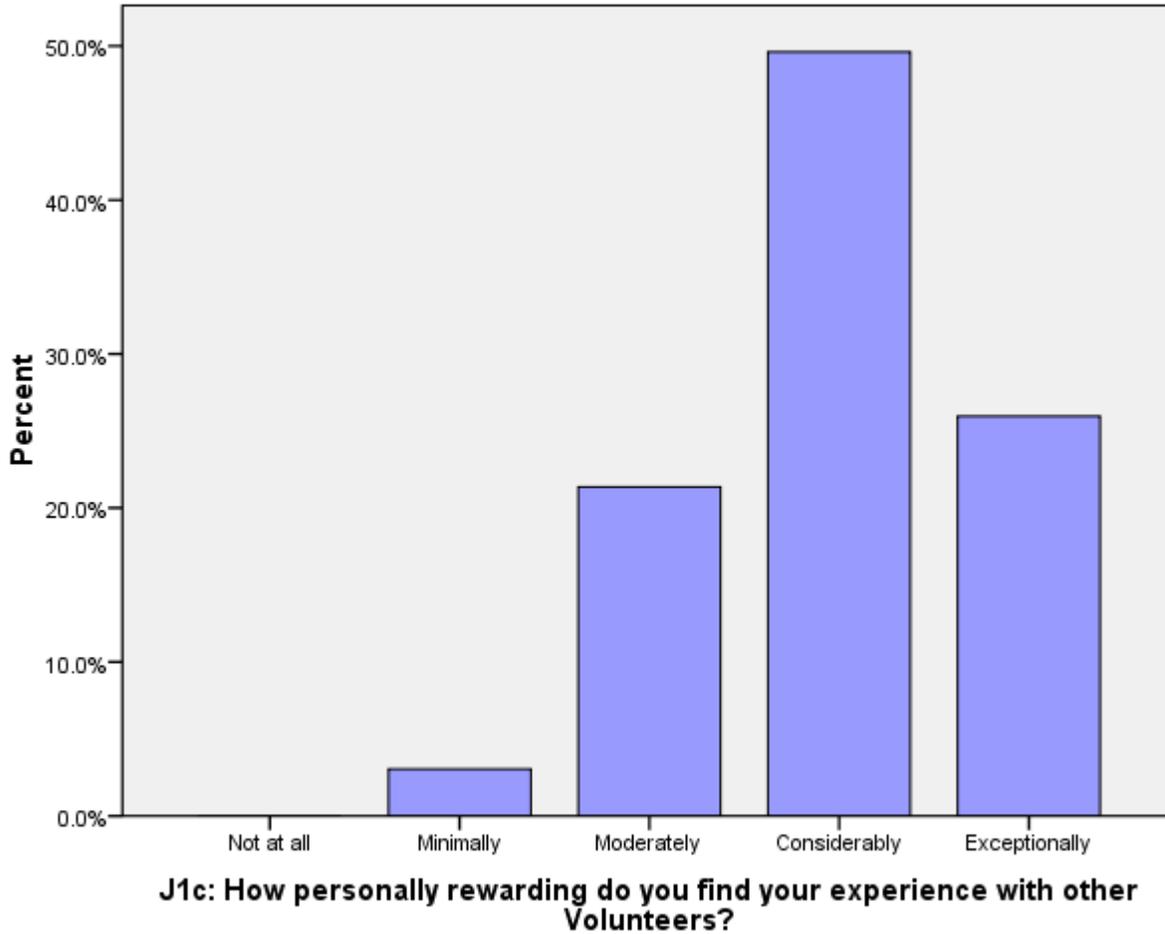
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1B		2%	25%	48%	24%	131



