



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

About the Peace Corps

The Peace Corps partners with communities abroad to develop sustainable solutions for the world's most pressing challenges by sharing America's most precious resource—its people.

Mar 1, 1961

Date
established

240,000+

Volunteers who
have served

142

Countries
served

Today, Peace Corps remains committed to promoting world peace and friendship by pursuing **three 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.

Since October 1961, over 9,300 Volunteers have worked alongside requesting host communities, in sectors including agriculture, forestry, fisheries, small business, technology, health, solid waste management, and disaster risk management.

At present, Peace Corps Volunteers serve for two years in one of three priority sectors: (1) Children, Youth and Family, (2) Coastal Resource Management, and (3) Education. Alternatively, shorter-term service is available for Response Volunteers and Virtual Service Pilot Participants.

118

Volunteers

42

in Children, Youth and
Family

42

in Coastal Resource
Management

29

in Education

5

in Response

serving in **23** provinces



Peace Corps in the Philippines

January 2025

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29	30	31	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4
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19	20 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	21	22	23	24	25
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Message from our Country Director



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Mabuhay! I am proud to share that Peace Corps Philippines has returned to pre-pandemic levels of service, reaching a peak of 126 Volunteers this year and ending with 118, our highest since reopening. This accomplishment reflects the strength of our partnerships with communities, organizations, and institutions, including the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency, Department of Education, Department of Social Welfare and Development, and numerous local government units, who warmly welcomed and worked alongside our Volunteers.

To our Volunteers, thank you for your dedication and service and for working hand in hand with individuals and communities to advance the three goals of the Peace Corps. In 2024, I had the privilege of visiting counterparts and Volunteers in Baguio, Bohol, Camarines Sur, and Iloilo and witnessed firsthand the impact of our collaborations.

As we look ahead, I am excited to continue fostering these connections and visiting more communities. Thank you for being part of this journey, and here's to another year of service and collaboration.

Marguerite Roy
Country Director
Peace Corps Philippines



February 2025

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Children, Youth, and Family

Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Volunteers work with the vulnerable segments of Philippine society, focusing on at-risk youth, children with disabilities, children in conflict with the law, and survivors of abuse and neglect, and people living with HIV/AIDS.

2024 Highlights

Youth Volunteer Service Initiative (VSI) Success: Trained peer educators expanded their reach with support from local governments and grants, focusing on mental health, adolescent sexual reproductive health, and HIV. VSI is recognized as a best practice for Host Country Volunteerism.



Youth Volunteerism Workshop: Led by CYF Batch 279, the workshop in August prepared 120 participants to scale up the VSI. The workshop focused on HIV, supported by the Peace Corps Office of Global Health and HIV.



Philippine Volunteer Service Program Development: In collaboration with the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency, CYF gathered 60 representatives from various stakeholders in November to develop a Philippine Volunteer Service Program.



March 2025



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30 <i>Eid-ul-Fitr*</i>	31 <i>Eid-ul-Fitr*</i>	1	2	3	4	5

**Specific date to be determined.*

Advancing Employability and Leadership Among the Youth



Job Fair in Negros Occidental attended by hundreds of young people



Peace Corps Volunteer Frankie together with other Project YES coworkers

In 2024, Children, Youth, and Family Volunteer, Frankie, assisted Negrosanon Young Leaders Institute to support youth development in Negros Occidental. Through Project YES (Youth Employment and Success), Frankie helped facilitate workshops and assistance desks in job fairs that improved employability and financial literacy for young people, reaching 250 participants. At these events, their team provided free services, including resume building, photo sessions, and printing, to 63 young people, with

some of them securing employment on the spot. Additionally, Frankie took part in the Negrosanon Young Leaders Summit 2024, where 44 youth community leaders gained insights into advocacy, leadership, and project planning. These youth leaders were able to plan projects that will be implemented in their respective communities. Frankie is proud to be working with an organization that nurtures hope and encourages sustainable growth in the communities.

April 2025

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20	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24	25	26
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Reef Assessment of
Danajon Bank's outer reef

Global Volunteer Month
Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Coastal Resource Management

Coastal Resource Management (CRM) Volunteers collaborate with local government units and non-governmental organizations to assist communities and individuals in managing coastal resources. They help promote sustainable, healthy, and productive environmental practices.

