

2018

ANNUAL REPORT



111A Saksahanskoho St, Kyiv, 01032



UA01-Info@peacecorps.gov



+38 044 239 76 70



<https://www.peacecorps.gov/ukraine/>

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

**MICHAEL
KETOVER**



Dear Friends and Partners,

It has been another great year at Peace Corps Ukraine. With well over 400 Volunteers serving here in 2018, Peace Corps/Ukraine is the largest Peace Corps program in the world. Six groups of Volunteers have entered service since the program's resumption in 2015 and we can say with confidence that Peace Corps has an important role to play in supporting Ukraine's transition to an independent and democratic state. In 2018, Peace Corps supported Ukrainian developmental efforts in western, central, and southern Ukraine, re-entered Kherson and Kharkiv oblasts, and placed more Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) in Dnipro, southern Odesa, and Mykolaiv. We hope to re-enter Zaporizhzhia in 2019.

It's a privilege to contribute to the Government of Ukraine's development goals at this point in history. Peace Corps' programmatic niche aligns with Ukraine's reform agenda that focuses on sustainable change at the community level. In collaboration with our partners at the Ministries of Education and Science, Youth and Sports, and Regional Development, we support the Government of Ukraine's main decentralization and educational reforms. We are extremely grateful for these relationships and sincerely thank our host organizations and schools, communities throughout Ukraine, and thousands of Ukrainian families who have opened their homes and hearts and hosted our Volunteers.

We look forward to an outstanding 2019. It is an honor and pleasure for us to serve in Ukraine.

With very best wishes,

Michael Ketover
Country Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael Ketover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Ketover" being more prominent.

3336 PCVs
total have
served in PC
Ukraine

461 PCVs
served in 2018
in 21 Ukrainian
oblasts





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



3 MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- 1) STRENGTHEN ORGANIZATIONS' CAPACITY AND PROMOTE ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING
- 2) IMPROVE ORGANIZATIONS' PROJECT DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
- 3) PROMOTE COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT AMONG ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS



1090

UKRAINIANS BECAME MORE ACTIVE IN COMMUNITIES AND VOLUNTEERISM

2562

UKRAINIANS ADOPTED LEADERSHIP, DECISION-MAKING, AND TEAMWORK SKILLS

77

ORGANIZATIONS DIVERSIFIED & IMPROVED THEIR FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES, GRANT WORK, AND ANNUAL REPORTING

941

ORGANIZATIONS IMPROVED THEIR INTERNAL MANAGEMENT

182

ORGANIZATIONS IMPROVED THEIR PROJECT DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

190

ORGANIZATIONS STARTED IMPLEMENTING SELF-ASSESSMENT PROCESS, FORMULATING MISSIONS, AND SETTING LONG-TERM GOALS





TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TEFL)

1) DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL NEEDS OF UKRAINIAN PEOPLE IDENTIFIED BY MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE

2) AIMS TO ENHANCE STUDENTS' AND TEACHERS' COMMUNICATION ABILITIES, DEVELOP INDEPENDENT THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

3) PURPOSE: THROUGH ENGLISH, UKRAINIANS WILL HAVE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY

20000

UKRAINIAN LEARNERS REACHED BY VOLUNTEERS THROUGH CLASSROOM LEARNING

14000

MIDDLE SCHOOL PUPILS AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WERE CO- TAUGHT BY VOLUNTEERS AND TEACHERS

4500

UKRAINIAN PUPILS ATTENDED SUMMER CAMPS ORGANIZED BY VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS



1500

UKRAINIAN PUPILS FROM THE 19 REGIONS TOOK PART IN THE ANNUAL NATIONAL COMPETITION "WRITE ON!"

10

VOLUNTEERS TOOK PART IN DESIGNING TESTS FOR THE NATIONAL OLYMPIAD AND PARTICIPATED AS JUDGES, AS REQUESTED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE.

