

#PeaceCorpsNow

Peace Corps Volunteers are immersed in communities abroad representing the best of American values. While working in partnership with local leaders to tackle the greatest challenges of our time, they build bridges of understanding. They bring back home a global perspective grounded in empathy, optimism, and compassion. These agents of change, Peace Corps Volunteers, are what America and the world need now more than ever.



National
Peace Corps
Association

OVER 230,000 AMERICANS HAVE SERVED IN THE PEACE CORPS

FY 2017 **6,591**
Volunteers
Served in **65** countries



Helping Communities Help Themselves

Volunteers work with their local counterparts and key community stakeholders to identify problems and provide communities with critical skills training to find sustainable solutions. By helping communities help themselves, Volunteers increase human capital, not dependency.



Ensuring **FOOD SECURITY** 508 Volunteers

Through the Global Food Security Strategy, Volunteers promote sustainable agricultural production, boost health and nutrition, and increase economic opportunities.



Preventing **MALARIA** 1,309 Volunteers

As part of the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), Volunteers work in 19 African countries to carry out prevention, diagnosis and treatment programs through the **Stomping Out Malaria** in Africa initiative.



Combating **HIV/AIDS** 1,100 Volunteers

Peace Corps Volunteers are critical to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), working in 10 of its 25 long-term strategy countries to create sustainable, country-led responses to HIV.



EDUCATION

41 Percent of Volunteers

Education Volunteers work on projects that focus on building teacher capacity, increasing student achievement, and helping communities to advocate and support educational initiatives.

HEALTH

20 Percent of Volunteers

Volunteers work with local partners to improve health outcomes in areas where individuals tend to have the least access to health information and services.



YOUTH IN DEVELOPMENT

11 Percent of Volunteers

Volunteers focus on four areas: healthy lifestyles and preparing for family life, youth professional development, active citizenship, and supporting parents and communities.



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8 Percent of Volunteers

Volunteers build the capacity of community members to take control of their own economic futures. Projects fall into organizational development, business development, and personal money management.



AGRICULTURE

8 Percent of Volunteers

Agriculture Volunteers help host countries develop their agriculture sectors to improve local livelihoods, increase food security, and promote better nutrition.



ENVIRONMENT

8 Percent of Volunteers

Volunteers encourage sustainable natural resource planning and management by teaching others healthy conservation practices, including the production and cultivation of trees to improve soils, conserve water, and protect fields from erosion.

VOLUNTEERS BRING A “DOMESTIC DIVIDEND” TO U.S. COMMUNITIES

In partnership with National Peace Corps Association (NPCA), 176 affiliate groups and more than 230,000 Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) demonstrate a lifelong commitment to Peace Corps ideals. By raising funds for Ebola victims and micro-loans for women cooperatives, RPCVs continue to support their countries of service. From educating American students on their host countries’ cultures to leading community service projects to helping refugees settle into American culture, the RPCV community—more than half of whom volunteer at double the national average¹— has a domestic dividend that is invaluable.

			
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A Lifelong Commitment to Service

Peace Corps service is the first step for many toward a career of service and a lifelong commitment to making a difference. RPCVs work in every government agency, bringing skills honed in Peace Corps to the benefit of Americans. Ten percent of ambassadors at our missions around the globe are RPCVs². “RPCVs comprise 40 percent of USAID personnel”³. Countless RPCVs are also leading change while working for international development NGOs and fortune 500 corporations.

 Donald Lu Ambassador Albania RPCV Sierra Leone, 1988-1990	 Tulinabo S. Mushingi Ambassador Senegal Staff Papua New Guinea	 Larry E. Andre Jr. Ambassador Mauritania RPCV Senegal, 1983-85	 Nicholas Giacobbe, Jr. Deputy Chief of Mission Uruguay RPCV Ecuador, 1982-84
 William V. Roebuck Ambassador Bahrain RPCV Ivory Coast, 1978-81	 Peter F. Mulrean Ambassador* Haiti RPCV Morocco, 1983-84	 Robert Riley III Ambassador Micronesia RPCV Gabon, 1979-81	 Matthew T. Harrington Ambassador Lesotho RPCV Mauritania, 1988-89
 Mary Daschbach Deputy Chief of Mission Congo RPCV and Staff Benin, 1996-00	 Kenneth Hackett Ambassador* Vatican RPCV Ghana	 Stephanie Miley Charge d’Affaires Morocco RPCV Ecuador	 Cynthia Akuetteh Amb. Gabon-Sao Tome-Principe Staff Ghana, 1973-84

¹- NPCA’s “A Call to Peace: Perspectives of Volunteers on the Peace Corps at 50,” 2011

