



ANNUAL REPORT --- 2019



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MESSAGE FROM COUNTRY DIRECTOR

MICHAEL
KETOVER

Dear Friends and Partners,

We celebrate service, peace, and friendship with another productive year at Peace Corps Ukraine. With 440 Volunteers serving in 2019, Peace Corps/Ukraine remains the largest and busiest Peace Corps program in the world. Seven outstanding groups of Volunteers have served since the program's resumption in 2015 after EuroMaidan.

In 2019, Peace Corps volunteers and staff energetically supported our Ukrainian governmental and CSO partners' development efforts in western, central, and southern Ukraine, reentered Zaporizhzhia, continued to reestablish our presence in Kherson and Kharkiv oblasts, and placed even more Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) in Dnipro, southern Odesa, and Mykolaiv oblasts.

It's a privilege to contribute to the Government of Ukraine's development goals. Peace Corps' programmatic niche here 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 Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine, we proudly support the Government of Ukraine's 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 hosted our Volunteers.

We look forward to an outstanding 2020. It is an honor and pleasure for us to serve in Ukraine.

With very best wishes,

Michael Ketover
Country Director

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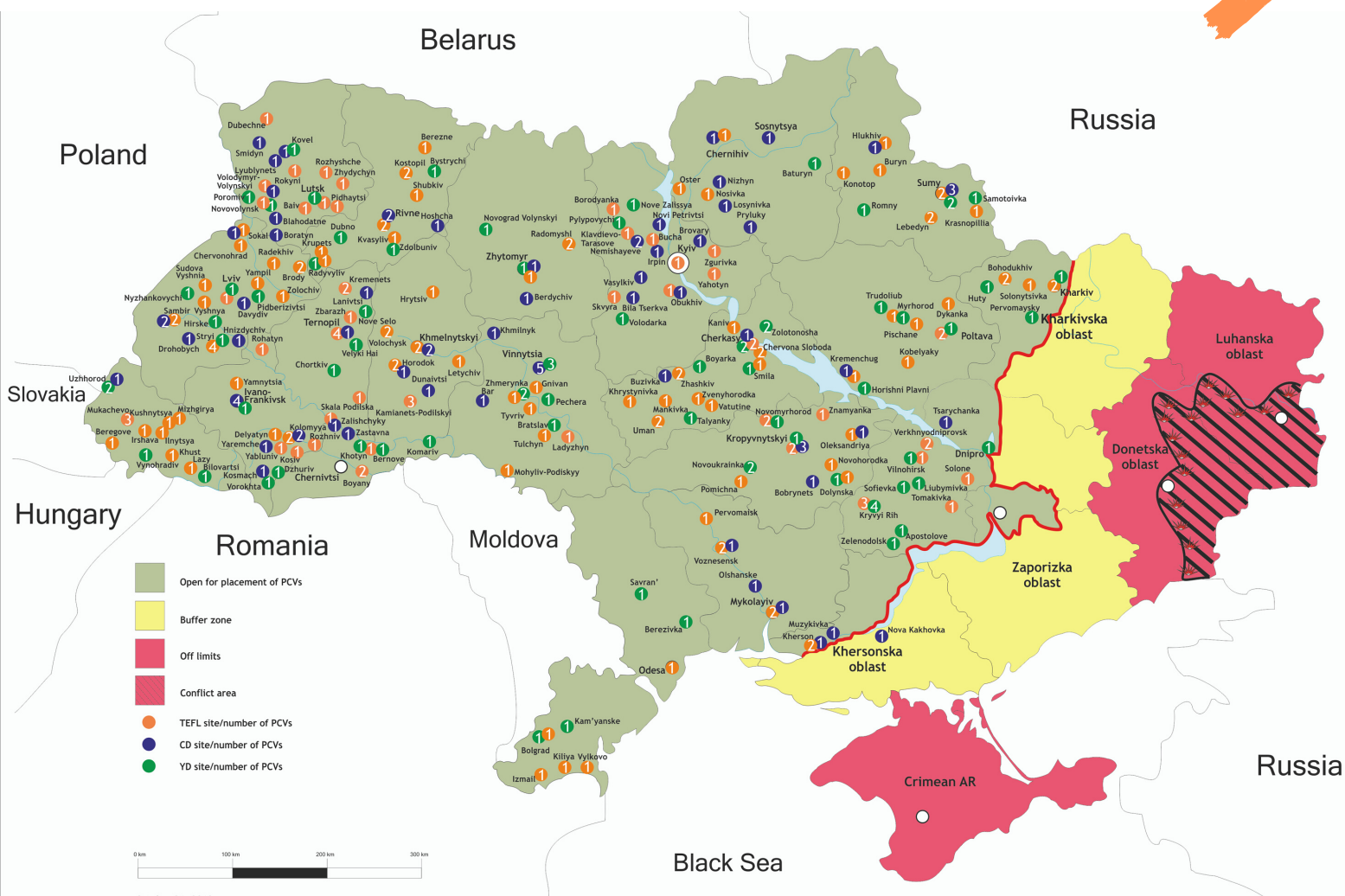


