

Meeting the Global Demand for the Peace Corps

As we face serious global challenges, the mission of building peace and friendship is needed as much today as it was 63 years ago.



Demand for Peace Corps Volunteers is High

The number of countries where Volunteers are serving has returned to pre-pandemic levels. At the same time, these are among the countries that are asking for the return of Volunteers:

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- **Cape Verde**
- **Côte D'Ivoire**
- **Federated States of Micronesia**
- **Honduras**
- **Kiribati**
- **Mauritania**
- **Palau**
- **Republic of Congo**
- **Solomon Islands**
- **Suriname**
- **Marshall Islands**
- **Uzbekistan**

What Do Peace Corps Volunteers Do?

The primary work of Peace Corps Volunteers are focused on these sectors:

- Agriculture
- Community Economic Development
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Youth in Development

"I've had an opportunity to see Peace Corps volunteers in different parts of the world, and every place I go I hear the same thing. I hear the extraordinary bonds that you're able to build on a person-to-person, community level in the countries where you're serving. I hear the lifelong relationships and partnerships that you make. And maybe most important of all, I hear firsthand the difference that you're making in people's lives."

Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken
July 26, 2023
Nakolo, Tonga

240,000+
Peace Corps Volunteers
have served in
144
countries since 1961.

There are nearly
2,500
Volunteers currently
serving in roughly
60 countries

The Newest Peace Corps Country: Viet Nam



In December 2022, the first-ever Peace Corps Volunteers in Viet Nam began their work. Viet Nam became the 143rd nation in Peace Corps history to host Volunteers.

Here at Home: Economic Benefits from Peace Corps Service

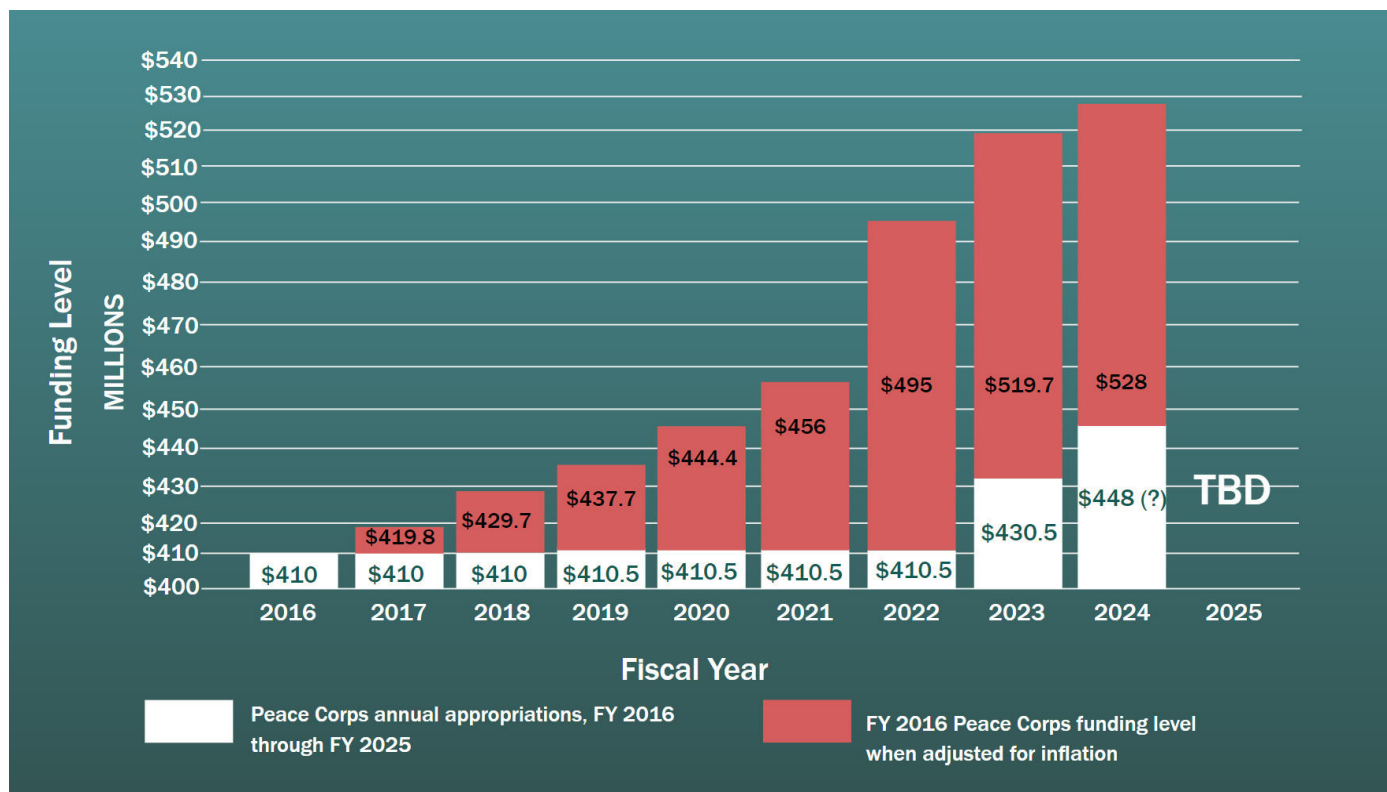
A January 2023 survey on the Peace Corps' return on investment for the American taxpayer found that among more than 4,000 respondents, nearly 25% said they started one or more successful business ventures, with the collective height of their economic impact estimated to be between \$752 million and \$1.1 billion. 86% of respondents remain active volunteers in their communities, well above the national average.

The Serious Truth about Peace Corps Funding.



While there are calls to control and limit federal spending, the truth is that for the past decade, this was already happening to the Peace Corps. Since Fiscal Year 2016, the agency’s appropriation received a funding increase of only five percent, while inflation significantly stripped the agency of its purchasing power. By right-sizing Peace Corps’ budget, Congress can provide funding that will allow the Peace Corps to meet the global demand for volunteers and for those volunteers to thrive!

GRAPH: PEACE CORPS APPROPRIATIONS VERSUS INFLATION



Bringing America Together Through Service

Americans are historically united through service to our country. A January 2021 poll conducted by Change Research on behalf of Service Year Alliance found that 77% of those polled support the expansion of service opportunities such as Peace Corps and AmeriCorps. **Support is bipartisan**, with majorities of Democrats (93%), Republicans (59%), and Independents (77%) supporting national service expansion.