2024 Highlights

In June, the Peace Corps and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) hosted a workshop in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro, to strengthen marine protected area (MPA) management. Sixty participants, including Peace Corps Volunteers, local government officials, and fisherfolk leaders, engaged in sessions on legal frameworks, ecosystem-based fisheries management, biodiversity assessment tools, and sustainable funding strategies. The workshop emphasized practical skills, citizen science, and community collaboration, with participants developing work plans to enhance MPA conservation efforts.



In December, the Peace Corps and USAID hosted a second workshop on Marine Protected Area (MPA) management in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro, bringing together 82 participants from 24 communities. This workshop focused on best practices, biodiversity monitoring, and sustainable strategies for interconnected MPAs. Participants engaged in knowledge exchange and field visits, highlighting local successes like Oriental Mindoro's "STAR MPA Awards" and Puerto Galera's environmental initiatives, emphasizing the balance between marine conservation and economic growth.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1 <i>PH Labor Day</i>	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15 <i>International Day of Families</i>	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Memorial Day</i>	27	28	29	30	31

Helping Communities Through Coastal Conservation



CRM Volunteer Alex collecting data with counterpart Sharmaine

In April and May, Alex worked with the Talisay City Environment and Natural Resources Office and Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation to conduct biophysical assessments of mangroves and corals. This data informs critical documents like the Coastal Environmental Profile and MPA Management Plan. Through a Special Project Assistance (SPA) grant, Alex facilitated workshops presenting these findings to local stakeholders, addressing key concerns and fostering optimism for future CRM efforts.



CRM Volunteer Rachel with the Y-CRM Team Interns

Rachel, alongside the Tubigon Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office, developed the Y-CRM (Youth Coastal Resource Monitoring) Team Internship, engaging 16 environmental science students in a 200-hour on-the-job training program. The internship, supported by a SPA grant, included habitat assessments, community outreach, and professional development workshops. Rachel is confident these young professionals will significantly contribute to protecting marine resources in their communities.



CRM Volunteer Tim presenting his tree planting project

To combat beach erosion and enhance wildlife habitats, Tim initiated a project to plant trees along Botolan's beaches, addressing the loss of trees due to housing and hotel development.

In August, he presented this plan to the Botolan Resort Association, resulting in 14 resort owners joining the initiative. The project includes tree species like coconuts, Talisay, and Bitao, which will not only prevent erosion but also make the area more attractive for tourists.

June 2025



Deployment of Artificial Reefs

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 <i>World Environment Day</i>	6 <i>Eid al-Adha*</i>	7 <i>Eid al-Adha*</i>
8 <i>World Oceans Day</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>Independence Day - PH</i>	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>	20	21
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Education

Education (EDU) Volunteers work in public elementary and high schools to enhance students' English communication skills for academic and professional opportunities. They co-plan and co-teach with Filipino teachers, conduct remedial reading and tutorial sessions, help organize and facilitate training seminars for teachers, improve library resources, and implement projects to support learning.

2024 Highlights

In 2024, the Education sector reopened its old sites and developed new ones in the provinces of Aklan, Batangas, and Bohol, marking another milestone for Peace Corps Philippines, as we continue to rebuild and rekindle partnerships after the pandemic.

The Volunteers and their work partners are the heart and soul of the PC education program. They show up in a variety of ways for their students to ensure that their learning remains a priority. Over the past year, EDU Volunteers have been developing libraries, literacy learning hubs, school-based remedial reading programs, and organizing capacity-building workshops for their immediate school community members.



Claudia reading a story during National Reading Month



Jo Ann showing the books she collected for the school library



Miguel co-facilitating an art workshop for cancer patients



Jack planting trees in his school on World Teachers Day

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day - US</i>	5
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13	14	15 <i>World Youth Skills</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 <i>Friendship Day</i>	31	1	2



Celebrating Connections: A Heartwarming Birthday in the Philippines



Furthest to the right is Ashlin together with her host family and Country Director Marguerite



