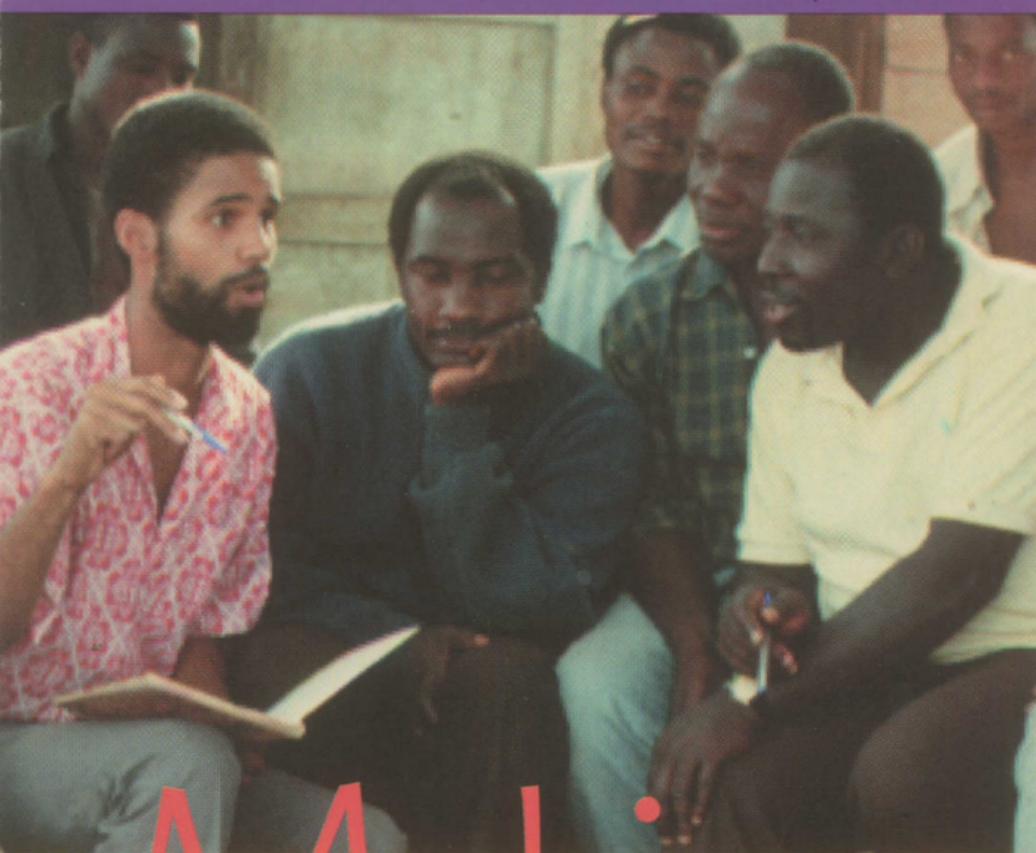
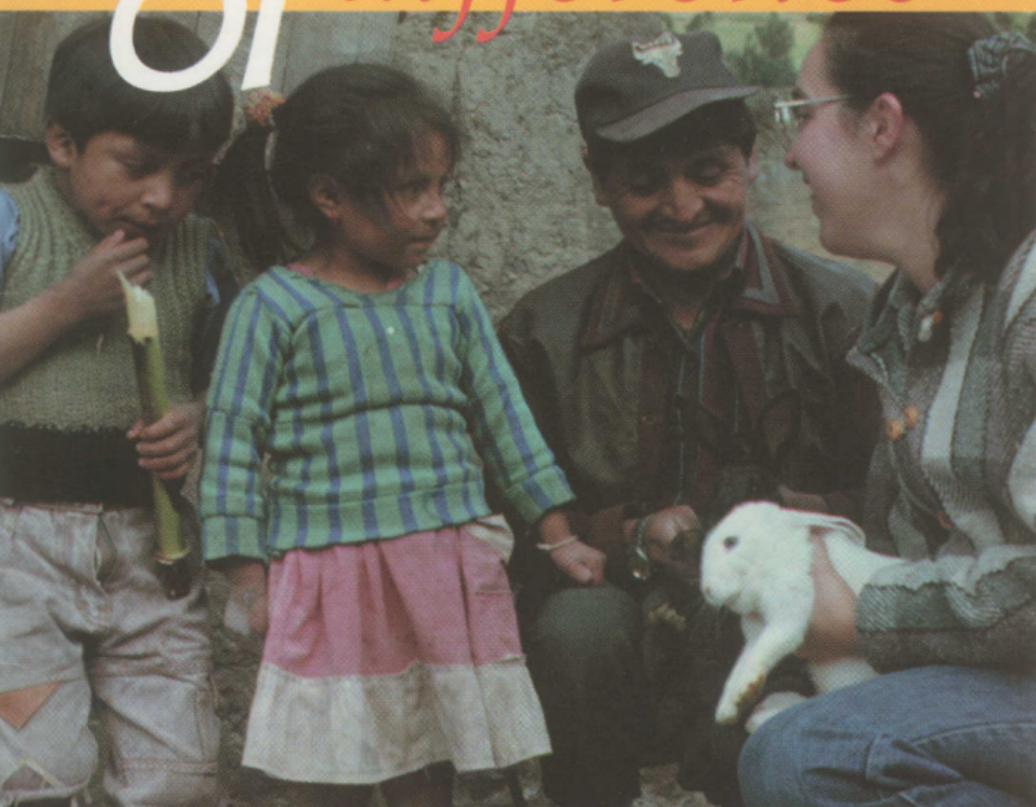