3,420

**PCVs total have
served in PC Ukraine**

440

**PCVs served in 2019 in
22 Ukrainian oblasts**





YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



87 Volunteers

worked in



74 Ukrainian communities

in



19 oblasts

153

service providers practiced new youth worker approaches to teach healthy life skills, active citizenry and employment skills

3,655

youths improved their employment skills, including the ability to communicate in English

2,294

youths trained on healthy life skills and HIV prevention

979

youths demonstrated stronger civic activism skills

38

youth community projects implemented

64

youth workers and teachers have been trained on Civic Education practices during In-Service Trainings



TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TEFL)



16,800

students at secondary schools, colleges and universities improved their English communication skills

teachers improved their professional skills and mastered their English through team-teaching

1,650



135 Volunteers

closely cooperated with



760 Ukrainian partners

6,000

teachers developed their professional skills through clubs, workshops and conferences empowered by Volunteers

in the classroom setting in



126 Ukrainian communities

in



22 oblasts

students demonstrated stronger leadership skills, community engagement and tolerance, participating in clubs, camps and community projects

7,850

30

teachers from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts (Donbas) participated in professional development trainings



Volunteers supported teachers and classrooms in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts via Skype creating learning opportunities for students and teachers

20

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



49 Volunteers

worked in



37 Ukrainian communities

in



18 oblasts



organizations applied project design and management practices when planning and implementing projects

58

organizations demonstrated increased collaboration with stakeholders and other community organizations

165

individuals trained on strengthening organizational partnerships and relationships with stakeholders

1,162

individuals participated in an asset-based assessment of existing community resources and relationships

722

individuals trained on organizational development topics

280

organizations demonstrated improved performance

95





**IN FY19 SPA/LGL/PCPP/VAST
PROGRAMS FUNDED 90 PROJECTS
FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
\$281,321**

SPA

27 approved and
funded projects

LGL

18 approved
projects

VAST

28 approved
projects

PCPP

17 approved
projects

21,649

**Number of the Peace Corps
Grant project beneficiaries
(SPA/LGL/PCPP) in FY19**



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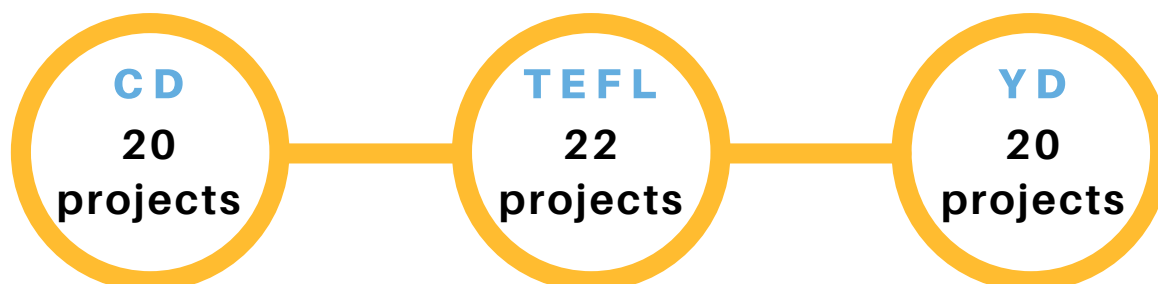


