



Frequently Asked Questions

Peace Corps Operations in El Salvador, and Guatemala

Q: Are the Peace Corps programs in El Salvador and Guatemala closing?

A: The Peace Corps has determined that operations will continue in El Salvador and Guatemala. All currently serving Volunteers in El Salvador and Guatemala are safe and accounted for. The agency postponed 2012 Volunteer training classes for El Salvador and Guatemala in order to enhance Volunteer support and consolidate operations in smaller geographical areas in El Salvador and Guatemala. The Peace Corps will continue to place Volunteers in areas in El Salvador and Guatemala where they can have a safe and productive service. The Peace Corps continues to closely monitor and assess the safety and security climate in these countries.

Q: When will the Peace Corps send more Volunteers to El Salvador and Guatemala?

A: The Peace Corps plans to send Volunteers to El Salvador and Guatemala in early 2013.

Q: What additional safety and security measures is the Peace Corps considering in Central America?

A: As a result of recent safety and security assessments in El Salvador and Guatemala, the Peace Corps is enhancing Volunteer support in these countries by: 1) consolidating operations in safer geographical areas over the next several months; 2) developing alternative transportation options for Volunteers to safely travel in each country; and 3) enhancing Volunteer training and support.

ABOUT PEACE CORPS/EL SALVADOR:

The Peace Corps operated in El Salvador between 1962 and 1979, and returned in 1993. Over 2,000 Americans have served in El Salvador since the program was established, working with communities on projects focused on community, economic, and youth development. There are 73 Volunteers currently serving in El Salvador.

ABOUT PEACE CORPS/GUATEMALA:

The Peace Corps has operated in Guatemala since 1963. Over 4,800 Americans have served in Guatemala since the program was established, working with communities on projects focused on health, youth development, environment, and agriculture. There are 160 Volunteers currently serving in Guatemala.