

PEACE CORPS
DRUG-FREE SERVICE AGREEMENT

The Peace Corps has zero tolerance for illicit drug use. Any Volunteer or Trainee (V/T) found to have been involved with drugs, including marijuana, will be immediately separated from service. The Peace Corps strictly enforces the policy not only because the cultivation, manufacturing, trafficking, and use of illicit drugs, including marijuana, is illegal in most countries and remains illegal under US Federal law, but also because drug involvement by V/Ts in any country, regardless of the legality or social acceptability of use in that country, can seriously jeopardize the entire Peace Corps program, as well as the health and safety of the V/Ts.

V/Ts have been selected to represent our nation by serving in their host countries. Any involvement by V/Ts with illicit drugs, and the inappropriate behavior that often occurs as a result of drug use, violates a trust both with the Peace Corps and with the communities in which they serve. V/Ts are often the most identifiable, and frequently the only, U.S. citizen in a community. V/Ts are effective only so long as they maintain a strong reputation that reflects credit on the United States and the Peace Corps, and drug use may negatively affect the relationship of the Peace Corps with host country governments and local communities.

Although a V/T may not be formally charged with violating drug laws, some host countries' attitudes toward involvement with drugs are so negative that mere rumors of such involvement, though unproven, may affect the credibility of the individual V/T or the Peace Corps program. In cases where an unsubstantiated allegation is made that a V/T is involved with drugs while serving in a host country, and the Country Director determines that the knowledge of the allegation is sufficiently widespread to jeopardize the credibility of the V/T or the program, the Peace Corps may interrupt the service of the V/T.

The Peace Corps' first priority is the health and safety of its V/Ts. As a Volunteer or Trainee, you play the primary role in ensuring your own safety. V/Ts who are under the effect of drugs are open to risks that they would not otherwise encounter. Do not compromise your health and safety, or that of others, by using illicit drugs.

I have read the information above and agree to adhere to it.

V/T Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____