OBJECTIVES

Learn about the history and mission that influences who we are as an agency

Discover how we – both as an agency and our Volunteers – arrive in the countries we serve

Find out how Volunteers carry out the mission and three goals both in the countries we serve and in the United States
ORIGINS

October 14, 1960
The historic evening when then Senator John F. Kennedy spoke to an eager audience at the University of Michigan

March 1, 1961
President Kennedy signed the Executive Order establishing the Peace Corps on a temporary basis; in honor of the establishment of the Peace Corps, March 1st is recognized as Peace Corps Day each year

September 22, 1961
The 87th Congress formally authorized the Peace Corps
MISSION AND GOALS

For over 50 years, Peace corps has reminded true to its service mission of world peace and friendship, established in 1961.

Helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and woman.

Promoting a better understanding of Americans on the part of the people served.

Promoting a better understanding of others on the part of Americans.
The Peace Corps was initially established by President John F. Kennedy pursuant to Executive Order 10924 (March 1, 1961).

The Congress of the United States declares that it is the policy of the United States and the purpose of this Act to promote world peace and friendship through a Peace Corps, which shall make available to interested countries and areas men and women of the United States qualified for service abroad and willing to serve, under conditions of hardship if necessary...
# ABOUT THE PEACE CORPS

## History
Officially Established
March 1, 1961

Americans Who Have Served
More than 230,000

Host Countries Served to Date
141

## Volunteers
Current Number of Volunteers and Trainees
7,376

Gender
63% female, 37% male

Marital Status
98% single, 2% married

Average Age
28

Over Age 50
6%

## Countries and Projects
Number of Countries Served in FY 2017
61 post, 65 countries
WHERE YOU CAN SERVE

- CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA (IAP)
- THE CARIBBEAN (IAP)
- NORTH AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST (EMA)
- ASIA (EMA)
- EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA (EMA)
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Do The Unexpected
APPLYING TO THE PEACE CORPS

Connect with a recruiter.
Talk to a recruiter before you apply for insights into the process and help strengthening your application. Connect at peacecorps.gov/recruiters.

1 BROWSE
Search current openings and apply to the one that best fits your skills and interest, or apply to “where you are needed most” and we’ll select the position that best fits your skills.

2 APPLY
You can only have one active Peace Corps Volunteer application. Filling out the online application takes about an hour.

3 HEALTH HISTORY
Provide your health history and learn which countries can support your medical needs.

4 INTERVIEW
If selected, interview via videoconference.

5 INVITATION
If chosen, accept your invitation to serve.

6 MEDICAL AND LEGAL CLEARANCE
Provide additional medical and legal information. Our medical team will certify that medical support for your specific needs can be provided.

7 ONBOARDING
Two months prior to service you’ll complete the online documentation required for departure.

8 DEPARTURE
Embark on your Peace Corps service assignment!
Two-Year Volunteer Application Totals

FY 1961 - 2017
The Peace Corps actively supports a culture of inclusion that builds on the strengths of the diversity of the American public and of the countries in which we serve.

As of September 30, 2017...
36% of all Peace Corps applicants and 32% of all Peace Corps Volunteers self-identified as being from racially and ethnically diverse background.
Be a Volunteer
Peace Corps Volunteers live and work alongside the people they serve. They collaborate with local governments, schools, communities, small businesses, and entrepreneurs to create sustainable, community-based projects that address changing and complex needs across six sectors and Peace Corps Response.

**Peace Corps Sectors**

- Education: 41%
- Health: 20%
- Youth in Development: 11%
- Community Economic Development: 8%
- Agriculture: 8%
- Environment: 8%
- Peace Corps Response: 4%

*Based on data as of September 30, 2017*
Countries invite the Peace Corps to address their development goals. Volunteers are requested directly by local schools, government offices, and other organizations.

Volunteers live and work at the local, grassroots level.

Volunteers learn local languages and cultures. They build relationships and trust with people in their host communities.

Volunteers use their knowledge of the local context to collaborate with host country partners on projects that address community needs.

Volunteers strengthen the capacity of local individuals and communities to solve their own problems by working closely with host country counterparts.

Local conditions are improved and those improvements are sustained after Volunteers leave.
What are the core drivers of Volunteer success?

Community need, community support of the Volunteer, and the counterpart relationship are fundamental to Volunteer effectiveness.

**GOAL 1**
- PCV has strong interpersonal skills
- PCV skillset matches required work
- PCV Work matches community need
- Counterpart Enables PCV Work
- PCV can speak the local language
- PCV feels supported by the community
- PCV Integrates successfully

**GOAL 2**
- PCV has strong interpersonal skills
- PCV feels supported by the community
- PCV integrates successfully
- PCV can speak the local language
- Counterpart Enables PCV Work
- PCV feels safe at work
- PCV Organization is diverse

2017 Voice of the Volunteer: Results of a statistical model employing 2015 and 2016 AVS data
PEACE CORPS RESPONSE
AT A GLANCE

Formally established in 1996 under the name Crisis Corps

More than 2500 PCRVs have served in more than 50 countries

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and experienced professionals

Assignments range from 3-12 months in length

Physicians or nurses as part of the Global Health Service Partnership (GHSP)
Coming Home
BENEFITS FOR RPCVs

More than $8,000 in transition funds

Graduate school benefits

Professional networking and career services Federal employment advantages

Public service loan forgiveness

Access to affordable health insurance

Employers of National Service
Employers have posted more jobs on our career website than the agency has produced in RPCVs

RPCVs engage in Third Goal activities in all 50 states and volunteer at a higher rate than the national average*

RPCVs have sought after skills – resilience, intercultural competence, language abilities, and a global mindset

RPCVs go on to be leaders in our communities including Members of Congress, entrepreneurs, journalists, and astronauts!

*National Peace Corps Association Call to Serve survey
QUESTIONS