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Life is calling.

How far will you go?





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China, 2006-2008



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VISTA and Peace Corps: Continuing a Life of Service

The experience that VISTA Members gain during their service is directly applicable to Peace Corps service.

- Living and working with disadvantaged communities
- Partnering with individuals and organizations to build capacity and support sustainable communities
- Technical skills such as: volunteer recruitment, project management, and community assessment

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Mission and Goals

Peace Corps promotes world peace and friendship by:

- 1 Helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women
- 2 Promoting a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served
- 3 Promoting a better understanding of others on the part of Americans



As the Peace Corps commemorates its 50th anniversary in 2011, our legacy of service remains true to our mission established in 1961.

Volunteer Overview

Peace Corps is a life-defining leadership experience. Volunteers:

- Live, learn, and work with a community overseas for 27 months
- Work in six program areas: Education, Health, Youth and Community Development, Business and Information & Communications Technology, Agriculture, and Environment
- Receive intensive language, cross-cultural, and technical training

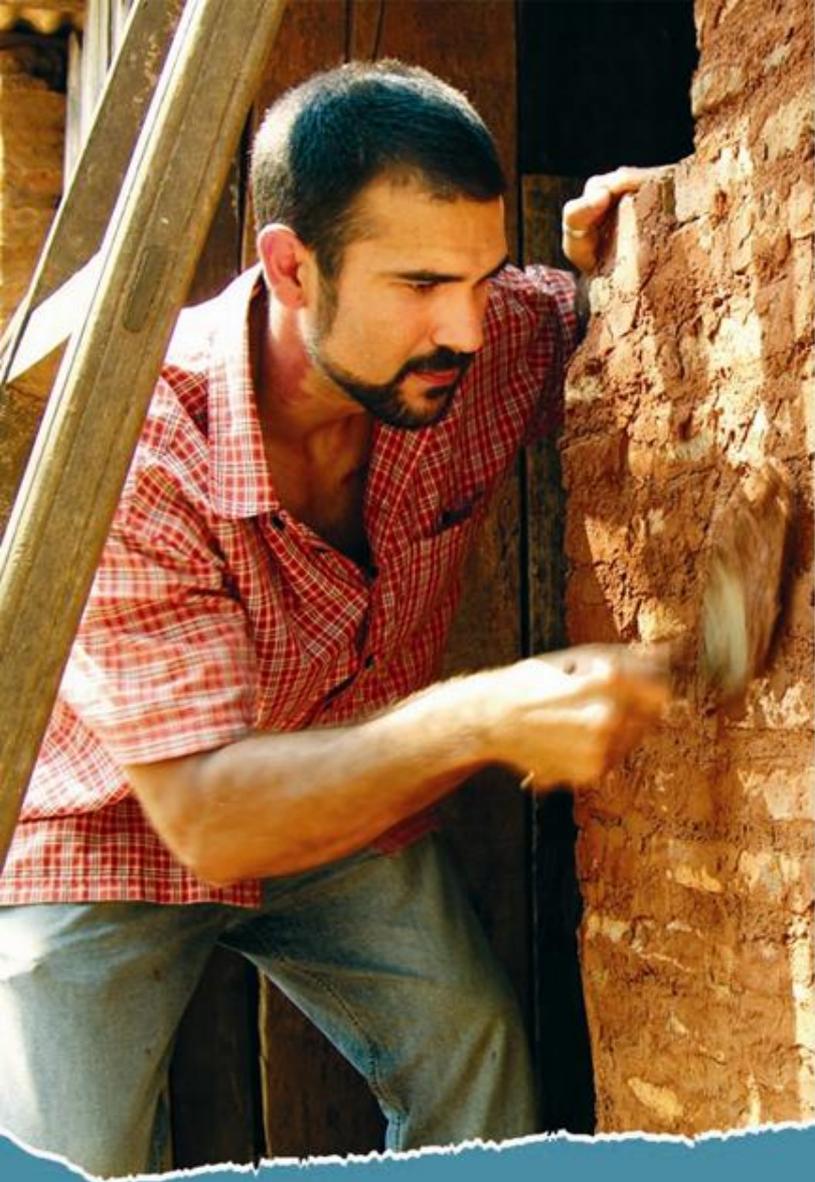


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Volunteer Facts





Who Volunteers

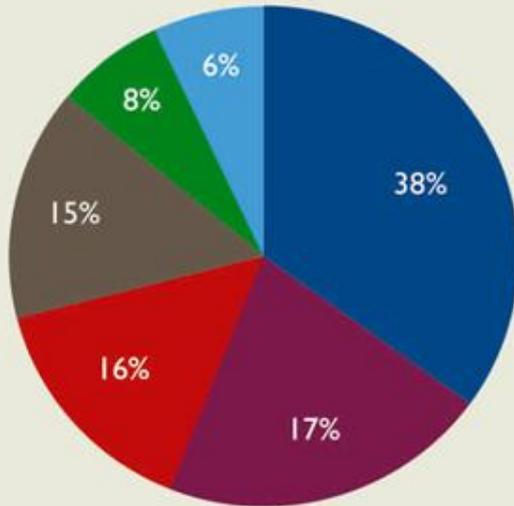
- Average age: 28 years
- Age 50 and over: 7%
- Possess a college degree: 90%
- Minorities: 19%
- Gender: 60% women, 40% men
- Marital status: 93% single, 7% married
- Active Volunteers and trainees: 8,655

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What Volunteers Do

Peace Corps Program Sectors



- Education.....38%
- Youth & Community Development.....17%
- Health and HIV/AIDS.....16%
- Business Development & ICT.....15%
- Agriculture.....8%
- Environment.....6%

% Percentage of total Volunteer job requests by host countries for 2011.

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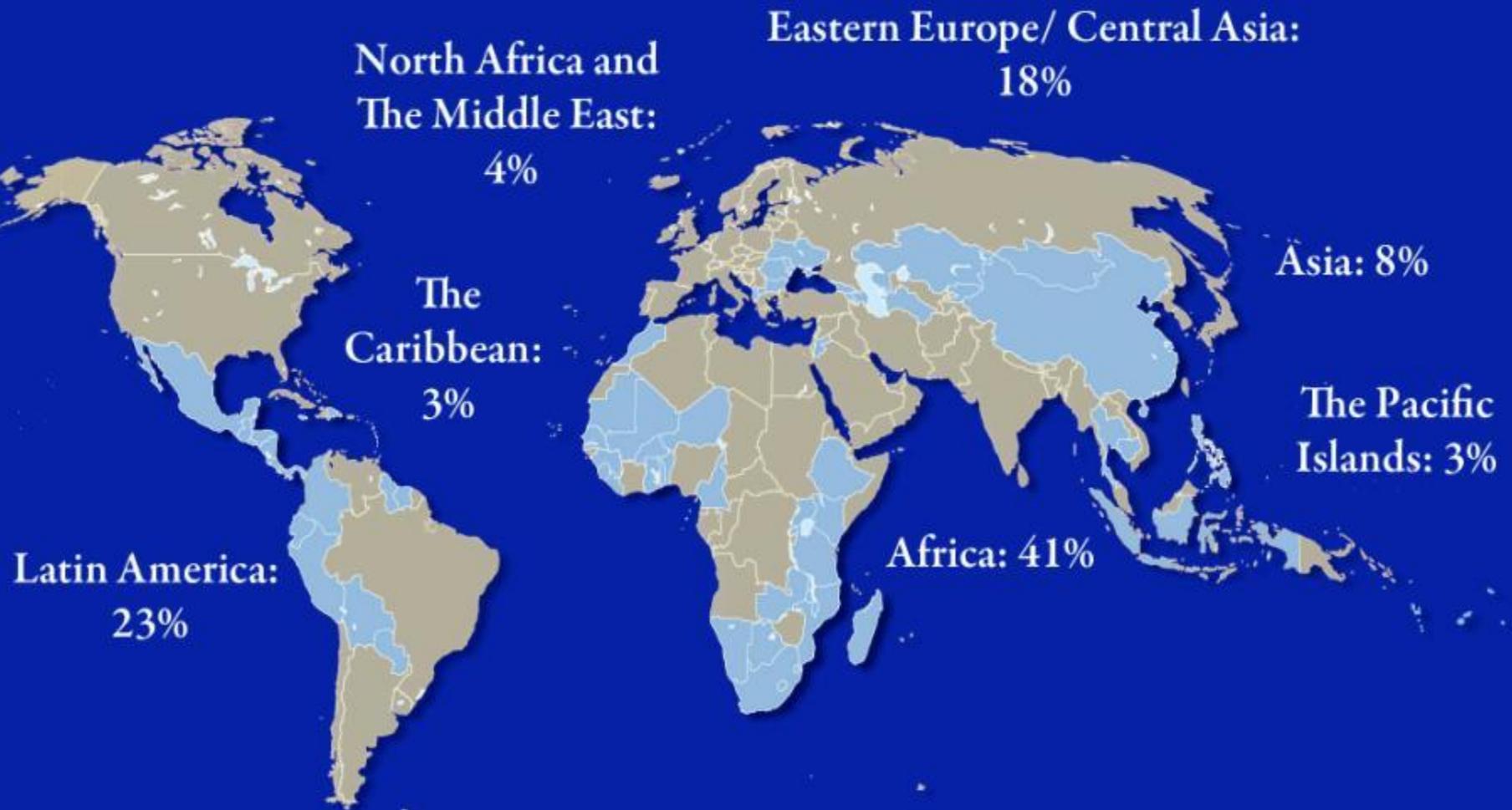
Vista Members are uniquely qualified for Peace Corps service based on their commitment to service, demonstrated community development skills, and their experience living and working with low-income communities.

