

that make direct equity and equity-related investments in new, expanding, or privatizing companies. These funds, which have a regional or sectoral focus, provide the long-term growth capital that can serve as a catalyst for private sector economic activity in developing countries and the creation of new markets and opportunities for American companies.

Helping America's small businesses grow through investments in emerging markets is an important OPIC priority. Any small business with annual revenues less than \$35 million is eligible for small business center programs. For businesses with annual revenues over \$35 million and under \$250 million, OPIC's regular small business programs are available. OPIC provides direct loans to U.S. small businesses, and offers insurance products

to meet the special needs of small businesses. Other client services include streamlined applications and processing procedures, and online small business resources from our Web site at www.opic.gov.

Sources of Information

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Publications OPIC programs are further detailed in the *Annual Report* and the *Program Handbook*. These publications are available free of charge and on the Web site.

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The mission of the Peace Corps is to help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women, and to help promote better mutual understanding between Americans and citizens of other countries.

The Peace Corps was established by the Peace Corps Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2501), and was made an independent agency by title VI of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1981 (22 U.S.C. 2501–1).

The Peace Corps consists of a Washington, DC, headquarters; 9 area offices; and overseas operations in 76 countries, utilizing nearly 8,000 volunteers.

Activities

To fulfill the Peace Corps mandate, men and women are trained for a 9- to 14-week period in the appropriate local language, the technical skills necessary for their particular jobs, and the cross-cultural skills needed to adjust to a society with traditions and attitudes different from their own. Volunteers serve for a period of 2 years, living among the people with whom they work. Volunteers are expected to become a part of the community through their voluntary service.

Thousands of volunteers serve throughout the world, working in six program areas: education, health and HIV/AIDS, environment, youth development, agriculture, and business development. Community-level projects

are designed to incorporate the skills of volunteers with the resources of host-country agencies and other international assistance organizations to help solve specific development problems, often in conjunction with private volunteer organizations.

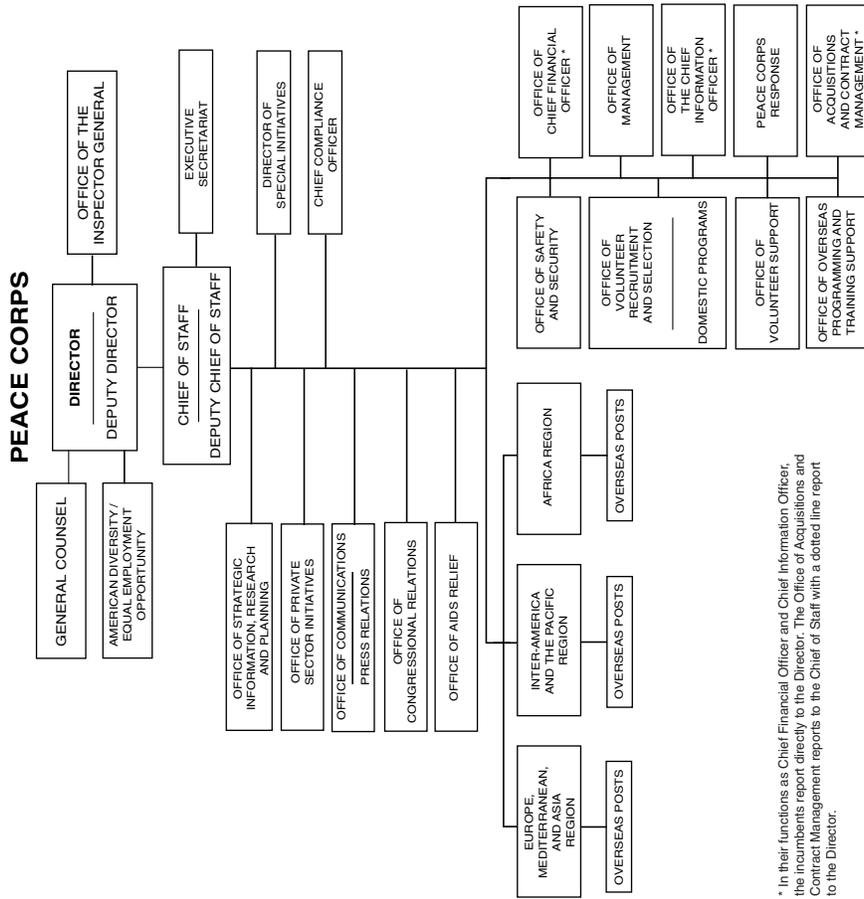
In the United States, the Peace Corps is working to promote an understanding of people in other countries. Through its World Wise Schools Program, volunteers are matched with elementary and junior high schools in the United States to encourage an exchange of letters, pictures, music, and artifacts. Participating students increase their knowledge of geography, languages, and different cultures, while gaining an appreciation for volunteerism.

The Peace Corps offers other domestic programs involving former volunteers, universities, local public school systems, and private businesses and foundations in a partnership to help solve some of the United States’ most pressing domestic problems.

The Peace Corps Office of Private Sector Initiatives works with schools, civic groups, businesses, and neighborhood and youth organizations in the United States to facilitate their support of Peace Corps initiatives here and abroad.

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Becoming a Peace Corps Volunteer

Contact the nearest area office. Phone, 800-424-8580. Internet, www.peacecorps.gov.

Employment Contact the Peace Corps, Office of Human Resources Management, Washington, DC 20526.

Phone, 202-692-1200. Internet, www.peacecorps.gov.

For recorded employment opportunities, call 800-818-9579 (toll free).

General Inquiries Information or assistance may be obtained by contacting the Peace Corps Washington, DC, headquarters or any of its area offices.

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