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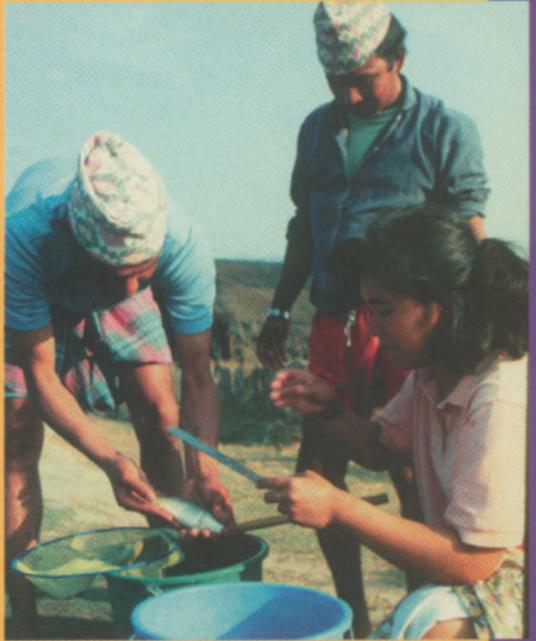


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**The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love.**

Peace Corps Volunteers are fighting hunger, disease, illiteracy, poverty and lack of opportunity around the world. Since it was founded 1961, the Peace Corps' basic mission of grassroots, person-to-person development work, cross-cultural exchange, has remained the same. More than 145,000 Americans have joined. Today, the Peace Corps is strong and growing with more than 6,500 Volunteers serving in



ASIA

more than 90 countries including Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia. If you have the skills, motivation, and other qualities outlined in this flyer and are willing to complete three months of training and two years of Peace Corps service, please apply today!

# International Experience & More

*Peace Corps service is your passport to a world of opportunity. As a Volunteer, you will have the chance to challenge yourself as never before, helping solve some of the world's most pressing problems and gaining impressive credentials. Peace Corps assignments emphasize appropriate technology, cultural sensitivity, and sustainability. For recent college graduates, the Peace Corps is a smart career move. For more experienced individuals —mid-career professionals and retirees—it is a great way to refocus values, find adventure, and put your skills to work where they are desperately needed.*

*The Peace Corps offers you an excellent opportunity to put your education, experience, and skills to work internationally. Here is a listing of the types of Volunteers most requested by host countries and the kind of work they do.*

**AGRICULTURALISTS**—Individuals with agriculture degrees, or a solid background in farming, gardening or agribusiness, are needed to work in crop extension, agricultural education, animal husbandry, cooperatives, and rural youth development programs.

**EDUCATORS**—Teachers are needed in such subjects as English, math, chemistry, physics, vocational education, social studies, special education, and primary education teacher training, among others. Volunteers can qualify for these positions with degrees in these subjects, classroom experience or certification, and at least three months of continuous TEFL tutoring experience. Educators with significant classroom experience may work as teacher trainers, prepare curricula and instructional materials, or conduct local and regional workshops.

**HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**—Health professionals and college graduates with health experience work in public health education or train host country coworkers in public health techniques.

