

## Peace Corps Training

Upon arrival in Nepal, Peace Corps Trainees undergo a comprehensive pre-service training program lasting approximately 2.5 to 3 months. This training includes immersive experiences such as living with a host family, as well as instruction in Nepali language and culture. Additionally, Trainees receive training in personal safety and security, medical and health management, and relevant technical skills. Following the successful completion of pre-service training, Trainees are formally recognized as Peace Corps Volunteers and proceed to their assigned sites, where they live with a Nepali family and engage in service for a duration of two years.

For Response Volunteers, an intensive two-week orientation is conducted to prepare them for their roles. Following this orientation, they travel to their permanent sites accompanied by Language and Cultural Facilitators (LCF) for approximately 10 days. LCFs support them with language development, cultural adaptation, and community integration, ensuring a smooth transition into their service. The duration of their service ranges from 9 to 12 months.

## Partnership

At the central level, Peace Corps/Nepal works with the following nine Government Ministries and two academic institutions. Volunteer requests are generated through these partnerships, based on the bilateral agreement between the Government of Nepal and the United States Government, as well as a Memorandum of Understanding signed by Peace Corps/Nepal and the respective Government Ministries:

- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Home Affairs
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration
- Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
- Ministry of Health and Population
- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
- Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation
- Ministry of Forests and Environment
- Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS), Tribhuvan University
- Institute of Forestry (IoF), Tribhuvan University

Peace Corps/Nepal partners with provincial governments and municipalities and rural municipalities at the grassroots level to place Volunteers and ensure impactful collaboration with partner communities.



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# PEACE CORPS NEPAL



## Peace Corps

The Peace Corps was established in 1961 by John F. Kennedy, President of the United States of America. The Peace Corps is an international network of Volunteers, community members, host country partners, and staff who each have a unique service journey defined by an enduring desire to learn and grow. Since its founding, nearly 240,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in more than 144 countries.

Through service, members of the Peace Corps network hone transferable skills that help them become and inspire the next generation of global leaders. The Peace Corps has been partnering with the Government of Nepal and collaborating with Nepali communities and individuals since 1962 (2019 B.S.). Over the past 63 years, more than 4,000 Americans have served as Volunteers in Nepal. Peace Corps Volunteers typically serve for two years, while Peace Corps Response Volunteers serve in their assigned communities for up to one year.

### Peace Corps Goals:

- To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
- To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
- To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

### Who are Peace Corps Volunteers?

Peace Corps Volunteers represent the people of the United States. They are U.S. citizens, young and old, of all races and backgrounds. With humility and intercultural competence, they integrate into and work with their host communities to foster world peace and friendship. Peace Corps Volunteers work alongside community members on locally prioritized projects that build relationships, promote knowledge exchange, and make a lasting and measurable impact.



### Food Security Project

At the request of the Government of Nepal, Peace Corps/Nepal launched its Food Security project in 2012, bringing Volunteers to Nepal to work alongside community counterparts to promote food and nutrition security for rural Nepalese families, including smallholder farming households with women of reproductive age.

The project focuses on environmentally sustainable and nutrition-sensitive activities, ranging from fruit tree promotion to mushroom farming, beekeeping, high-value, low-volume crop cultivation, and practices in accessing, cooking, and consuming nutritious, locally available foods. The project aims to increase the capacity of leader farmers to provide sustainable extension services in and around their rural communities and to strengthen their ability to implement agriculture-based income-generating activities.

### Environment Project

At the request of the Government of Nepal, Peace Corps/Nepal launched its Environment project in 2025. Volunteers work to strengthen the capacity of rural communities, including local youth, to sustainably manage the local environment and the natural resources rural people depend on. Volunteers collaborate with government officials, community members, schools, and community forest user groups to support the Government of Nepal's efforts to strengthen community forest management, promote environmental education and awareness, initiate and encourage solid waste management, and facilitate the adoption of improved cookstoves to increase biomass energy use efficiency and reduce household air pollution.



### Education Project

At the request of the Government of Nepal, Peace Corps/Nepal launched its English Education project in 2019. The English Education project aims to enable students to attain communication skills in English necessary to access academic and/or professional opportunities. Education Volunteers teach English to students in grades 4-7 in rural or peri-urban communities. The project has five primary objectives:

1. Strengthen the capacity of teachers to use the English language and English teaching skills more effectively.
2. Strengthening the capacity of teachers to use techniques for targeting all learners in classroom.
3. Increase the English proficiency of English teachers (as measured through use of classroom procedural English).
4. Increase achievement of students in English.
5. Increase the ability of community members to support students' access to learning.

The education project seeks to enhance digital literacy in rural schools where Education Volunteers serve. This effort includes training teachers to use digital resources in daily teaching.

### Peace Corps Response Program

Peace Corps Response is a high-impact and innovative program that mobilizes experienced and technically advanced American professionals to serve in short-term Volunteer service to countries worldwide. Peace Corps Response Volunteers serve for a minimum period of three months to a year to respond to specialized technical needs. The Peace Corps started a Response Program in the tourism, agriculture research, and information technology sectors in 2024.