The results of their work with VISTA lay the ground work for their success as Peace Corps Volunteers!



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Where Volunteers Go



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Benefits of Service



Benefits During Service

 Student Loans	>Some are eligible for deferment and/or partial cancellation
 International Travel	>Paid travel expenses to and from country of service
 Living Allowance	>A monthly stipend to cover housing and living expenses
 Vacation	>Earn two vacation days per month of service
 Medical and Dental	>Receive complete medical and dental care while serving
 Training	>Language, cross-cultural, and technical training provided
 No Fee	>Unlike other international volunteer programs, there is no fee to participate in the Peace Corps

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Benefits After Service

 Transition Funds.....	>Receive \$7,425 (pre-tax after 27 months of service)
 Job Placement Support.....	>Access to Peace Corps career resources
 Edge for Federal Employment.....	>Get 1 year of noncompetitive eligibility for federal jobs
 Health Insurance.....	>Access an affordable plan for up to 18 months after service
 Vibrant Alumni Network.....	>Be a part of over 200,000 returned Volunteers worldwide
 Career Enhancement.....	>Gain new marketable skills and experience

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Career Benefits

- **Non Competitive Eligibility** - Volunteers who complete two years of service receive one year of NCE for employment in the federal government.
- **Career Conferences** – Quarterly in D.C. and yearly at regional offices.
- **Hotline** - online bulletin of employment and educational opportunities that is published twice a month and reaches more than 10,000 returned Peace Corps Volunteers.
- **RPCVnetwork** - a Google group for RPCVs with over 2000 members, job and housing announcements.



Graduate School Benefits

Scholarships, assistantships, academic credits, and stipends are available through Peace Corps programs at over 100 schools.

Before service:

- **Master's International** combines graduate school with Peace Corps service
- Begin your studies on campus, serve overseas with Peace Corps while earning academic credit, and return to finish your graduate work
- Apply to graduate school first and when accepted, submit your Peace Corps application

After service:

- **Fellows/USA** offers financial benefits for returned Peace Corps Volunteers who wish to pursue graduate-level studies
- Lifetime eligibility is offered to those who satisfactorily complete service

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How Do I Become a Volunteer?



Thousands of new Volunteer jobs available!

To be eligible for service, you must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. To secure a Volunteer assignment, it is helpful to have:

- An expressed interest in a program area
- A commitment to public service
- A college degree or 3-5 years of work experience



Application Process

Plan ahead and apply 9-12 months in advance of your target departure date.



- 1 Evaluate if Peace Corps is right for you
- 2 Application
- 3 Interview
- 4 Nomination of competitive candidates
- 5 Medical and legal review
- 6 Invitation of selected candidates
- 7 Preparation for departure

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VISTA to Peace Corps Timeline

- Begin VISTA Project
- Apply to Peace Corps while you are a VISTA Member
- Set your Peace Corps availability date after the completion of your VISTA Project
- Prepare for Peace Corps while you are a VISTA Member
- Begin your Peace Corps Service!

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Next Steps

VISTA Leaders

- Include a 100 word article about Peace Corps in your next online or printed publication.
- Invite Peace Corps staff to your next training.

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- Provide contact information and warm introductions to the regional office near you.
- Coordinate recruitment activities
 - Service Related Panel Discussions
 - Conference or Career Fair expense sharing

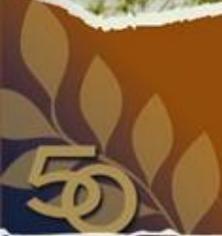
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Online Resources:

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Short messages to find out what's new



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Hundreds of photos showing Volunteer life



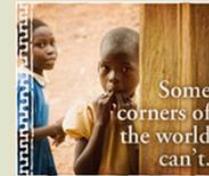
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Videos showing the Volunteer Experience

Social Media



Power Point Presentation



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"Morning Commute" (.gif)



"Yet to Meet" (.swf)



"Think Local" (.gif)



"Lifetime" (.swf)

Web Banners



Classroom Enhancement Resources

Resources for Teachers/Youth

- World Wise Schools: information available at www.peacecorps.gov/wws
- Speakers Match
- Correspondence Match
- Lesson Plans
- Volunteer Stories
- Online Game