3,461

**Number of people
directly impacted by
the Peace Corps Grants
(SPA/LGL/PCPP) in FY19**

**TOTAL COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR ALL 90 PROJECTS (IN-KIND AND
CASH) IS \$163,140**

APPROVED PROJECTS BY PC SECTORS



IN FY19 USAID'S SPA PROGRAM SUPPORTED THE FOLLOWING TRAININGS FOR VOLUNTEERS AND COUNTERPARTS FOR \$211,470

JANUARY

1. *Civic Education and Leadership Camps training for YD*
2. *Democracy and Civics through TEFL Class training for TEFL*

FEBRUARY

Four Regional Project Design and Management (PDM) trainings



MAY

Mobilizing Communities Training for CD

JUNE

1. *Civic Education training for TEFL*
2. *Civic Education training for YD*



**UKRAINIAN PARTNERS TRAINED:
278 PEOPLE
(30 MALE AND 248 FEMALE)**



PRESIDENT'S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AIDS RELIEF



720 YOUTH AND THEIR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AFFECTED BY HIV RECEIVED VOLUNTEERS' SUPPORT THROUGH PEACE CORPS PEPFAR ACTIVITIES



500 REPRESENTATIVES OF KEY POPULATIONS DIRECTLY PARTICIPATED AND BENEFITED FROM PCVS' VAST GRANT ACTIVITIES

PARTICIPANTS OF PEACE CORPS HIV/AIDS-RELATED ACTIVITIES



100 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS



325 UKRAINIAN COUNTERPARTS



1,200 PLHIV AND KEY POPULATIONS

28 VAST Grants **4** Regional camps **2** Summer camps
2 In Service Trainings **42** Monthly clubs in 8 oblasts
6 PEPFAR oblasts with weekly support groups





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 8 Response Volunteers in August 2019.

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, and special education at Inclusion centers and schools, HIV prevention & support for people affected by HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine.

Response Volunteers are experienced special education specialists, organizational development practitioners, civil society activists and more.



VOLUNTEER LEADERS



Our Peace Corps Volunteer Leader (PCVL) program was introduced in 2017 and from three PCVLs in 2017 has grown to 15 Volunteer Leaders by the end of 2019, representing our three project sectors and PC Response Volunteers. Our PCV Leaders include caring and experienced PCV professionals and outstanding younger PCVs who have extended for third and fourth-years of service. PCVLs work closely with staff, PCVs, and counterparts on a wide range of tasks and issues, decentralizing program support throughout Ukraine. PCVLs coordinate with VAC and the ICDEI Working Group, highlighted below, to strengthen post's operations from a PCV perspective.

PCVLs serve as coaches and mentors to PCVs, co-develop agendas with staff and facilitate sessions at our numerous in-service trainings, participate in site development, and enable post to effectively manage the largest external grant program for PC globally. We believe that we have the largest PCVL program in PC history, but we know it is certainly the strongest!

VOLUNTEER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Volunteer Advisory Committee (VAC) is an advocacy group that serves as a bridge between staff and volunteers, and works to find solutions, clarify policies, and inform staff of issues of importance in the PCV communities. VAC members bright minds and strong collaborators selected by other Volunteers at the beginning of service and serve to represent the changing needs of volunteer in-country throughout service. Several times a year, VAC meets to presents Volunteer perspectives, suggestions, and solutions to staff. This year's wins include the development of a VAC Processes and Procedures Manual, "Menstruation Station" for volunteers to donate menstruation supplies, and the development and streamlining of an election process for new VAC members.



ICDEI WORKING GROUP

INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE,
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION



In 2019, the group restructured itself into five committees: Representing Diversity, Training Resources, Site Management, PEPFAR and Camp & Youth Resources. Each committee has a PCVL assigned as the communication lead, specifically managing deadlines and expectations. Each committee is open to any PCV who wish to participate and create action items/events at their sites. The ICDEI working group proactively promotes 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 Peace Corps. To help promote a better understanding of Ukraine's glorious and diverse culture and history, the ICDEI working group also actively implements goal 3 activities, sharing Ukraine's unique stories back home in the USA.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VALUED PARTNERS



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