



Peace Corps Volunteers provide technical assistance to countries that have requested it in a wide variety of Volunteer positions throughout the world. All Volunteers serve in six general work areas: Agriculture, Community Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, and Youth in Development.

Search for currently available opportunities at peacecorps.gov/openings. Each posted opportunity includes apply by and departure dates. We recommend that you submit your application as early as possible: The sooner you apply, the sooner you could be invited to be a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Health Volunteers

The well-being of a community begins with basics such as access to clean water, nutrition, and preventive health measures. Peace Corps Volunteers encourage community members to adopt healthy behaviors and raise awareness about public health issues such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, maternal and child services, nutrition, and hygiene education. As promoters of health education and awareness, Volunteers are not medical care providers.

Programs and Sample Projects

Health Extension

- Arrange training on nutrition, sanitation, and oral rehydration therapy
- Identify local leaders to teach families about maternal and child health, basic nutrition, hygiene, or sanitation
- Conduct training of trainers for peer education about HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases

Public Health Education

- Support local health clinics to develop health education and outreach programs
- Conduct needs assessment surveys in communities
- Assist government planning offices in identifying health education needs
- Design communication messages aimed at improving local health practices
- Manage epidemiological studies

Water and Sanitation Extension

- Conduct community outreach to heighten awareness of water and sanitation, health, and environment issues
- Tap springs, construct wells, build latrines, and develop irrigation systems
- Improve potable water storage facilities





Environmental and Water Resources Engineering

- Train community members in facilities operation and maintenance
- Design and build potable water sources and supply systems, including sewage and irrigation systems
- Design and build garbage collection facilities, earthen dams, and concrete spillways

What Makes a Successful Volunteer

From the application process through completion of service, successful Peace Corps Volunteers demonstrate motivation, flexibility, curiosity, cultural sensitivity, leadership, and a commitment to service.

Launch Your Career

Peace Corps Volunteers who served in the field of public health have gone on to careers with a variety of leading public health and development institutions, including: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Public Health Service, and many private companies and nongovernmental organizations. Visit our website to learn how returned Peace Corps Volunteers receive advantages in federal employment.

Benefits of Peace Corps Service

- Language, cross-cultural, and technical training
- Travel costs to and from the country of service covered
- Stipend for overseas living and housing expenses
- Medical and dental coverage
- Student loan deferment and partial cancellation of some loans
- Vacation time
- More than \$8,000 (pre-tax) after two years of service to help you transition to life back home.
- Career and transition assistance
- Advantages with Peace Corps graduate school partners
- No fee to participate

“My Peace Corps experience was life-changing. I developed a commitment to volunteering and learned skills in dealing with people of different cultures and dispute-resolution issues that serve me well in helping lead the nation’s largest voluntary health organization.”

Van Velsor Wolf
Board Chair of the American Cancer Society
Peace Corps Volunteer in Tanzania

**Make a difference.
Be a Volunteer.**



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