



“On-the-ground” in an age of global change

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Peace Corps Mission: Promote peace and good will

Goal 1:
Build Local Capacity

Goal 2:
Share America with the World

Goal 3:
Bring the World Back Home



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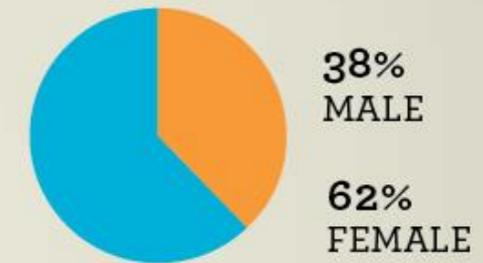


Who Volunteers

Current Volunteers & Trainees: **7,000+**

Total Americans who have served: **215,000+**

Volunteers range in age from **20-79**



94% of Volunteers have at least an undergraduate degree.



7% MARRIED



22% MINORITIES



8% OVER 50





What Volunteers Do



Education



Health



Community Economic
Development



Environment



Youth in Development



Agriculture





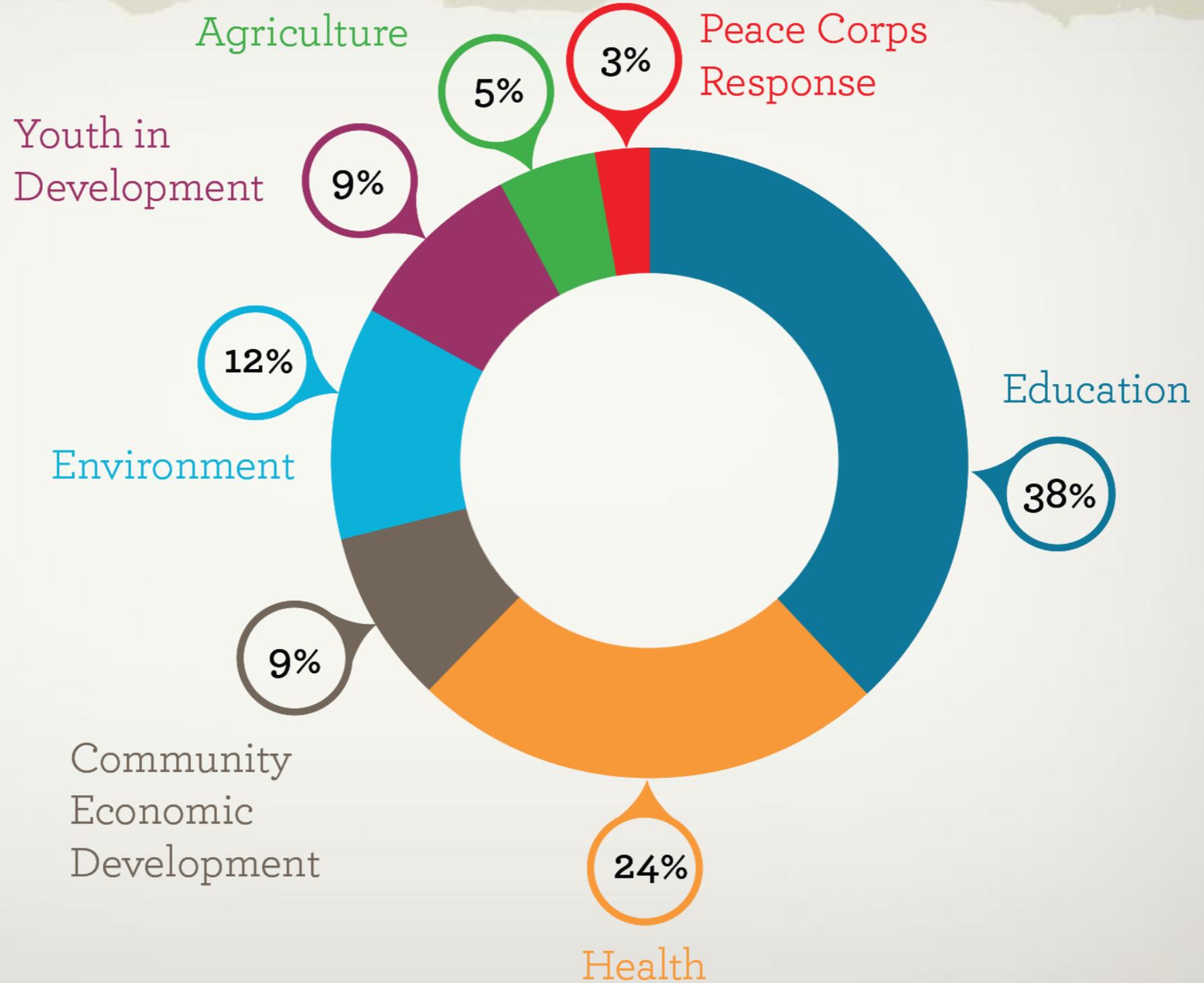
Peace Corps & Capacity-Building

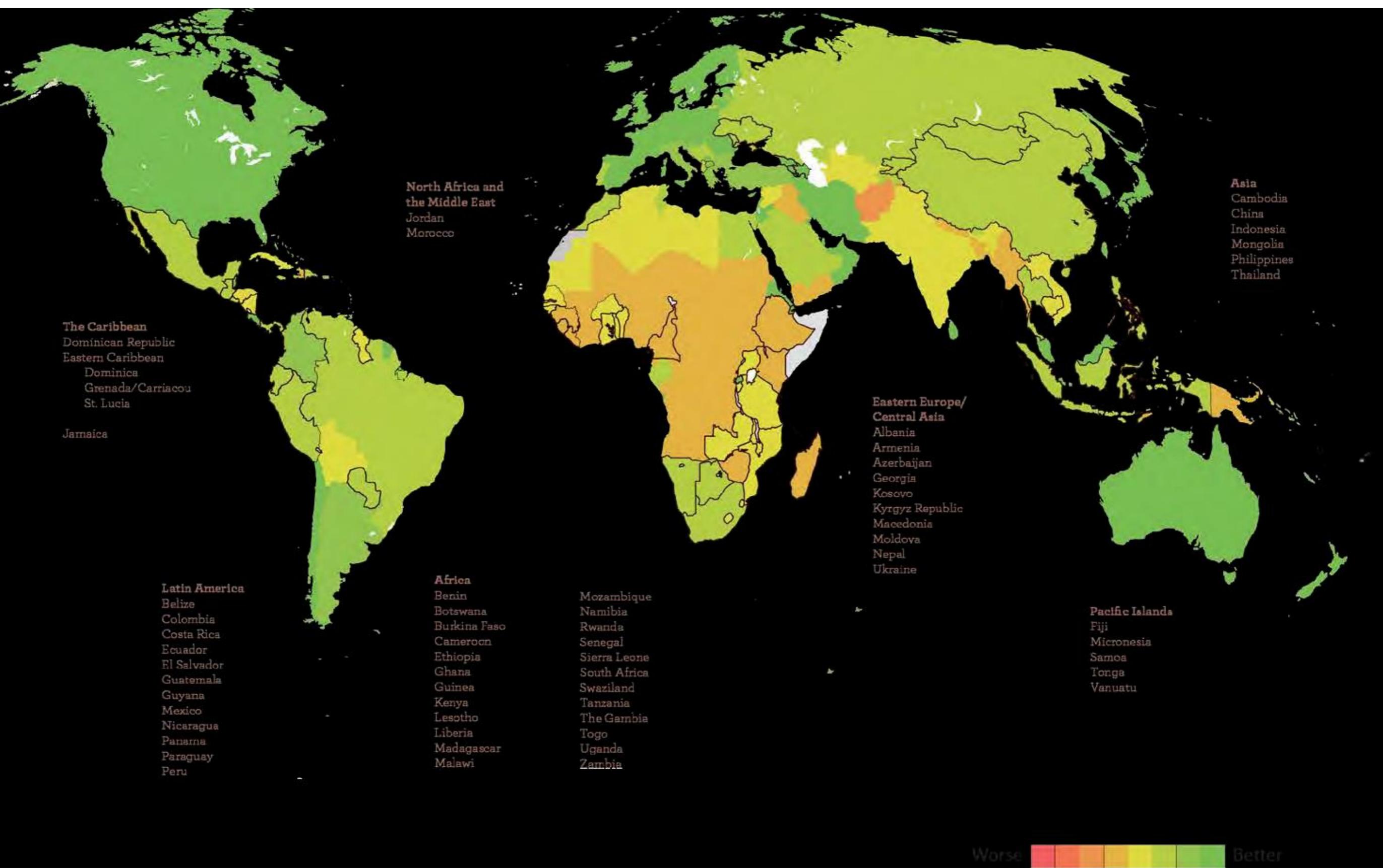
- 27 months
- Language training
- Mostly rural placements
- Invited / priorities set by host governments





Volunteers work in





Community Resilience and Climate Change

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Climate Change in Volunteer Communities

Connect The Dots



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However, deforestation prevents a community to be ready for climate change



With a changing climate, the frequency of natural disasters has increased in recent history



Peace Corps Volunteers contribute to a country's ability to adapt to a changing climate by building the capacity of a community's readiness



2014 Environment Work

1,065,267

Trees Planted

11,863

Students trained in environmental issues

925

Sustainable cookstoves promoted

69

Waste management programs

Peace Corps Volunteer Action

Environmental Education



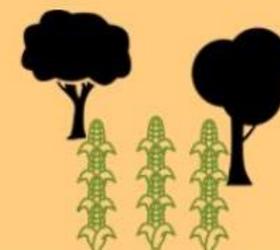
Sustainable Food Security



Waste Management



Climate Smart Agriculture



Improved Local Technologies



Reforestation



Environmental Management



Natural Resource Management



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Volunteering and Climate Change

Expand volunteer-sending opportunities around climate adaptation

Investment in domestic volunteer infrastructure

Platforms that bring together technology, climate education and on the ground volunteering expertise



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