



OUR MISSION

Putting purpose, passion, and skills to work for America and the world

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

Powering human connection

Since 1961, close to 250,000 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 expands Volunteers' skills, experiences, aspirations, and contributions to the United States and the world.

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 change through work in six sectors: Agriculture, Community Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, and Youth in Development.

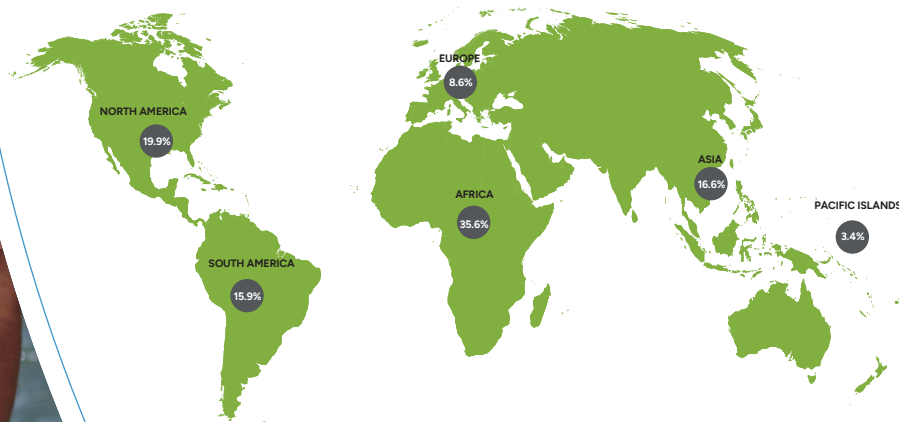
2. To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.

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 skills and experiences with family, friends, and neighbors when they return home. 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 2026 Budget

\$410.5 million

*Based on January 2025 data

Our impact**

Agriculture

Strengthen food security.

- 21,700+ individuals participated in food security programs
- 8,100+ smallholder farmers instructed in improved agricultural management practices or technologies
- 26 virtual engagements supported host country partners' agriculture projects

Community Economic Development

Cultivate opportunity.

- 7,300+ individuals trained in entrepreneurship
- 6,700+ individuals reached to apply basic business skills to their entrepreneurial activity
- 500+ community organizations reached to improve their performance
- 72 virtual engagements supported host country partners' community economic development projects

Education

Teach for tomorrow.

- 7,400+ teachers supported to improve their teaching skills
- 286,300+ students taught English, literacy, math, and/or science in a school setting
- 227 virtual engagements supported host country partners' education projects

Environment

Protect our planet.

- 8,600+ individuals reached through environmental education
- 4,100+ individuals trained to plant and care for trees
- 36,000+ trees planted
- 5 virtual engagements supported host country partners' environment projects

Health

Improve health outcomes.

- Nearly 11,000 people living with HIV were reached with messaging about the importance of taking their antiretroviral medicine as directed, and got tips on maintaining a strong immune system through proper diet and exercise
- 35,000+ individuals referred to HIV testing, care, and treatment services
- 69,200+ individuals reached to improve maternal, newborn, and child health care
- 40 virtual engagements supported host country partners' health projects

Youth in Development

Empower the next generation.

- 62,300+ youth reached to strengthen their life skills
- 11,500+ youth participated in clubs that incorporate life skills development
- 45 virtual engagements supported host country partners' youth projects

Find the right fit

Ready to be part of something bigger? U.S. citizens who are at least 18 years old are eligible to serve with the Peace Corps.

Peace Corps Volunteer

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.

- Applicants need a combination of job experience and education, and most opportunities require a four-year degree
- Be humble, flexible, and ready to work

Peace Corps Response

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.

- Applicants need relevant professional experience, an advanced degree, or specialized certifications
- Be culturally competent and ready to collaborate

Virtual Service Pilot

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.

- Participants must have relevant skills, professional experience, and availability to donate five to 15 hours each week
- Believe that human connection can power change

Peace Corps offers benefits to help **Volunteers succeed—before, during, and after service.**

Training and ongoing learning

Living allowances and transition benefits

Travel costs

Medical and dental coverage

Vacation time

Housing during overseas service

Education benefits

Student loan assistance

Employment benefits

Returned Volunteer community

Learn more



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