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

44% of Americans consider themselves likely to serve in a national service program

60% 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 Receive
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.”

Francisco Santos
Ambassador of Colombia to the United States
April 2020
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:

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

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.

Where is home?

Home might be Guam (2) or the Virgin Islands (1)—or a number of other countries. In the U.S., one group of evacuated Volunteers has put helping communities front and center: RPCVs Serving at Home, founded by Volunteers who had been in North Macedonia. Like many Volunteers, they felt their work wasn’t done. Their goals: Help the community, stay engaged by doing meaningful work, and show the important presence of Peace Corps here at home—reflecting “values of service, caring, initiative, and resilience.” They’re logging and mapping thousands of hours of community service.

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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