



2017 AT A GLANCE

OUR HISTORY

In 1961, United States President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps to promote world peace and friendship by challenging Americans to live and work in developing countries. Our mission and three goals remain as important today as they were at the time of the founding of the Peace Corps.

"..For every young American who participates in the Peace Corps - who works in a foreign land - will know that he or she is sharing in the great common task of bringing to man that decent way of life which is the foundation of freedom and a condition of peace." John F Kennedy

OUR GOALS

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

PEACE CORPS IN MACEDONIA

Macedonia is consistently one of the top countries selected for Volunteer service. The Peace Corps was established here in 1996 by invitation of the Government of Macedonia. Since then 735 Volunteers have worked with schools, local municipalities, civil society organizations, and public institutions to meet the diverse needs of communities throughout the country. As an acknowledgment of the importance of their work and the dedication of our Volunteers and staff, the President of Macedonia awarded Peace Corps with the Order of Merit for Macedonia in 2014. Peace Corps Macedonia has active Memoranda of Understanding with the Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Local Self Government, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Agency for Youth and Sports, and key NGO networks.

2017 BY THE NUMBERS

- 5 Local languages Studied by Volunteers
- 22 Years in Macedonia
- 35 Primary and high schools served
- 79 Volunteers in service in 2017
- 83 Local teacher partners
- 92 Civil society organization partners
- 150 Special needs beneficiaries
- 6200 Children taught by Volunteers in classrooms

10,000 Individuals, mostly youth, benefited from engaging in Peace Corps activities

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. ~ Mother Teresa



PROJECTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development (CD) projects with a focus on youth development, supports communities and organizations in effectively managing sustainable community development. Peace Corps collaborates with non-governmental organizations, local municipalities and public institutions throughout Macedonia. Volunteers and their local counterparts prioritize activities which:

- Improve planning, financial sustainability, and internal management and build staff capacity for project design, management, and service delivery
- Support organizations in assessing community needs and building strategic partnerships
- Train people in community engagement, life skills, and inclusion and raise community awareness of people with special needs
- Co-facilitate and organize clubs, classes, and camps for leadership development of young people

TEACHING ENGLISH

Volunteers have been working in primary and secondary public schools throughout the country since 1996 with an emphasis on rural and marginalized communities. Volunteers work on the following activities:

- Improve English instruction in the schools through student-centered methods
- Increase student success in English language learning
- Assist English teachers with special needs students in the classroom
- Provide on-going teacher training
- Facilitate English clubs and extracurricular activities including spelling bees, sports, and Model UN

SPECIAL NEEDS

Peace Corps Volunteers with experience, skills, and education in special needs work are placed in community organizations to:

- Work with educators on creating and implementing daily activities, resources, and new methodologies
- Work with individuals and their parents and support vocational skills development
- Train local youth to volunteer and work with special needs populations
- Facilitate life skills development