Ashlin with her co-teachers enjoying a buffet of food



Ashlin surprised with flowers and fruits during her birthday

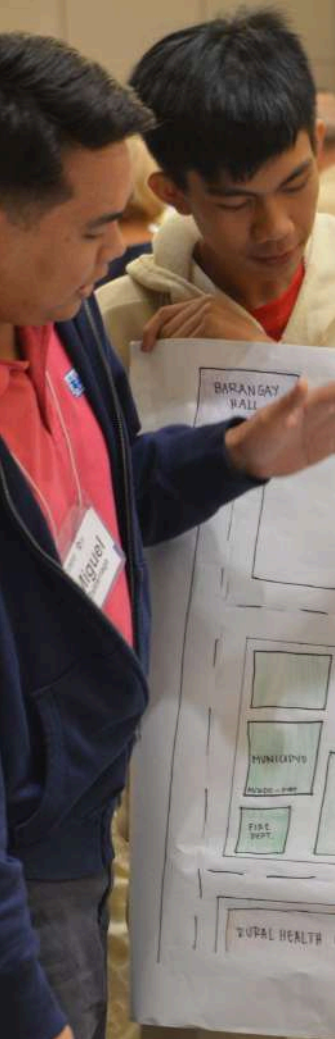
Education Volunteer Ashlin spent her birthday away from home, initially feeling homesick. However, her new community surprised her in unexpected ways. The day before her birthday, her fellow teachers organized a buffet and wore matching red shirts to celebrate. On her birthday, Ashlin reflected on her journey while watching the sunrise, feeling a deep sense of belonging and gratitude for her caring host family and supportive school. She noted, "I realized how blessed I was to be allowed to be a part of the Peace Corps, to be gifted with such a caring host family, and partnered

with an exciting and eager school."

Her host dad greeted her with roses, symbolizing home and love, followed by a surprise birthday parade from the student government at school. These thoughtful gestures filled her with joy and made her feel at home. The day ended with a festive evening with teachers and her host mother, making Ashlin realize she had formed meaningful, heartfelt connections in her new community, making her birthday truly special.

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12 <i>International Youth Day</i>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 <i>Ninoy Aquino Day</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>National Heroes Day</i>	26	27	28	29	30
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Response

Peace Corps Response Volunteers (PCRVs) have higher technical expertise and work with more specialized, short-term, seven-month assignments requested by partner organizations to help increase and sustain organizational competency with diverse capacity-building activities.

2024 Highlights

A total of nine (9) PCRVs served in 2024 for the following program priorities: weather adaptation, disaster risk reduction, youth in development, education, and environment. The partner organizations that have hosted them include national and local government agencies, state universities, and a non-governmental agency.



Country Director Marguerite Roy swears in PCRV Batch 53 to officially begin their service



PCRV Batch 54 with the U.S. Ambassador MaryKay Carlson

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 <i>US Labor Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>International Literacy Day</i>	9	10 <i>World Suicide Prevention Day</i>	11	12	13
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21 <i>International Day of Peace</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
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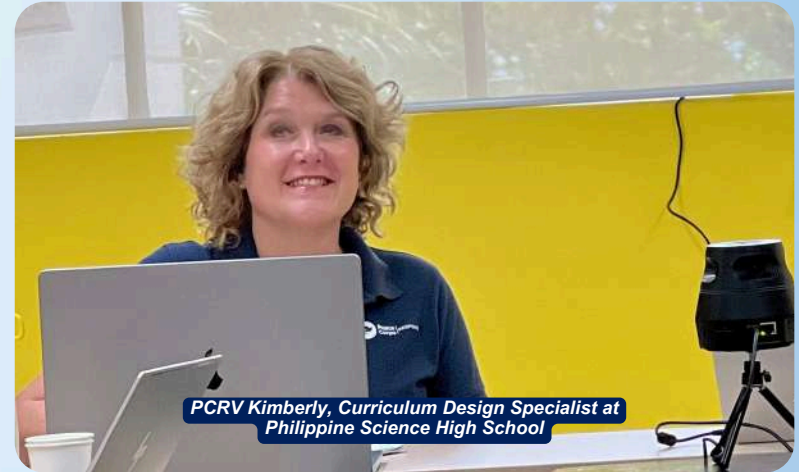


Batch 281 Swearing-In Ceremony

Sharing Knowledge and Embodying the Peace Corps Spirit



On Response Volunteer Helle: "We are grateful for the incredible work you have done to help us develop our Agritourism Development Plan. Your presence here has not only enriched our project but also has left a lasting impact on the faculty, staff, students, and other community stakeholders. The skills and insights you have shared will continue to guide us in promoting agriculture and ecotourism as key components of our local development strategy," said Dr. Maita Aban-Gonzales, Dean, College of Agriculture, Northern Iloilo University.



