

PEACE CORPS

Volunteering as a Member of the LGBTQ+ Community

Support and Considerations for LGBTQ+ Volunteers

The Peace Corps brings together skilled, committed, diverse Volunteers with welcoming communities for service opportunities in more than 60 countries. Who you are — your experiences, education, skills, passion, and drive — can make a world of difference with the Peace Corps. We welcome LGBTQ+ Volunteers (both individuals and couples) and intend to create open, inclusive, and accepting environments around the world.

The Peace Corps supports LGBTQ+ Volunteers by:

- Reviewing work and housing sites in advance of your arrival
- Providing local resources, including host country LGBTQ+ organizations as available
- Providing guidance for maintaining your safety and well-being
- Providing training to field staff and host families that addresses safety and security issues for same-sex couples
- Connecting you with returned LGBTQ+ Volunteers who can share their experiences

Considerations:

LGBTQ+ Volunteers should be mindful of country-specific cultural normals and laws. Peace Corps staff will work with Volunteers to provide them with locally informed perspectives, which may influence a Volunteer's decision to come out. Most LGBTQ+ Volunteers have chosen to be discreet within their host communities while others have chosen to come out to community members, with a mix of positive and negative reactions.

LGBTQ+ Volunteer FAQs



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