**SKILLED TRADES PROFESSIONALS**—Experienced carpenters, masons, mechanics, electricians, plumbers, and welders teach and demonstrate these skills. These technical programs do not require a college degree but do call for a minimum of three to five years of related work experience.



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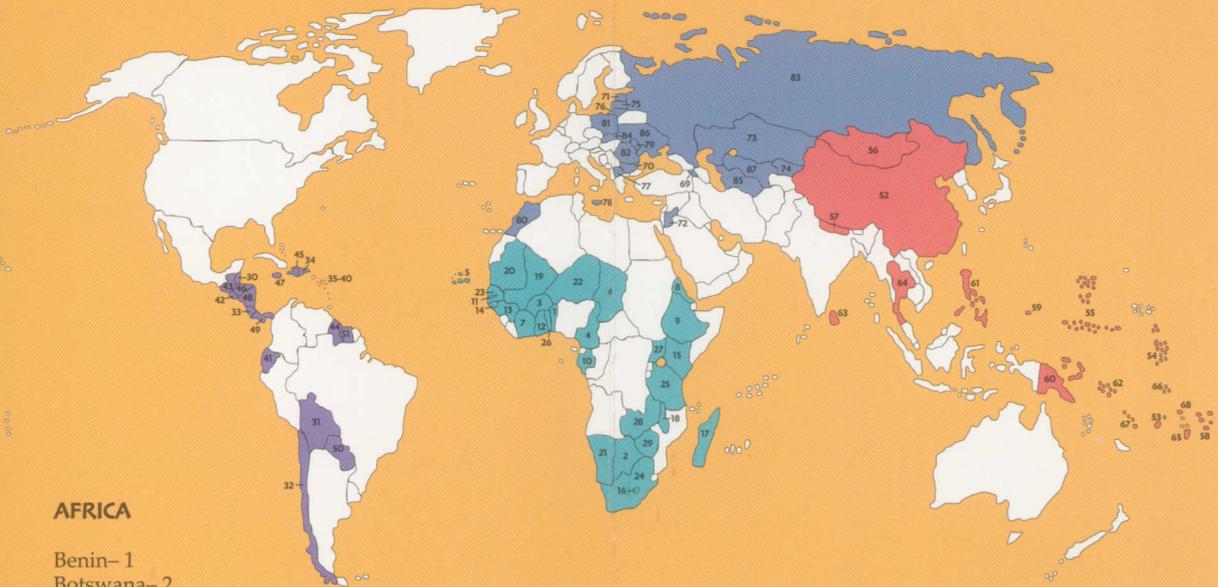
**ENVIRONMENTAL WORKERS**—Foresters work in nursery development and management, agroforestry, reforestation, and village woodlot development. Other Volunteers work in park and wildlife management, soil conservation, and environmental education. Candidates need appropriate degrees or three years of relevant work experience.

**BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS**—Those with business degrees or five years of managerial business experience most often work directly with small businesses and cooperatives. They may also help establish business centers to provide technical support to entrepreneurs. Some Volunteers teach business classes and business education. Others may assist in privatizing state-owned companies or help set up joint ventures.

**MATH, SCIENCE, AND ENGINEERING MAJORS**—Candidates with technical degrees can qualify for assignments in education, natural resources, water supply and sanitation. They might teach in a secondary school, or help design and implement clean water and sanitation systems. They need a bachelor's degree and can become more competitive applicants with tutoring or other community experience.

**LIBERAL ARTS GENERALISTS**—These are candidates with liberal arts degrees. Those with relevant classroom, volunteer and/or work experience in small enterprise development, skilled trades, community services, agricultural and forestry extension, health, AIDS/HIV counseling, nutrition, and education have the best chances of placement. As a liberal arts major, we encourage you to speak with a Peace Corps recruiter who can suggest ways to enhance your competitiveness. Some include: tutoring, gardening, studying a language like French or Spanish, or getting involved in a community service project.

