

Cross Sector Programming Priorities

Peace Corps Nepal has two cross sector programming priorities:

- (1) Gender equality and women's empowerment,
- (2) Working with youth as important community resources.

Peace Corps Volunteers try to integrate cross sectoral programming priorities into their work, regardless of the types of projects that they are working on.

Some examples of youth and gender-related activities include the formation of school/community clubs, Girls Leading Our World (GLOW) camps, Boys Respecting Others (BRO) camps, and Guys and Girls Reimagining Our World (GROW) camps. Through these camps, Peace Corps Volunteers empower youth across the country through technical trainings (related to nutrition sensitive agriculture,), consensus-building activities, leadership training, and the encouragement of critical thinking skills for how to strengthen their own communities.

Peace Corps Volunteers are working with their communities to improve education and provide leadership opportunities for girls ages 10-24. by promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in Nepal. Volunteers work to achieve these goals through the implementation of student friendly school initiatives, gender inclusive camps and clubs, and school and community-based leadership programs.



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Peace Corps Globally

Peace Corps is a volunteer organization of the U.S. Government that seeks to promote peace and friendship among different people around the world. Since its foundation in 1961, Peace Corps has sent over 215,000 volunteers to 139 countries.

After a language and technical training program, volunteers spend two years integrated into their host community working towards the following three goals:

1. To help the people of interested countries meet their needs for trained men and women.
2. To help promote a better understanding of the American people on the part of Nepali people
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Peace Corps in Nepal

Since 1962, nearly 4,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in Nepal in the field of education, health, natural resources management, agriculture, youth development, urban development and business extension.

Peace Corps returned to Nepal in 2012 after an eight year hiatus. Peace Corps Nepal currently focuses on food security project with plans to begin a new education project in the near future. Before their service, Peace Corps Volunteers attend an 11 weeks Pre-Service Training (PST) to learn the Nepali language, cross cultural aspects of living as an American in Nepal, technical skills related to food security, medical issues, and safety & security concerns. During the training period, Peace Corps volunteers live with Nepali host families, to prepare them for their integration into their two-year host communities.



Food Security Project

The food security project of Peace Corps Nepal focuses on nutrition-sensitive agriculture, and aims to improve the food and nutrition security of rural families across Nepal. The target communities of the project are subsistence farming families, particularly women and children, who live in rural areas and who own small/no amounts of land. The key components of the framework are soil conservation/management, bio-intensive gardening, fruit tree cultivation and nutrition education.

Volunteers engage in a wide range of activities like bio-intensive gardening, composting, off-seasonal vegetable cultivation, seed production, community seed bank development and management, mushroom cultivation, fruit tree cultivation, improved cook stoves, nutrition education, nutrition and agriculture-related behavior change with mothers' groups, farmers' groups, schools, individual farmers, and other individuals. .