²- As of January 2017

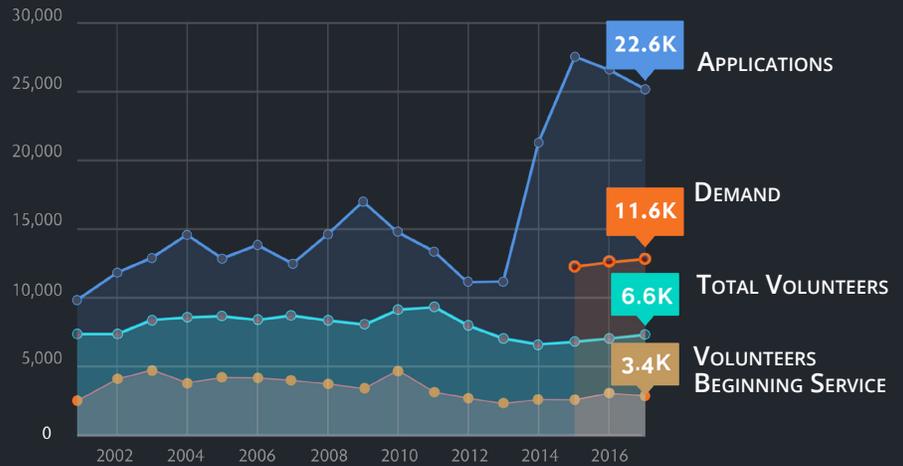
³- Brian Atwood, a former U.S. Agency for International Development administrator-Devex Jan 2017

The Best Deal for Taxpayers



At \$410 million, Peace Corps uses less than 1 percent of the International Affairs Budget.

Americans are ready and applying for Peace Corps service at seven times the number of Volunteer positions available.



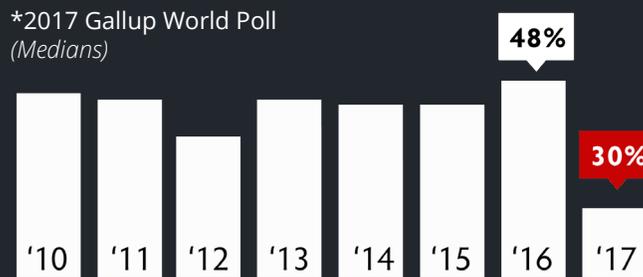
Ret. Gen. Stanley McChrystal calls Peace Corps' gap between interest in serving and available slots "democratic energy wasted and a generation of patriotism needlessly squandered."

Host country partners' opinions of Americans after interaction with Peace Corps Volunteers



73 percent of Host Country partners reported a "more positive" opinion of Americans after interaction with the Peace Corps.

USA Global Leadership Approval Rating 2010-17



Meanwhile, the world's opinion of American leadership on the global stage is sinking. America and the world need the Peace Corps now.

— 151 retired U.S. three- and four-star generals and admirals to Congress, February 2017

As Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis has said, “America’s got two fundamental powers: the power of intimidation and the power of inspiration. Today’s crises do not have military solutions alone, yet America’s essential civilian national security agencies – the State Department, USAID, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Peace Corps and other development agencies – faced a significant cut last year....We call on you to ensure our nation also has the civilian resources necessary to protect our national security, compete against our adversaries, and create opportunities around the world.”

“Peace Corps volunteers... teach and build in villages that know firsthand our country’s idealism.”



— 2016 Republican Party Platform

“We believe in the power of national service to solve problems and break down barriers by bringing people of all backgrounds together in common purpose.”



— 2016 Democratic Party Platform

Our Leaders Support Peace Corps

MILITARY LEADERS

1,215 U.S. Veterans of all branches to Congress

“...[O]ur service in uniform has convinced us that diplomacy and development are critical tools alongside the military to keep America safe.”

February 2018

RELIGIOUS LEADERS

More than 100 Christian leaders to Congress

“As followers of Christ, it is our moral responsibility to urge you to support and protect the International Affairs Budget....”

March 2017

BUSINESS LEADERS

Over 200 U.S. business leaders to Secretary of State Tillerson

“As business leaders, we are writing to voice our strong belief in the return on investment from the U.S. International Affairs Budget....”

May 2017



MYCORPS (MALAYSIA)

Peace Corps has inspired countless nations to start their own domestic and international volunteer organizations. Malaysia's MYCorps is one of them. At MYCorps' kickoff, Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said, "people who have received assistance from Peace Corps are left with fond memories, and we hope through MYCorps, we can leave lasting memories of Malaysia to the people we help....If you want to change the world, do it in a positive manner. Volunteer and help change the lives of the underprivileged. Do not join ISIS. Help build facilities and infrastructures, not destroying buildings or killing people."



**Former President
of Botswana**

FESTUS MOGAE

"By the time I retired from president, only 4 percent of children born to HIV-positive mothers became positive. And that's because of the prevention work...of the Peace Corps."



