



OUR MISSION

To promote world peace and friendship

Powering human connection

Since our founding in 1961, more than 240,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 144 countries and worked collaboratively to build relationships and exchange cultures and knowledge with counterparts and community members.

Today, Peace Corps Volunteers put their purpose, passion, and skills to work in support of community-led development and intercultural exchange. Service opens a world of possibilities that grow Volunteers' skills, experiences, and aspirations.

Our three goals

1. To help the countries interested in meeting their need for trained people.

Volunteers exchange skills and knowledge with community members to help create sustainable change through work in six sectors: Agriculture, Community Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, and Youth in Development.

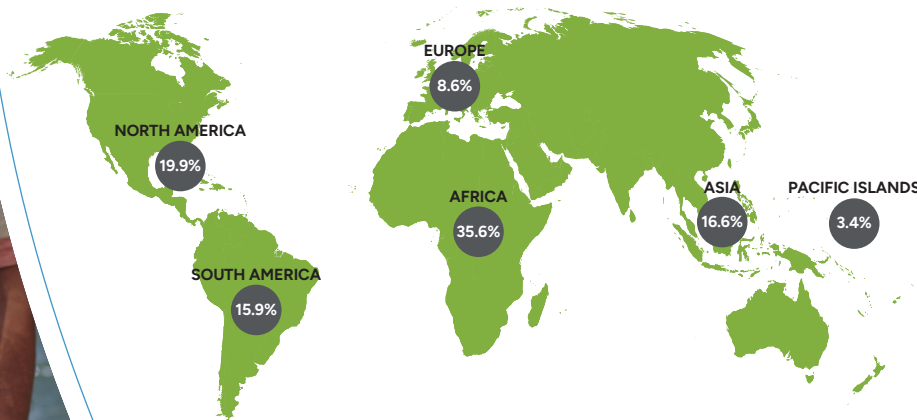
2. To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.

Through their service, Volunteers share American culture and experiences and also learn about the cultures, opportunities, resources, and people in their host countries.

3. To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

Volunteers immerse themselves in other cultures, learn new languages, and share their experiences when they return home with family, friends, and neighbors. This promotes cultural understanding, volunteerism, and public service.

Where Volunteers live and serve



Peace Corps today*

60+ countries served
3,000+ Volunteers and Trainees
56.29% female, 43.71% male
28 average age of Volunteer
7.16% Volunteers over 50

Fiscal Year Budget 2025

\$430.5 million

Peace Corps Volunteers are invited by governments around the world to work alongside community members on locally prioritized projects.

*Based on January 2025 data

Our impact*

Agriculture

Strengthen food security.

- 24,000+ individuals participated in U.S. Government food security programs
- Nearly 18,000 smallholder farmers learned improved agricultural management practices or technologies
- 20 virtual engagements supported local projects

Community economic development

Cultivate opportunity.

- 6,500 individuals trained in entrepreneurship
- 270+ community organizations improved performance via training
- 46 virtual engagements supported local projects

Education

Teach for tomorrow.

- 5,400 teachers supported to increase their teaching skills
- 212,000+ students taught English, literacy, math and/or science in school
- 149 virtual engagements supported local projects

Environment

Protect our planet.

- 5,600+ individuals reached through environmental education
- 55,000 trees planted
- 8 virtual engagements supported local projects

Health

Improve health outcomes.

- Nearly 78,000 individuals reached with HIV services, including testing, prevention, treatment support, and care
- 150,000+ health service referrals provided to youth
- 26 virtual engagements supported host local projects

Youth in development

Empower the next generation.

- 66,000+ youth supported to strengthen life skills
- 7,300+ youth participated in clubs incorporating life skills development
- 36 virtual engagements supported host local projects

Find the right fit

27 Month commitment

Immersive, collaborative service

Live and work side-by-side with community members on locally prioritized projects, receive a living allowance and other support as you immerse yourself in a new experience.

- For U.S. citizens at least 18 years old
- Applicants need a four-year degree or relevant work experience
- Be humble, flexible, and ready to work

6-12 Month commitment

Short-term, high-impact service

Collaborate with community members on specialized, short-term assignments with long-lasting impact. Receive a living allowance and other support as you work to make change.

- For U.S. citizens at least 18 years old
- Applicants need relevant professional experience, an advanced degree, or specialized certifications
- Be culturally competent and ready to collaborate

3-6 Month virtual commitment

Engage virtually with partner organizations around the world

Donate your skills to support grassroots efforts across the globe without relocating.

- For U.S. citizens at least 18 years old
- Participants must have relevant skills, professional experience, and availability to donate five to 15 hours each week
- Believe that human connection can power change



Benefits of joining the Peace Corps last through your service and beyond

Training and ongoing learning

Monthly living allowances and transition benefits

Travel costs

Medical and dental coverage

Vacation time

Housing during overseas service

Graduate school benefits

Hiring advantages

Health and safety services

Returned Peace Corps Volunteer community engagement

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