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**PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS HAVE SERVED
IN CAMBODIA SINCE 2006**

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

In 2013 the Peace Corps celebrated its 53rd anniversary and its seventh successful year of work in Cambodia. One of the youngest Peace Corps programs in the world, Peace Corps Cambodia has grown from an initial group of 30 Volunteers working in Education in seven provinces to over 100 Volunteers working in 16 provinces. We have expanded into the health sector, launching a Community Health Education project in 2010. Over the past seven years more than 330 American Volunteers have worked in partnership with the people of Cambodia to assist in meeting needs of this wonderful country. In this report you will see a range of accomplishments achieved by the Volunteers and their counterparts in both their primary projects and in their many and varied secondary activities.

Since 2007 we have not only expanded the size and reach of our program, we have strengthened our projects and our collaboration with our Cambodian friends and colleagues. Our Volunteers continue to live with Cambodian families, integrating into the culture and learning the Khmer language, sharing the challenges and successes with other members of their rural communities. And, after two years here in the Kingdom of Wonder, these Americans take their love of Cambodia and all they have learned here back to our country, to continue fostering the strong relationship between our peoples and our nations.

I am pleased to announce that in early 2014 we launched our Peace Corps Cambodia website, which highlights the great work being done by our Volunteers and their friends and colleagues throughout the country. I invite you to learn more about our work at <http://cambodia.peacecorps.gov>.

We look forward to continuing collaboration with our government, local and community partners in order to contribute to a bright future for Cambodia.

Respectfully,

Penny Fields
Country Director
Peace Corps Cambodia

OVERVIEW

The Peace Corps has been a leader in international development and citizen diplomacy for more than 50 years across more than 139 countries. The Peace Corps is an integral part of the global community helping to eradicate disease, feed the hungry, and address other worldwide challenges through innovative, grassroots solutions. Volunteers work directly with communities to build capacity in education, health, youth in development, environment, community economic development and agriculture.

THE 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

HISTORY

Officially established:	March 1, 1961
Americans who have served:	215,000+
Host countries served to date:	139

PEACE CORPS TODAY

Peace Corps Acting Director:	Carrie Hessler-Radelet (Western Samoa, 1981–83)
Host countries:	65
Volunteers and trainees:	7,209
Gender:	63% female, 37% male
Marital status:	93% single, 7% married
Minorities:	22% of Volunteers
Average age:	28.7
Volunteers over 50:	8% of Volunteers



TO BE A VOLUNTEER

- Volunteers typically serve for 2 years following in-country training.
- Peace Corps provides Volunteers with housing and a living stipend to cover food and incidentals, allowing them to live similarly to the people in their community.
- The minimum age for Peace Corps service is 18; there is no upper age limit.
- Volunteers generally must have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree
- Volunteers must be U.S. citizens.
- Volunteers' health and safety are Peace Corps' highest priorities. The agency is committed to providing Volunteers with the training, guidance, and support they need to stay healthy, safe, and productive throughout their service.

PEACE CORPS IN CAMBODIA



Current Volunteer Numbers

English Teaching & Teacher Training:
47 Volunteers

Community Health Education:
39 Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS IN:
16 Provinces