# Peace Corps Volunteers Serving around the world...



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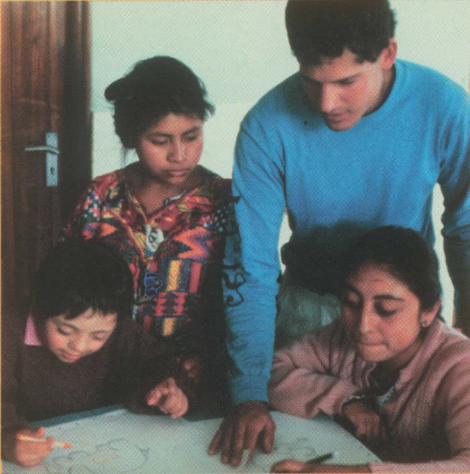
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## Diversity

The Peace Corps strives, through its Volunteers and staff, to represent the richness and variety of the American people. Peace Corps service is available to those who can meet the skills, legal, medical, and suitability qualifications. A diverse group of Volunteers shows the world a true picture of our country and capitalizes on the strength of our own multiculturalism. Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs bring a unique cross-cultural understanding to the challenge of Peace Corps service and to the task of working with the peoples of other countries.



INTER-AMERICA

*"Peace Corps is thousands of human beings at peace—with themselves, their fellow man, with the world. Why? Because they saved their own lives. How? By giving themselves away!"*

**R. Sargent Shriver**  
First Peace Corps Director

## Work, Health, and Safety

Peace Corps Volunteers work in both rural and urban settings, usually in cooperation with a host country government agency. Peace Corps staff in your host country support you—in your job and with your personal health and safety. The staff is always available in case of an emergency. The Peace Corps' medical professionals teach you how to stay healthy in the environment where you are serving. The Peace Corps only operates in countries where we can maintain an acceptable level of health and safety for Volunteers.

Volunteers live comfortably but modestly. Living conditions vary. You might live alone, with others, or with a host family. Although you will leave family and friends behind in the United States, you will find that one of the greatest rewards of serving in the Peace Corps is making new friends and being welcomed into the local culture.

## Selection Process

Apply about one year before you are available to serve. On average, it takes 9 to 12 months to meet all screening requirements and depart for an assignment—depending on demand for your particular skills. Placing married couples may take longer.

A recruiter reviews your application for legal and skill-related criteria. A personal or telephone interview follows. Then your recruiter looks for a suitable program for which you may be nominated. If you clear these stages, the Peace Corps checks your references and you must undergo a thorough medical and dental exam. (The Peace Corps pays for these, up to specified amounts.) Final selection depends on a combination of many factors, with skills and motivation being the most important. The application process is demanding...but well worth the effort.

# Benefits

that start now  
& last a lifetime

During Volunteer service, you will receive a monthly allowance for housing, food, clothing, and incidentals. You will also receive free medical and dental care, transportation to and from your overseas site, and 24 vacation days a year. Many student loans are deferrable during Peace Corps service.

Post-service benefits include a \$5,400 readjustment allowance after successful completion of three months of training and two years of service. Your status as a Returned Volunteer may give you preference for federal government jobs. The Peace Corps' Office of Returned Volunteer Services offers

career counseling assistance and publishes a monthly newsletter of job opportunities with employers who are seeking the skills and qualities that a two-year tour in the Peace Corps can develop.

On the educational front, over 50 colleges and universities offer scholarships and assistantships for

Returned Volunteers. The Peace Corps' *Fellows/USA Program* can also open doors after Peace Corps service for employment and graduate school. You also may be able to cancel a portion of Perkins Loans you hold.



EASTERN EUROPE

## Am I Qualified?

Skill requirements vary among the 39 Peace Corps assignment areas. Most assignments call for a bachelor's degree. Some may require three to five years of related work experience instead of, or in addition to, your degree. Others may require a master's degree. Applicants with liberal arts degrees can qualify for Peace Corps assignments if they have experience/skills being requested by host countries. Contact a Peace Corps Regional Office to have your skills assessed and receive advice about ways to enhance your qualifications.

In addition, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, and in good health. There is no upper age limit. You must also demonstrate the maturity, adaptability, and flexibility to succeed as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Married couples *without dependent children* may be accepted, but both must qualify for Volunteer assignments. The application process can take longer, since both husband and wife must have assignments in a single location. It is not possible to place families with dependent children.

Because of the physical and emotional rigors of Peace Corps service, you must undergo a thorough medical and dental evaluation. The Peace Corps' ability to accommodate special conditions varies among countries and is assessed on a case-by-case basis. However, people with disabilities have served successfully in the Peace Corps. Trainees receive vaccinations and other preventative health measures according to the requirements of each country.

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For more information or an application, call **800-424-8580** and press 1. You'll be connected directly to the Peace Corps Regional Office nearest you. Visit our website at [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov) or write us:



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