# National Peace Corps Association 2021 Agenda



#### Redeployment

Redeploy Peace Corps Volunteers to the field as soon as possible. Prioritize positions for 2020 evacuees who wish to complete their service.

#### Reform

Strengthen physical and mental health care support prior, during, and after service. Strengthen commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Remove economic barriers to service.

#### Response

Provide opportunities for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) to participate in national efforts to combat the global pandemic.

#### **Bottom Line**

Funding for the Peace Corps must grow to \$450 million in FY22 to enable the agency to achieve its renewed mission while sending Volunteers back out to every corner of the world.



## Peace Corps Will Be Ready to Return

#### Americans support the mission.

77 percent of Americans support the expansion of national service opportunities such as AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps.



#### And they're willing to serve.

Figures for people between the ages of 18 and 28



of Americans consider themselves likely to serve in a national service program



of Americans of color consider themselves likely to serve in a national service program

Data from nationwide survey of 2,325 individuals conducted January 4-7, 2021 by Change Research on behalf of Service Year Alliance

## **Host Countries are Ready to Recieve**

Every one of the 61 countries that had Peace Corps Volunteers in March 2020 have expressed a desire for Volunteers to return.



"Our increasingly interconnected world demands global solidarity, not charity, to solve global problems that transcend national borders like the specter of war, terrorism, racism, climate change, and pandemics like COVID-19. I sincerely believe that the Peace Corps can be a great organization dedicated to promote such global solidarity at the people-to-people level."

Kul Chandra Gautam

Nepalese diplomat and former Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF at the Peace Corps Connect to the Future Global Ideas Summit, July 2020

"You will soon be back, because what you do is very important, what you give back to Colombia—we appreciate it immensely. Again thanks for that work. God bless you and we hope to see you return soon."



## A Redeployed, Revitalized, and Re-imagined Peace Corps

In the report "Peace Corps Connect to the Future," the Peace Corps community provides three overarching recommendations on how to reimagine, reshape, and retool the Peace Corps for a post-COVID—19 world:

- The Peace Corps community must be a leader in addressing systemic racism.
- The Peace Corps agency needs to stand by its community and leverage it for impact.
- Now is the moment for the Peace Corps agency to enact dramatic change.

240,000+
Peace Corps Volunteers
have served in
142
countries since 1961.

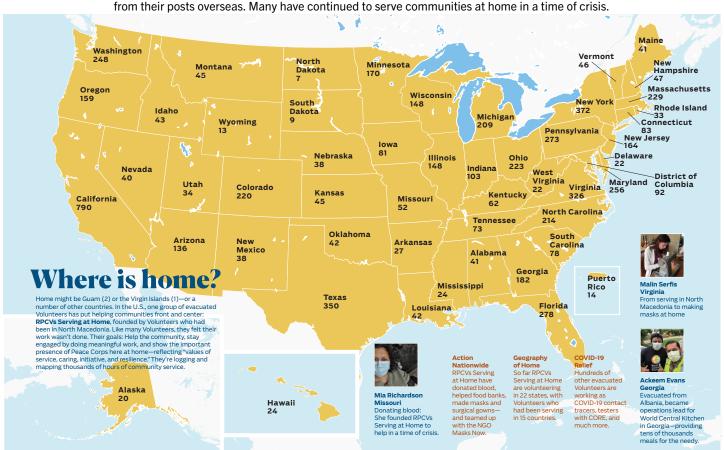
They have contributed

3 billion
hours of service to our

nation and the world.

# The Peace Corps' Domestic Dividend

Volunteers from all across the United States were serving in the Peace Corps when they were evacuated in 2020 from their posts overseas. Many have continued to serve communities at home in a time of crisis.



"Our nation's Peace Corps volunteers live and work around the world, making a lasting difference in the lives of countless individuals through grassroots development projects that promote healthy living, entrepreneurship, and education."

Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) April 8, 2020 "We will repair our alliances and engage with the world once again. Not to meet yesterday's challenges but today's and tomorrow's. We will not merely lead by the example of our power but by the power of our example."

> President Joseph Biden Inaugural Address, January 20, 2021