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

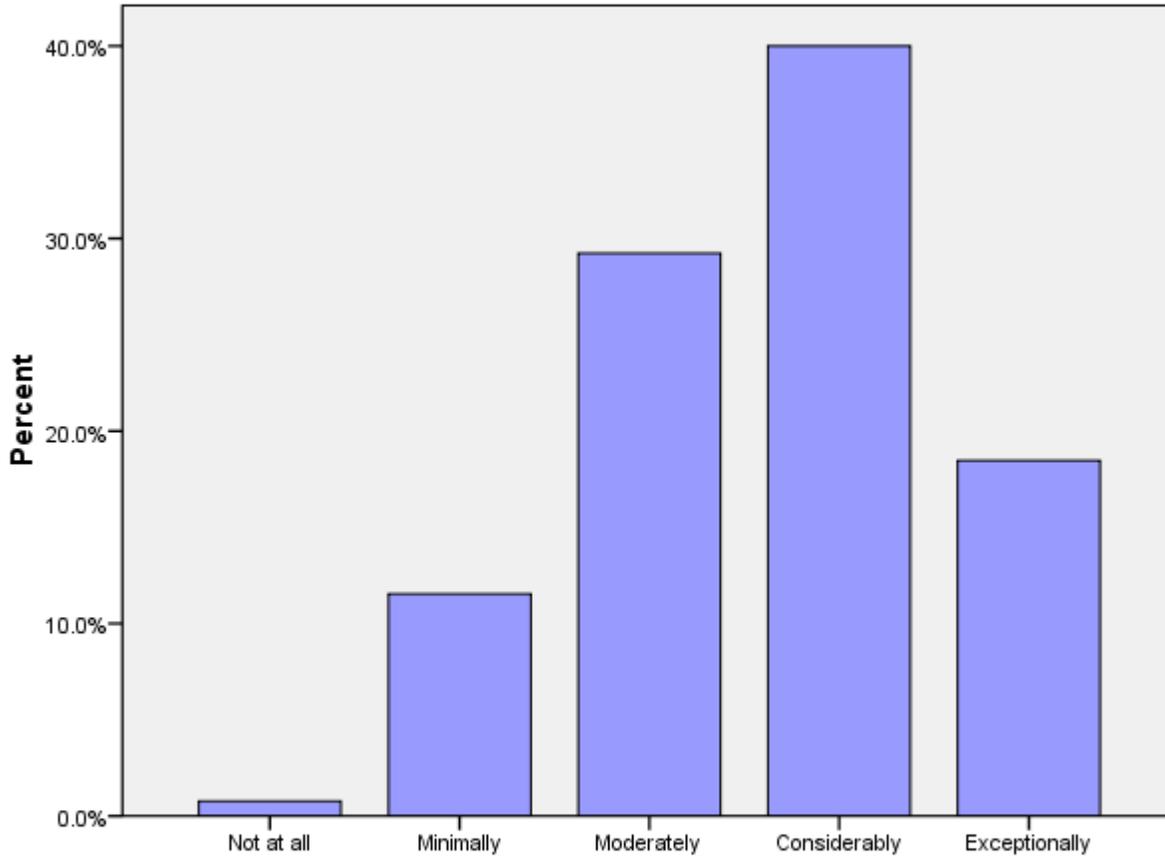
J1c: How personally rewarding do you find your experience with other Volunteers?