**First Female Chief Justice
of Malawi (Ret.)**

ANASTASIA MSOSA

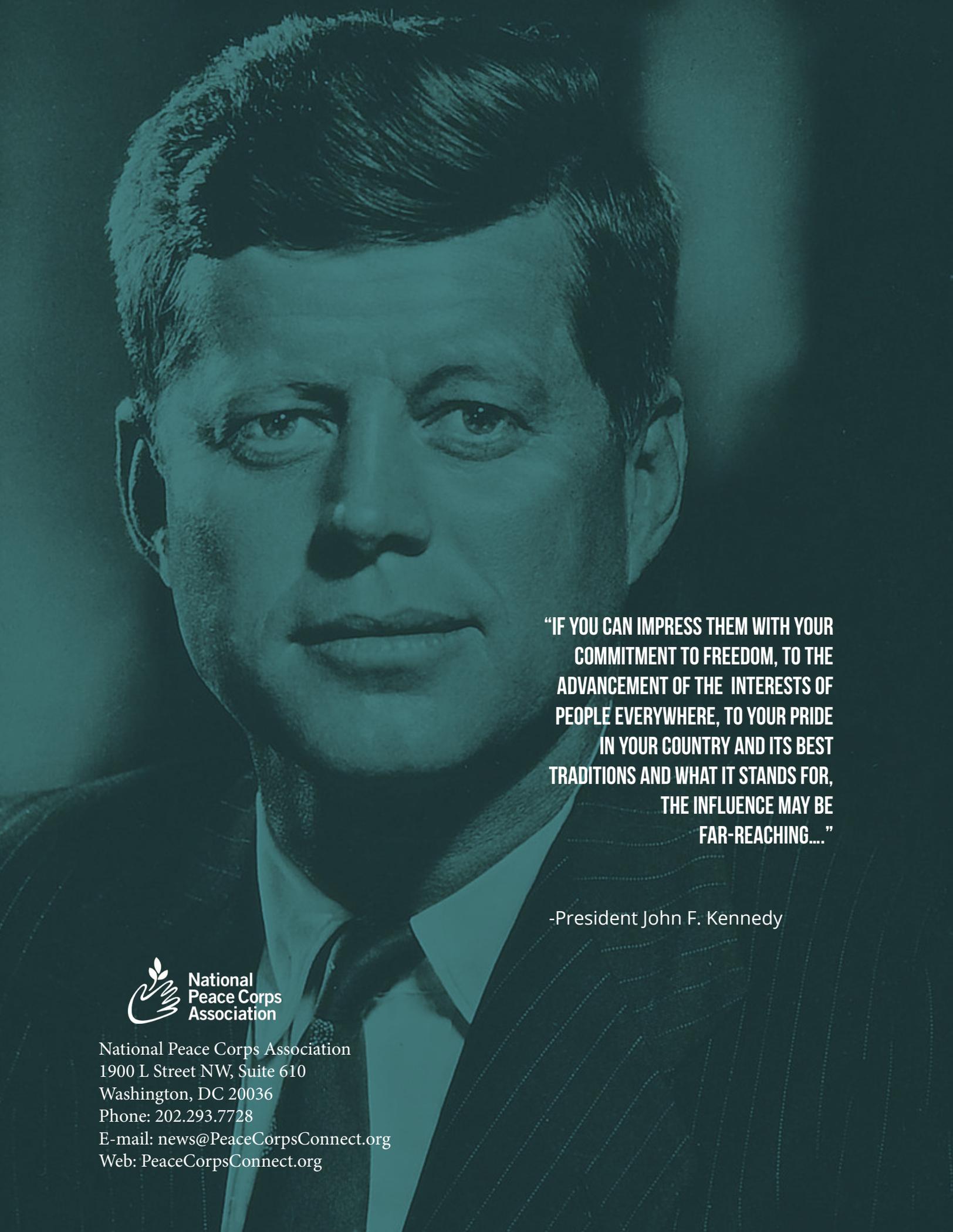
"The time with the Peace Corps Volunteers helped me to have dreams, because they were the ones who shaped me."



**Former President
of Peru**

ALEJANDRO TOLEDO

"One of the first decisions I made when I was president... was to call the President of the United States and ask him to please ask Peace Corps Volunteers to return to Peru."



**“IF YOU CAN IMPRESS THEM WITH YOUR
COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM, TO THE
ADVANCEMENT OF THE INTERESTS OF
PEOPLE EVERYWHERE, TO YOUR PRIDE
IN YOUR COUNTRY AND ITS BEST
TRADITIONS AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR,
THE INFLUENCE MAY BE
FAR-REACHING....”**

-President John F. Kennedy



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