"Peace Corps has connected me to communities with prioritized projects that are aligned with my knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes. After a full career as an educator, I am proud to engage in a knowledge exchange with my peers in other nations and to collaborate with them on sustainable development projects that improve the quality of life for their people. Most of all, as I concentrate on the three goals of the Peace Corps, I know that I manifest the American spirit that President Kennedy identified when describing our collective desire to be of help. It's all about peace and friendship, and I get to give that and live that every day as a Peace Corps Response Volunteer." - Response Volunteer Kimberly

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5 <i>World Teachers' Day</i>	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Mental Health Day</i>	11 <i>International Day of the Girl</i>
12	13 <i>Disaster Risk Reduction Day Columbus Day</i>	14	15	16	17	18
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Virtual Service Pilot

Contributing to Environmental Education

The Virtual Service Pilot (VSP) is an innovative service model launched in 2020 to expand opportunities for Peace Corps engagement through online engagement. Participants in the VSP are U.S. private citizens who donate between 5 and 15 hours per week of their time and expertise both synchronously and asynchronously for an average of six-month virtual assignments that can be completed remotely with partner organizations.



A total of three (3) VSP Participants have engaged in virtual technical support with the three universities in Mindanao on the priority program areas of environmental resilience and disaster risk management.



Furthest to the left is Sonam in a call with her work counterparts

On VSP Participant Sonam: "As an environmental science expert, Ms. Sonam brought her expertise to the forefront by assisting in the development of a civic education module on [weather adaptation and disaster risk reduction], specifically tailored for the Islamic schools (madaris) in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). With BARMM experiencing more frequent severe typhoons and persistent flooding, Ms. Sonam's role was pivotal. Despite the time difference and the constraints of serving online, she seamlessly collaborated with the stakeholders. Her virtual service included sharing best practices for sustainable development, conducting needs assessments, and designing educational content on [extreme weather events] to equip madaris teachers with tools to foster environmental awareness. The module she developed integrates effectively into classroom settings, addressing critical issues like plastic waste burning and improper waste management, while promoting a culture of sustainability among young learners."

- Ms. Tessa Mae D. Alison, OIC-Lead Coordinator, Madaris Volunteer Program, Ateneo de Davao University

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 <i>All Saints' Day</i>
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16	17	18	19	20 <i>World Children's Day</i>	21 <i>World Fisheries Day</i>	22
23	24	25	26	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	28	29
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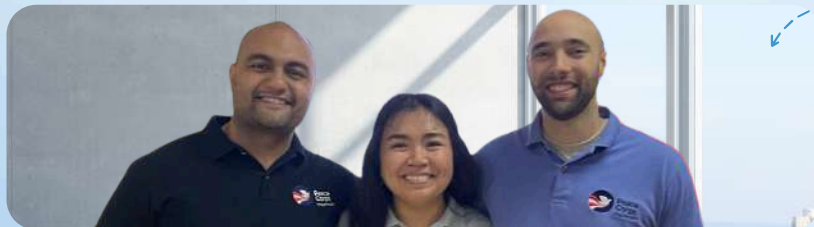
Recognizing our Dedicated Councils and Committees in 2024

The Peace Corps Volunteer councils and committees play an essential role in enhancing the effectiveness and impact of Volunteer efforts. Thank you for providing leadership, support, and coordination among your peers!

Komite sa Pagpapabuti ng Serbisyo (or KPS)

Former & Current Members in 2024:

Alexander, Ariana, Ashlin, Ashton, Aubree, Chloe, Colleen, Colleen, Finn, Joseph, Joshua, Lauren, Lilly, Mary Catherine, Samantha.



Bridge Council (now terminated)

Members in 2024: Angel, Anne, Niko.

Brand Ambassadors

Members in 2024: Anne, Colleen L., Grayson.



Grants Committee

Former & Current Members in 2024: Aaron, Bridget, Christopher, Courtney, David, Grayson, Melissa, Rohith.

Wardens

Former & Current Members in 2024: Abigail, Aida, Anne, Ben, Chloe, Colleen C., Colleen L., Daniell, Grayson, Hayley, Joseph, Marlon, Niko, Opart, Rachel, Rohith, Samantha, Terence. Back-up Member in 2024: Mary S.

December 2025



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30	1 <i>World AIDS Day</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>International Volunteer Day</i>	6
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21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26	27
28	29	30 <i>Rizal Day</i>	31 <i>Last Day of the Year</i>	1	2	3

Peace Corps Philippines 2024



Peace Corps Response Batch 54-Swearing In Ceremony



Mid Service Training Batch 280



Mid Service Training Batch 279



Batch 281 Arrival in the Philippines



In-Service Training Batch 280



Peace Corps Volunteers Batch 281 Swearing-In Ceremony



2025

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