	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1C		3%	21%	50%	26%	131



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

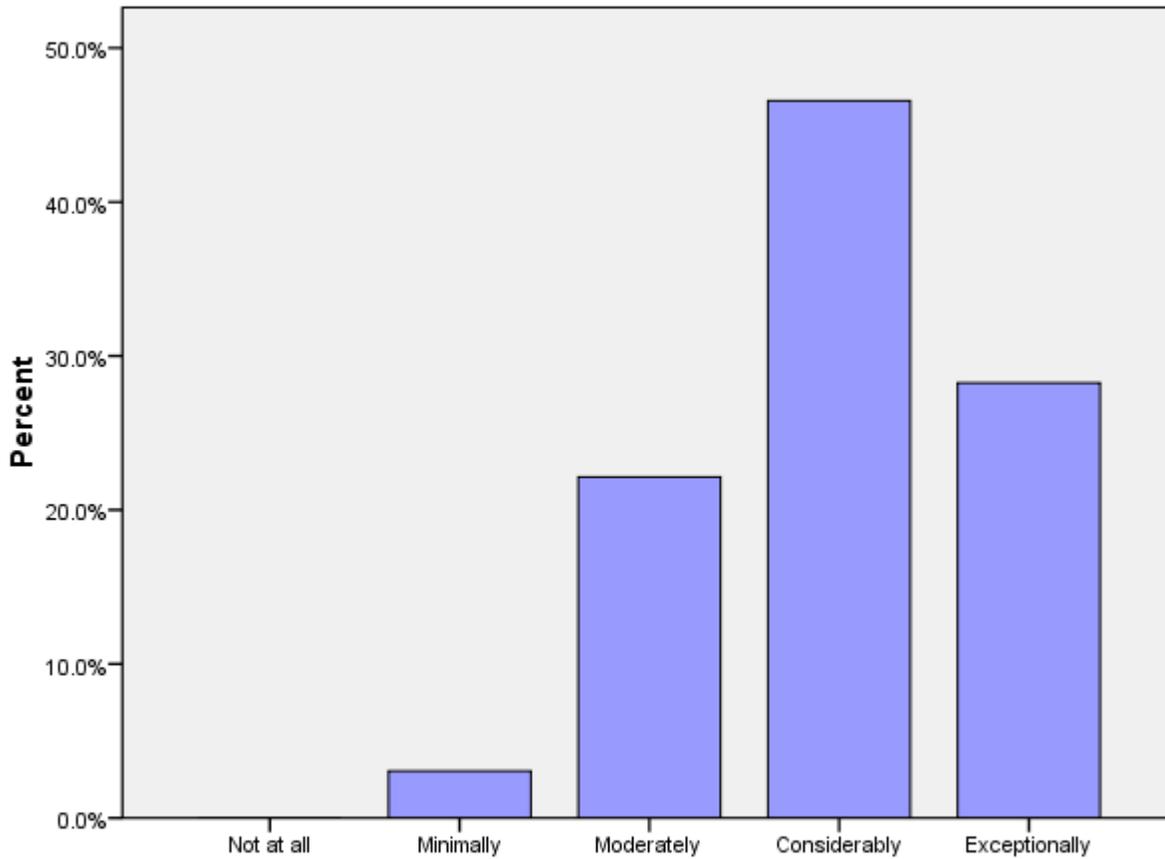
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1D	1%	12%	29%	40%	18%	130



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?

