



**MAKE  
THE MOST  
OF YOUR  
WORLD**

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.

Peace Corps Volunteers carry out people-to-people public service and citizen diplomacy at the grassroots level. Drawn from all corners of the United States, Volunteers work to address challenges in agriculture, community economic development, education, environment, health, and youth development across the globe.

Volunteers return home as global citizens with unique cross-cultural perspectives—as well as leadership, language, teaching, and community development skills that provide a competitive edge in today’s global economy.

Today, nearly six decades after its founding by President John F. Kennedy, the 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.

*\*Based on data as of September 30, 2019  
\*Volunteer percentage excludes non-responders  
Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.*

**HISTORY**

**Peace Corps officially established:**

March 1, 1961

**Americans who have served:**

More than 240,000

**Host countries served to date:** 142

**PEACE CORPS TODAY\***

**Current number of countries served:**

61 countries

**Volunteers and trainees:** 7,334

**Gender:** 65% female, 35% male

**Marital status:** 99% single, 1% married

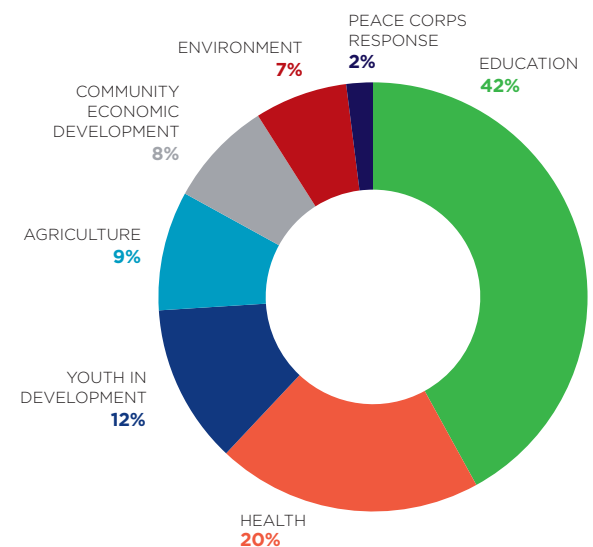
**Minorities:** 34% of Volunteers\*

**Average age:** 26

**Volunteers over age 50:** 3.2% of Volunteers

**BUDGET**

**Fiscal Year 2018:** \$410.5 million





## PEACE CORPS SERVICE

Peace Corps Volunteers live and work alongside the people they serve, collaborating with local governments, schools, small businesses, and entrepreneurs to create sustainable, community-based projects that address local development priorities across six sectors. In addition to Peace Corps' two-year Volunteer program, Peace Corps Response offers opportunities for experienced professionals to undertake short-term, high-impact service assignments overseas.

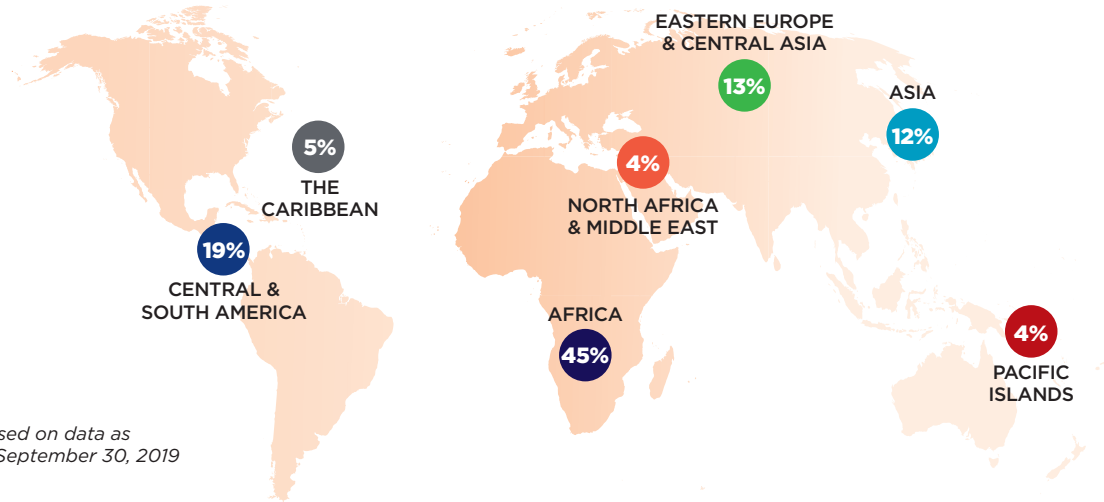
## VOLUNTEERS

- Serve for two years following three months of in-country training.
- Receive a living allowance to live similarly to the people in their community.
- Receive medical and dental care during service
- Receive transportation to and from country of service
- Must be U.S. citizens
- While there is no upper age limit, must be at least 18 years old

Volunteers' health, safety, and security are the Peace Corps' highest priorities. The Peace Corps is committed to providing Volunteers with the training, guidance, and support they need to stay healthy, safe, and productive throughout their service.

## WHERE VOLUNTEERS SERVE\*\*

Volunteers serving in 2019 by percentage.



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