3000

UKRAINIAN TEACHERS INCREASED THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY





YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



1) DEVELOPED THROUGH A JOINT INITIATIVE OF PEACE CORPS AND GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE

2) PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE YOUTH FROM UNDESERVED COMMUNITIES WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO BE BETTER PREPARED FOR THEIR ADULT ROLES IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AND MARKET ECONOMY

3) MAIN GOALS: PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND LIFE SKILLS; PREPARING YOUTH FOR THE WORLD OF WORK; ENGAGING YOUTH AS ACTIVE CITIZENS



863

YOUTH DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP SKILLS & PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY EVENTS FOCUSED ON SOLVING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

935

IMPROVED THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTH DUE TO LEARNED STRATEGIES ON AVOIDING BAG HABITS

2088

DEMONSTRATED IMPROVED EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS



1345

YOUTH DEMONSTRATED IMPROVEMENT IN AT LEAST ONE LIFE SKILL, INCLUDING POSITIVE COMMUNICATION

78

COMMUNITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND ESTABLISHMENTS ACTIVELY ENGAGED YOUTH IN PROBLEM-SOLVING OF COMMUNITY-RELATED ISSUES

142

EDUCATORS, YOUTH LEADERS, PARENTS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS USED STRATEGIES FOR WORKING WITH YOUTH LEARNED AT TRAINING AND EVENTS CO-ORGANIZED BY VOLUNTEERS AND COUNTERPARTS



PEACE CORPS GRANT PROGRAMS FUNDED 118 PROJECTS FOR \$326.000



REGIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE OFFICE
(U.S. EMBASSY): \$75.000

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS: \$185.000

APPROVED
SMALL PROJECT
ASSISTANCE
PROJECTS

36

APPROVED
LET GIRLS LEARN!
PROJECTS

24

APPROVED
PEACE CORPS
PARTNERSHIP
PROJECTS

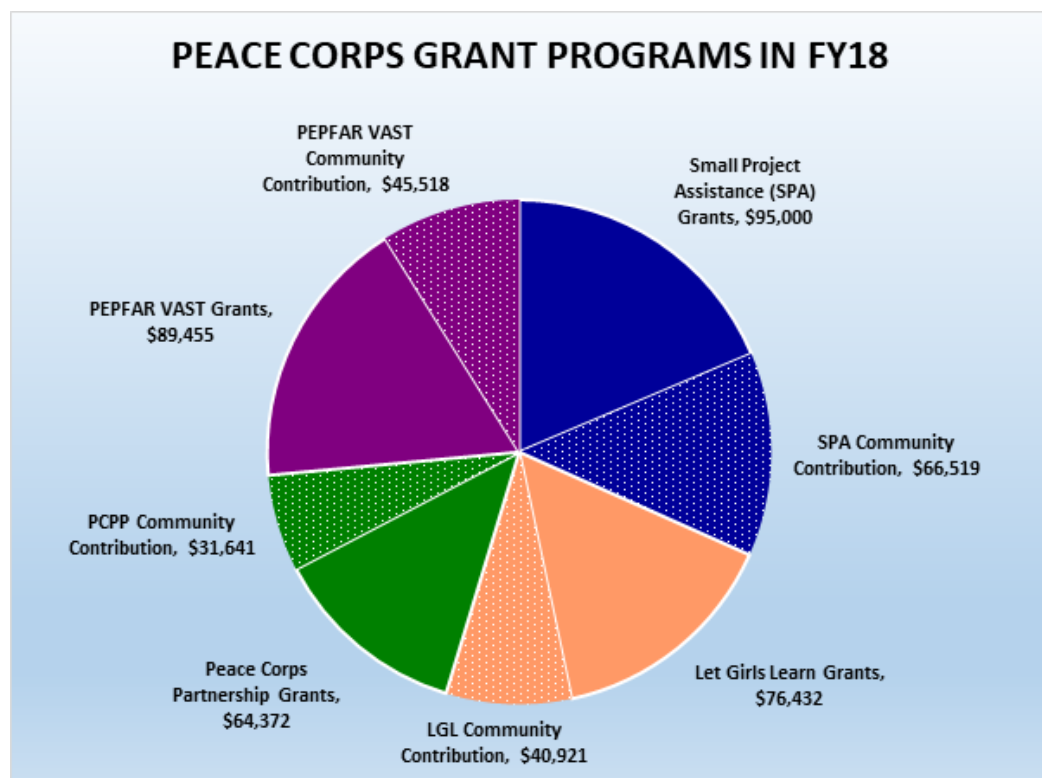
23

Community members directly
involved in the design and
implementation of the project