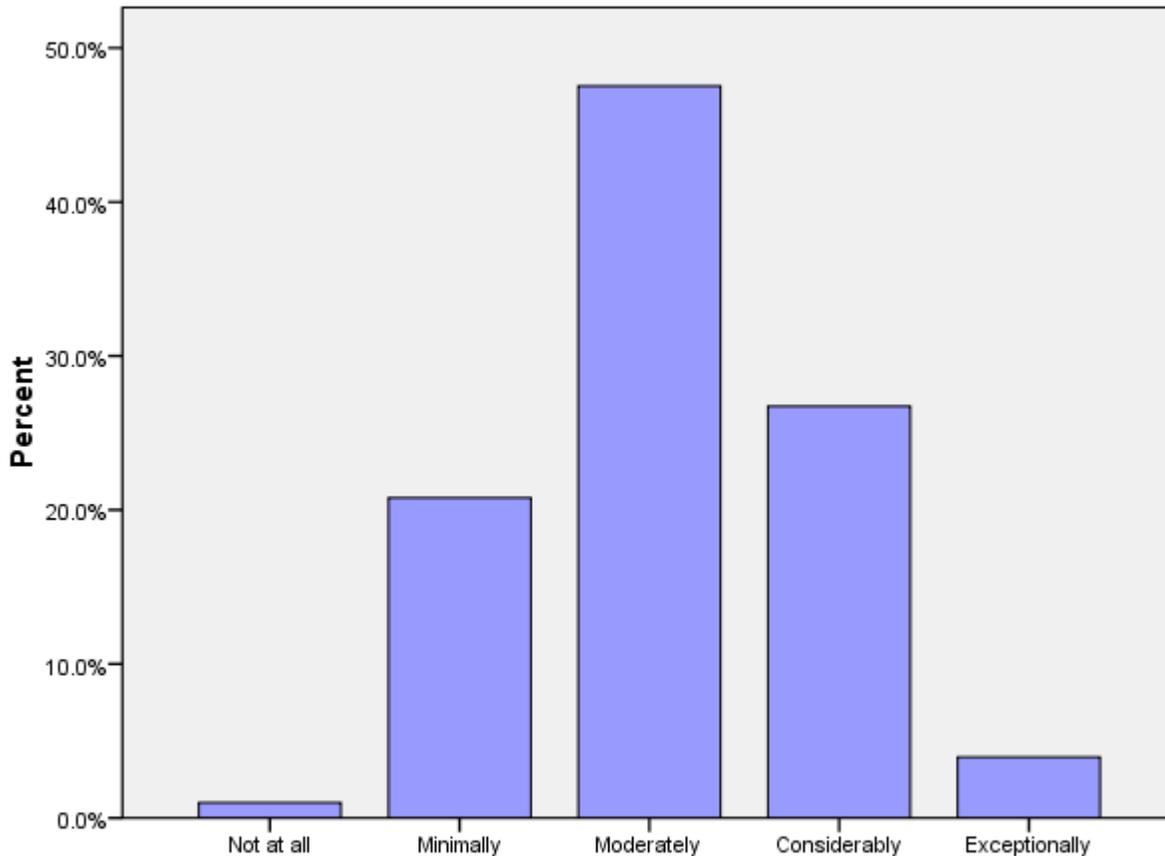
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J1E		3%	22%	47%	28%	131



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.

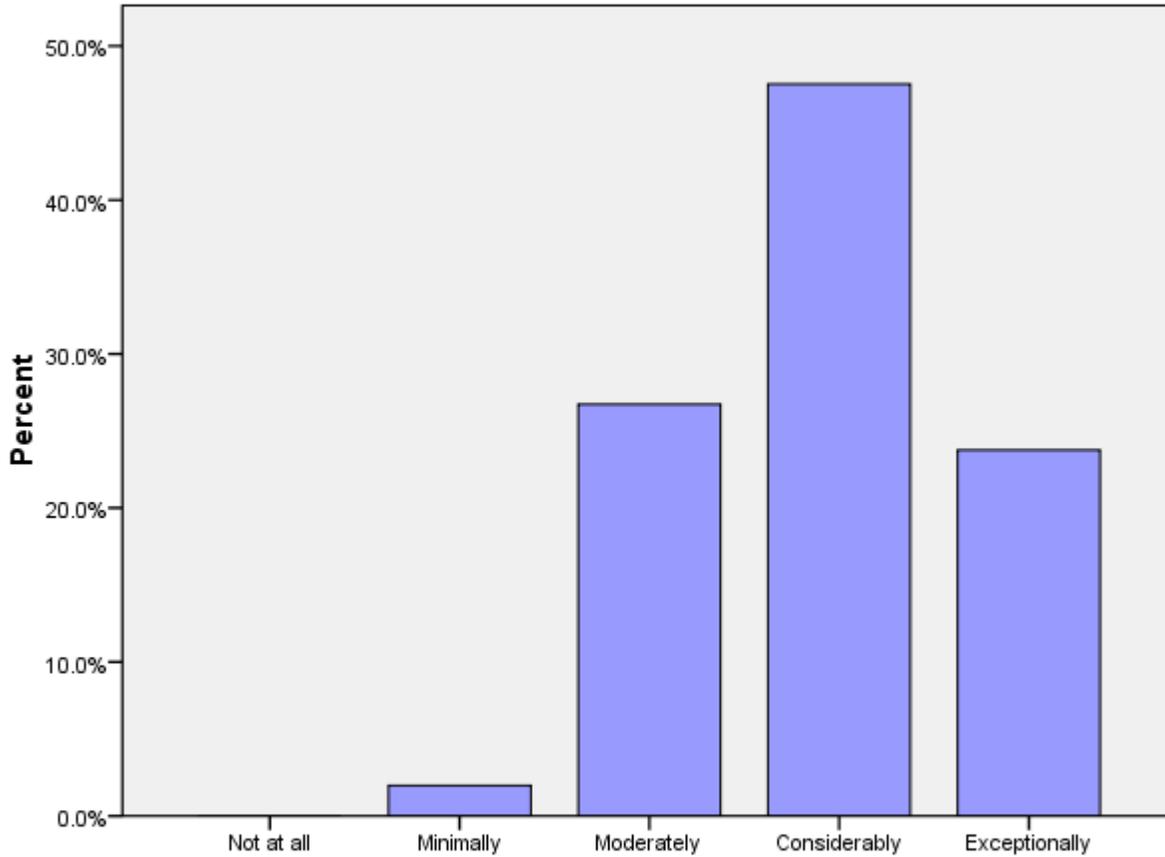
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J2A	1%	21%	48%	27%	4%	101



