

# RESPONSE PROGRAM

## BUILDING CAPACITY, TRANSFERRING SKILLS, AND OFFERING TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

### What is the Peace Corps Response (PCR) program?

Peace Corps Response (PCR) program sends experienced professionals all around the world to undertake short-term, high-impact service assignments. Volunteers provide targeted assistance in diverse areas while helping the agency meet host country requests. Since the program was established in 1996, over 3,700 Peace Corps Response Volunteers have served in over 80 countries. The first group of 8 PC Response Volunteers arrived in Moldova in 2023.

#### Who are Response Volunteers?

Peace Corps Response (PCR) Volunteers are professionals willing to undertake shortterm (3 -12 months) assignments to provide targeted assistance in diverse areas helping the host country partner organizations with highly skilled collaboration.

Response Volunteers are Returned PCVs or professionals from the US. They have advanced technical and professional experience in specific sectors.

Response Volunteers work with host country counterparts as the short-term capacity builders. They bring high-level technical skills to produce effective, measurable, and sustainable outcomes working side by side with organizations and building capacity of the local partners. Peace Corps Response Volunteers do not replace qualified local staff, but rather build and grow partners' expertise.

#### **Collaborating with a PCR Volunteer**

Peace Corps Response Volunteers work on specific projects developed by the host organization (you) and Peace Corps Moldova. The organization identifies the specific assignment, decides what deliverables will the Volunteer work on and what are the required qualifications applicants need to demonstrate. Specific assignments can vary from assisting with developing concepts papers and long-term strategies to collaborating on project implementation. Any organization (except private businesses, political, and religious entities) can serve as a partner organization. Areas of expertise can also vary and include, but not limited to English Education, Health Education, Organizational and Community Development, Civic Engagement, Youth, Gender, Climate Change Resiliency, Social Entrepreneurship, Agriculture, and other fields. Response Volunteers most probably will not speak Romanian or Russian, so availability of a local partner(s) fluent in English is highly desirable. Although speaking Romanian or Russian could be a requirement set by the host organization, English speaking assignments have higher chances of getting applications. Partners should also be committed to collaborate with a Volunteer on a daily basis. Partner organizations are responsible for providing Volunteers with suitable office workspace, project materials, an orientation to their projects, and assist Peace Corps in identifying suitable housing.

The Peace Corps provides to Volunteers living and housing allowance, medical care, and covers transportation to and from Moldova.

Estimated duration of the collaboration is 3 to 12 months with the start date in October 2024.

#### Training

Upon arrival in Moldova, Volunteers undergo 2 weeks of training on Moldovan history, culture, and language; health, safety and security; Peace Corps' approach to development; and an overview of their work assignment.

# **Interested in a Response Volunteer?**

PLEASE REACH OUT FOR AN APPLICATION VIA PHONE OR E-MAIL

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