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Namaste from Peace Corps/Nepal 🙏

The first 6 months of 2026 brought a fresh wave of new energy and excitement to Peace Corps Nepal. In January, 51 new two-year Volunteers arrived, completed Pre-Service Training (PST), and swore-in to service in late March. Additionally, in May, a group of eight specialized Response Volunteers completed orientation and started their assignments. The swearing-in of 59 new Volunteers renewed our commitment to our Training Community in Panauti, expanded our placements for Response PCV to Tribhuvan University's Institute of Forestry campus in Hetauda, and the homestay communities of Thini in Gandaki Province. March also marked a record of achievement in language training as 88. % of our 51 N211 Trainees reached a level of Intermediate-Mid or above in on their Nepali Language Proficiency Interviews by the end of PST. April's major highlight was the success of our two Mid-Service Conferences (in Dhulikhel and Pokhara) that brought together N210 Volunteers and 74 counterparts from 6 districts to showcase the advancement of their capacity in both technical and soft skills. We observed a Counterparts from every district we serve speak proudly, sing beautifully and testify to the powerful connections they have built while working and living side-by-side with their volunteers. Additionally, we said a heartfelt farewell to seven members of Volunteers Group N209 who completed their two-year assignments in March 2026. Most of these new RPCVs are off to graduate school and exploring employment in the U.S. Currently, 97 Peace Corps Volunteers are partnering with the local communities and schools to address locally identified challenges in the Agriculture, Environment & Eco-tourism, and Education sectors. Peace Corps Nepal is standing strong and moving forward as we prepare to expand our next N212 cohort to sites in Dhankuta, Terhathum, and Dolakha districts in 2027. Wish us luck! As always, we will keep you posted and are deeply appreciative of your ongoing support.

Dr. Qimmah Najeeullah,
Acting Country Director, Peace Corps/Nepal

NR3 Arrival and Swearing-In

In May, eight new Response Volunteers swore in. They will serve as Field Research Specialists and Lab Technical Experts across Tribhuvan University campuses, and as Eco-Tourism Promotion Volunteers in tourism-based rural communities.



N211 Arrival and Swearing-In

In late-March, 51 new Volunteers officially swore in, joining the more than 4,000 Americans who have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in Nepal since the program began in 1962. For the next two years, these Volunteers will collaborate with community forest user

groups, teach English in government schools, and work with farmers' groups to improve food security. We are grateful to Director General Madam Durapada Sapkota of the Department of Consular Services for serving as our Guest of Honor for the event.



Visit from U.S. Embassy Leadership

Charge d'Affaires Scott Urbom visited Volunteers in Arghakhanchi. Peace Corps Volunteers in our furthest district had the privilege of receiving Charge d' Affaires Urbom during late April of this year. The lucky six volunteers and members of their host families and local community had the opportunity to engage with the Charge d'

Affaires, sharing their progress in integration, Nepali Language development, technical work, and their future plans for the remainder of their service. As a Return Volunteer himself, Mr. Urbom truly enjoyed interacting with volunteers "at home" and we are deeply grateful for his continuing and enthusiastic support of our programs.



MoAFE Renews MOU for Agriculture Project

Peace Corps Nepal and Ministry of Agriculture, Forest, and Environment (MoAFE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 5-Year Agriculture Project on June 3, 2026 in Kathmandu. This understanding ensures the seamless continuation of the Peace Corps agriculture project – a vital initiative that began in 2013 when the Peace Corps resumed its program in Nepal. Attended by Secretary, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Mishra and Joint Secretary, Dr. Hari Bahadur KC, the renewed milestone deepens our shared commitment to transforming lives through grassroots development and strengthened our path for the next five years.



TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

N210 Mid-Service Conference (MSC)

The N210 Mid-Service Conference brought together 37 Volunteers and 74 Counterparts for reflection, learning, and renewed commitment in Pokhara and Dhulikhel. This shift from a Mid Service Training to a Mid Service Conference aims to better support Counterpart capacity building and leadership.



Highlights from Volunteer Service in Nepal



Volunteer Profile: Bhuwan
[Bhuwan: Featured Volunteer Profile from Bhuwan S.](#)

tinyurl.com/m8ufd423



Volunteer Article: Prashil
[Promoting digital literacy in Nepal](#)

tinyurl.com/mrxryr2a

Snapshots of Volunteer Life: From Monsoon Days and Orchard Planning to Dal Bhat Evenings



Volunteer Siena enjoying Dal Bhat the Nepali way.



Volunteer Liz and counterparts visit the planting site of their mango tree orchard and discuss details



Volunteer River taking in his drying clothes during monsoon rain