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.

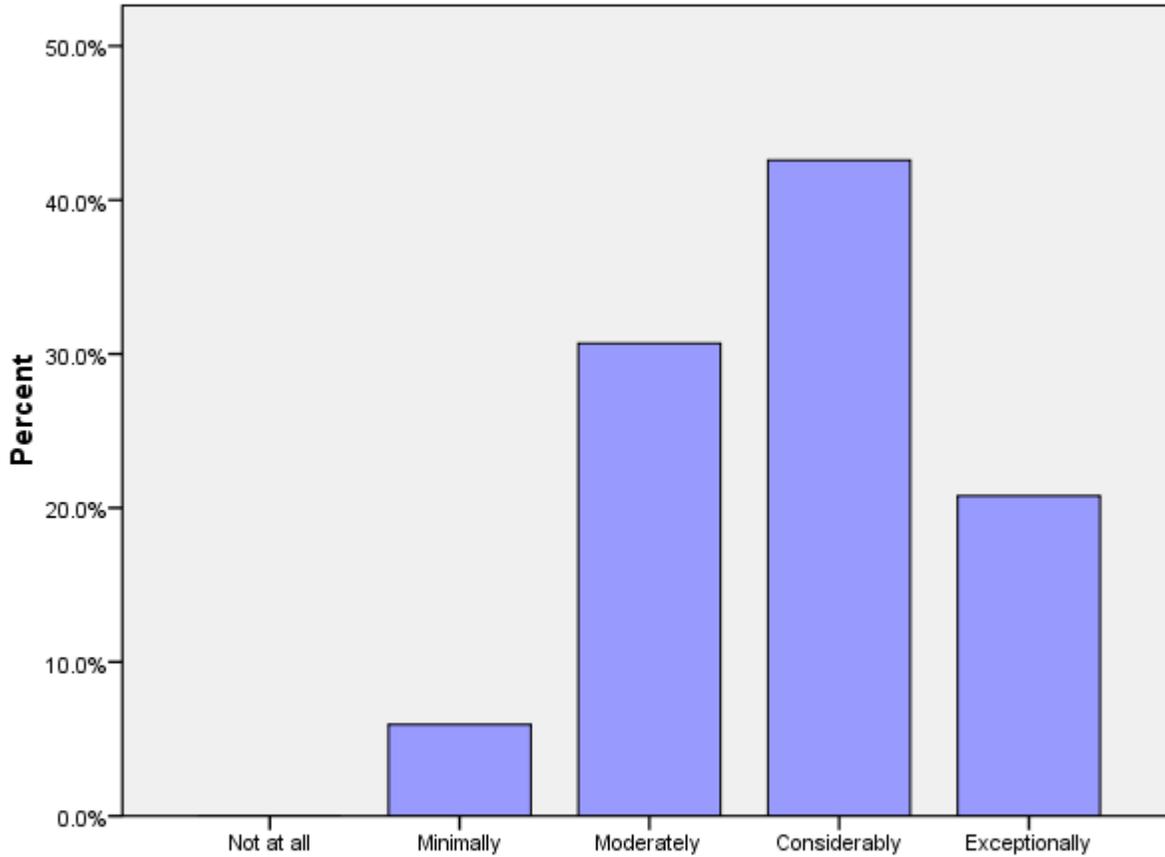
	Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Considerably	Exceptionally	Total
J2B		2%	27%	48%	24%	101



