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- Help communities around the world improve their quality of life at the grassroots level.
- Help these communities better understand America and Americans.
- Help Americans better understand the world by bringing Volunteer experiences home to the United States.

To date, more than 240,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 142 countries.

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**Sectors Where Volunteers Serve**

- Environment: 7%
- Education: 42%
- Agriculture: 9%
- Community Economic Development: 8%
- Youth in Development: 12%
- Health: 20%
- Peace Corps Response: 2%

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Average: 26
Volunteers over age 50: 3.2%

GENDER
Female: 65%
Male: 35%

CURRENTLY SERVING
Volunteers & Trainees: 7,334
61

CURRENT COUNTRIES SERVED
61

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