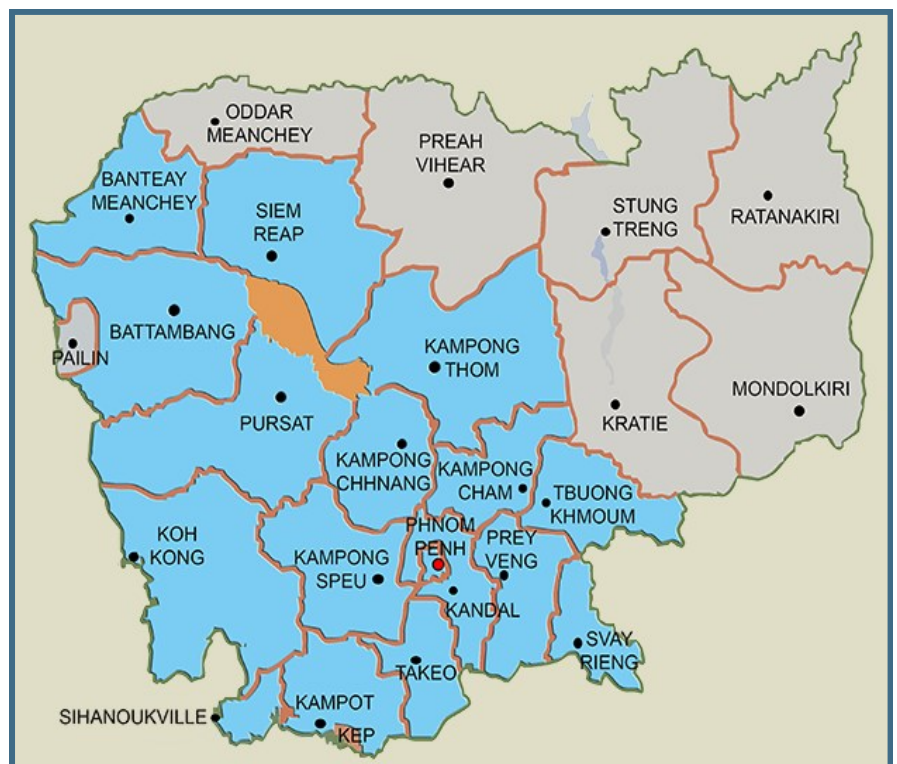
*By September 2014 we anticipate
having 100 Volunteers in the field.*

The Royal Government of Cambodia first invited Peace Corps to open a program in Cambodia in late 1992, and a country agreement was signed in 1994. However, the political situation was found to be too unstable for Volunteers to enter the country at that time. In 2004, talks about establishing Peace Corps Cambodia resumed, and Peace Corps welcomed their first group of Volunteers in Cambodia in 2007.

335 Volunteers have served in 16 of Cambodia's 24 provinces.

Current Projects:

- **English Teaching and Teacher Training**
- **Community Health Education**



Peace Corps Volunteers are currently serving in 16 provinces

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ENGLISH TEACHING & TEACHER TRAINING

Since 2007, The English Teaching and Teacher Training (ETTT) project has worked to develop the English skills of Cambodia students, teachers, and community members to enable them to access academic and professional opportunities.

Volunteers teach at Upper and Lower Secondary Schools and Teacher Training Centers. As requested by the Ministry of Education, Volunteers teach together with a Cambodian national teacher. This practice benefits not only the students participating in the class, but enhances the Cambodian teachers' language capacity and builds their classroom skills.

ETTT PROJECT GOALS:

GOAL 1: Improve Teaching

Teachers will improve their English proficiency and implement student centered teaching techniques.

GOAL 2: Increase Student Success

Students/youth will improve English language proficiency and develop leadership skills in the English classroom (formally and informally) or in extracurricular activities.



KEY OUTCOMES:

Teachers of English

- 635 teachers improved their English teaching methodology.
- 530 teachers participated in professional development activities in English.
- 163 teacher conducted a higher proportion of their class procedural language in English.
- 136 teachers increased their use of student-centered teaching techniques.
- 121 teachers introduced improved structure or routines to manage classroom interactions more effectively.
- 107 teachers increased their use of classroom-based assessments to monitor and inform student progress.

Teacher Trainees of English

- 439 teacher trainees improved their English language communicative skills by at least 10% 848 teacher trainees develop teaching resources
- 476 teacher trainees increased their use of student-centered teaching techniques.
- 726 teacher trainees increased their use of gender equitable classroom practice.

Students

- 3,575 students demonstrated improved English proficiency
- 4,228 students demonstrated increased confidence or motivation in class, club, or camp.
- 2,548 students who demonstrated leadership in or out of the classroom through activities like peer teaching, coaching, or homework help.
- 9,317 students gained access to more reading materials or were better able to use and access electronic resources due to the creation or expansion of a school library or computer center.

COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION

In 2009, as requested by the Ministry of Health, Peace Corps Cambodia expanded their reach by opening a Community Health Education (CHE) project. The project's purpose is to assist Cambodian individuals and communities, particularly women and children, to improve their overall health and well-being and increase their capacity to address health-related needs. Volunteers work with health center staff, Village Health Volunteers, and schools to build the capacity of people to address their health-related needs.



CHE PROJECT GOALS:

GOAL 1: Maternal and Child Health

Community members will improve their knowledge and skills of, and adopt healthy behaviors for, maternal and child health in the areas of nutrition, water and sanitation hygiene and ante-natal care.

GOAL 2: Healthy Behavior

Community members will develop greater life skills and adopt healthy behaviors.



KEY OUTCOMES:

Maternal and Child Health

- 7,403 people were educated on nutrition through activities such as cooking demonstrations, baby weighing, and the promotion of immediate and exclusive breastfeeding.
- 3,660 people attended health education sessions that included topics such as safe delivery, ante/post natal checkups, immunizations and family planning.
- 9,112 people were trained in proper hand washing, diarrhea prevention and treatment, ORS preparation, and appropriate treatment and storage of drinking water.

Healthy Behavior

- 7,830 people received training on group exercise, healthy cooking, anti-smoking information, and drug and alcohol awareness campaigns.
- 3,508 people were educated about unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases through activities such as sexual education classes, HIV and STI awareness campaigns, condom use demonstrations, and youth campaign.

CROSS-CUTTING INITIATIVES

Volunteers integrate Peace Corps' cross-cutting themes into their work by conducting Youth Development, Gender Awareness and Volunteerism activities. In 2013, more than 4,500 people were reached by Volunteers through activities including clubs, camps, workshops and other efforts.

- G.L.O.W. (Girls Leading Our World) Camps build life skills, self-esteem, and leadership skills as well as educate on topics ranging from reproductive health to choosing a career.
- Boys Leadership and Health Camps teach boys life and leadership skills, promote gender sensitivity and teach sexual and reproductive health.
- Domestic Violence Prevention Workshops promote gender awareness, equality and educates women on their rights.
- Create Cambodia is a annual three-day national workshop for art and music clubs throughout Cambodia. The workshop promotes cultural art music and performance skills.
- Write On! Competition is a writing curriculum culminating in an international creative writing competition that enables Cambodian student writers to be read by international audiences.
- Environmental Awareness and Recycling Projects



Students presenting skits about environmental preservation (Camp GLOW/Takeo)

*Create Cambodia
Art and Music Festival*



PARTNERSHIPS

SMALL PROJECT ASSISTANCE (SPA) PROGRAM

The Small Project Assistance (SPA) Program is a collaboration between USAID and Peace Corps Cambodia to support local community development projects in sectors ranging from health to agriculture to small enterprise development.

Peace Corps Cambodia Volunteers in cooperation with their Cambodian counterparts, assist communities to achieve development goals related to Capacity Building and Sustainability. Projects include topics in areas such as: health, life skills, education, income-generation, business, art, and leadership.

In 2013, SPA funded approximately \$20,000 for 19 projects in 18 communities.

PEACE CORPS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (PCPP)

The Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) connects interested groups or individuals and allows them to donate directly to projects addressing pressing needs in developing communities where Peace Corps Volunteers serve. PCVs and their Cambodian counterparts design projects together and seek funding through PCPP. Projects implemented in 2013 assisted in a number of areas including education, health career development, and youth development.

In 2013, PCPP funded approximately \$39,000 for 23 project in 21 communities.

*Camp GLOW “Girls Leading
Our World”
Kampot Provincial Town*





Peace Corps is a non-political and non-religious organization of the United States Government that seeks to promote peace and friendship among peoples of different nationalities and cultures. For more than five decades, Peace Corps has provided technical assistance in 139 countries through the implementation of projects in education, business development, environmental protection, agriculture, and health.

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