4,363 people

Community members
who receive an indirect
benefit from the project

17,769 people



69 COUNTERPARTS 68 PCVS

participated in Project Design
and Management training to:

- develop goals, objectives, and action plans for their potential project
- learn more about Participatory Analysis for Community Action (PACA) approach
- acquire better intercultural communication skills



34 COUNTERPARTS 24 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PCVS

participated in Teaching Civics in
Formal and Informal Settings
training that built their capacity to
better prepare youth for adult roles
in life and community leadership

38 TEFL COUNTERPARTS 38 PCVS

participated in Teaching English as a
Foreign Language In-Service
Training

37 TEFL COUNTERPARTS 40 PCVS

participated in Inclusive Education
Training

PRESIDENT'S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AIDS RELIEF



ENGAGED AND SUPPORTED PC HIV/AIDS-RELATED ACTIVITIES

7297

People benefited from PEPFAR grant activities

35

Volunteer Activities Support and Training Grants

2

In-service Training

42

Monthly clubs in 8 oblasts

3

Summer camps

606

Youth and their parents/caregivers affected by HIV received PEPFAR support



189

Peace Corps Volunteers



322

Ukrainian Counterparts



8395

*People living with HIV &
Key Populations*



Peace Corps Response sends experienced professionals to undertake short-term, high-impact service assignments in communities around the world. Peace Corps Ukraine was pleased to receive 7 Response Volunteers in February and 12 more in August 2018.

PEACE CORPS RESPONSE



PC/Ukraine has one of the largest Response Volunteer programs globally. These Volunteers bring valuable skills and experiences to projects, serve for one year, and directly support our core programs here. They work with organizations on teacher training in higher education institutions, HIV prevention & support for people affected by HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine.



Response Volunteers are experienced professors, literacy specialists, community development professionals, leadership development experts, communication professionals, and organizational development practitioners, civil society activities and more.



PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER LEADERS



Peace Corps Volunteer Leader Program was introduced in 2018, growing from 3 Leaders in January to 14 at the end of the year. PCV Leaders perform a variety of useful tasks including supporting other Volunteers, developing agendas and facilitating training, and serving as coaches and mentors.

VOLUNTEER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Volunteer Advisory Committee (VAC) works to find solutions, clarify policies, and inform staff of issues of importance in the PCV communities. VAC is a crucial communication liaison between Volunteers and staff and an advocacy group, and consists of bright minds and strong collaborators selected by other Volunteers. Several times a year, VAC meets and presents Volunteer perspectives, suggestions, and solutions to staff, followed up by an action plan.



ICDEI WORKING GROUP

**Intercultural Competence,
Diversity, Equity and
Inclusion**

In 2018, the group increased in size due to high Volunteer interest, and a shared goals. The ICDEI works proactively to promote an atmosphere that helps Peace Corps Ukraine be more inclusive, a place where individuals are allies and where they feel valued and are enabled to contribute to their full potential. The ICDEI working group builds awareness and understanding of unconscious bias, conducts intercultural competence training, promotes collaboration, fairness, and works to promote goal 2 of the Peace Corps. To help promote a better understanding of Ukraine's glorious and diverse culture and history, the ICDEI also actively implements goal 3 activities, sharing Ukraine's unique stories back home in the USA.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VALUED PARTNERS



Ministry of Education and
Science of Ukraine



Ministry of Youth and
Sports of Ukraine

Міністерство регіонального розвитку,
будівництва
та житлово-комунального господарства
України



Ministry of Regional
Development of Ukraine



USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



UKRAINIANS AND AMERICANS
IN PARTNERSHIP TO FIGHT HIV/AIDS
PEPFAR