



Peace Corps Success Story

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Building Management Specialist at the General Services Administration (GSA); Health Volunteer in Cameroon, 2012-2014

EDUCATION: B.S. in Marketing, Manhattan College

CURRENT JOB SUMMARY: I am responsible for providing other federal agencies with the tools and space they need to fulfill their mission. Essentially, I help the government to function.

SLICE OF SERVICE: The majority of my work was centered on improving maternal and child health through educational lectures at my local health center, providing HIV/AIDS education and testing, and leading water sanitation and hygiene projects.

CAREER SKILLS GAINED: Peace Corps taught me what it means to really put yourself out there. Successful Volunteers have a "go-getter" attitude and I've been able to apply this to my current work. Additionally, the patience and flexibility you learn while serving is helpful when you are working with diverse individuals.

CAREER ADVICE: Use Peace Corps' career resources when you get home. I attended an RPCV Career Fair in New York City a few weeks after I got home. It taught us how to market ourselves and to effectively leverage our Peace Corps experience. I was also able to meet with potential employers from the government and private sector and the amount of interviews and offers I received from that fair was incredible. I was able to utilize my NCE (noncompetitive eligibility) status and my transition back into a career has been seamless. NCE status is something not a lot of volunteers know about and they should.

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"I didn't necessarily think I would be working for the government. I can honestly say it is one of the best decisions I have made."



Emily constructed 10 hand washing stations at local schools during her service in Cameroon.

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