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		6%	31%	43%	21%	101



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%	3%	5%	16%	76%	131

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

	No	Not likely	Possibly	Probably	Definitely	Total
J4		2%	7%	21%	70%	131

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

	No	Not sure	Yes	Might extend	Total
J5			63%	37%	131

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

	Discontinued	Reduced	Refocused/redesig ned	Maintained as is	Expanded	Total
J6		7%	46%	23%	24%	130

K. Activities After Peace Corps Service

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

K1: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Work in government.

Government			
In the U.S.	In your host country	In another country	N
92%	8%	23%	13

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

K1: 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	N
81%	6%	25%	16

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

K1: 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	N
63%	11%	47%	19

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

K1: 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	N
20%	20%	100%	5

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

K1: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Continue to participate in volunteer activities.

Volunteer Activities			
In the U.S.	In your host country	In another country	N
96%	15%	26%	27

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

K1: 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
81%	6%	19%	32

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

K1: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Travel.

Travel			
In the U.S.	In your host country	In another country	N
30%	22%	81%	37

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

K1: What are your plans after your Peace Corps service? Other.

Other			
In the U.S.	In your host country	In another country	N
40%	40%	40%	5

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

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 share your Peace Corps experience and knowledge of your host country with others in the United States when you return?	0%	6%	32%	62%	53

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 Corps has prepared you for life in the U. S. after your return?	2%	9%	36%	42%	11%	53

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

	No	Yes	Total
Have your life/career goals changed because of your Peace Corps service?	38%	62%	52

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

	Not informed	Somewhat informed	Well informed	N
Peace Corps Response	43%	45%	11%	53
Peace Corps' Fellows/USA program	8%	58%	35%	52
Noncompetitive eligibility	17%	64%	19%	53
RPCV Career Center in Washington, D.C.	58%	34%	8%	53
Returned Volunteer Services	43%	51%	6%	53

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

Learn about Fellows/USA program	PC Website	53%	
	Word of mouth	43%	
	From a recruiter	21%	
	At COS Conference	13%	
	From staff in the host country's PC office	13%	
	At IST	9%	
	Mid-service mailing from PC	6%	
	University website	6%	
	At PST	4%	
	At post's information resource center	4%	
	Other	2%	
	Hotline	0%	
	N		47

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

K9 Resources	Applying to federal government with RPCV noncompetitive eligibility	66%	
	Access to free job bulletins	60%	
	Electronic newsletter with job postings and career advice	58%	
	Career Resource Manual	57%	
	RPCV Handbook	51%	
	RPCV career conferences	45%	
	RPCV job search webinars	40%	
	List of RPCVs willing to talk to me about their careers	38%	
	Connection with RPCVs through a mentoring program	36%	
	Guide to speaking about my PC service to others (third goal)	30%	
	Self-assessment software (SIGI 3)	17%	
	NOT SURE	13%	
	Other	2%	
	N		53

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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	77%	
	Speak to a group of adults about my experience	66%	
	Join a RPCV group	62%	
	Speak to school age children about my experience	47%	
	Participate in PC Week	34%	
	Write stories from my PC service on my own	32%	
	NOT SURE	13%	
	Obtain and use PC third goal resources	9%	
	Write stories from my PC service in conjunction with CWWS	4%	
	Other	0%	
	N		53

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