



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Statement of Work

Faith Based Advisor Office of Strategic Partnerships

Background

The Office of Strategic Partnerships (OSP) intends to build on President Obama's commitment to supporting effective partnerships with communities of faith and neighborhood organizations as key partners in service.

Public engagement and outreach are core elements of OSP's approach to delivering on Peace Corps' mission to promote world peace and friendship while increasing our development impact. Given the agency's priorities around recruitment, diversity, support to Volunteers currently serving, and to Volunteers upon return from service abroad, the 'faith' lens offers a unique opportunity to connect to this community more deliberately. It also offers an opportunity for inter-faith dialogue, faith learning in preparation for service, and the recognition of faith as an expression of service for Volunteers and for staff.

Scope of Work:

The Faith Based Advisor, under the direction of the Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs will serve as the main point of contact for all components related to the Agency's Faith Based Initiative.

Major Duties & Responsibilities

- **Lead the agency's Public Engagement and Outreach strategy and approach:**
 - Develop and communicate a comprehensive strategy for the Agency's Faith-based agenda that speaks to our broad goals and objectives alongside tactical engagement priorities.
 - Work with the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, which coordinates federal agency Centers for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, as well as partnering with other federal agencies with faith-based offices.
 - Elevate the Peace Corps' mission and its relevance by engaging communities of faith. Develop a cohesive strategy to better leverage the nearly 250 Peace Corps donors that come from faith-based organizations.
 - Collaborate with the Agency's diversity and inclusion efforts in order to include faith as an element of diversity. Partner with faith-based organizations, where appropriate, that may wish to work with the Peace

Corps around the life-cycle of the Volunteer, from recruitment, to overseas site assignments and collaboration, to hiring of returned Volunteers and becoming employers of nationals service (this includes organizations such as World Vision, Caritas, Habitat for Humanity, and Catholic Relief Services, all NGOs that have worked with Peace Corps posts over the past three years).

- Support and promote faith-based service-related events, religious holidays, and conferences.
- **Lead the Internal Affinity and Support:**
 - In collaboration with faith-based employee resource groups, recognize and support faith-based principles and their alignment with the Director's objectives of an inclusive, human-centered, and mission driven organization.
 - Support Posts that wish to engage with faith-based organizations in-country by providing guidance and context regarding the organizations' relationship with the agency.
 - Support OPATS to develop cultural awareness and faith-centered materials and trainings for Volunteers who serve in faith-centered communities.
 - Support Volunteers and staff who pursue service as an expression of faith.
 - Advise the agency in policies and practices that are focused on Faith-based issues (e.g., diversity, accommodations, religious holidays. Etc.)
 - Provide support across the agency in Faith-Based Intercultural Competencies.

Desired Qualifications

- Ability to work well independently and in a collaborative team environment.
- Experience in partnership development in international development context.
- Ability to represent the Peace Corps externally in meetings and public settings.
- Ability to manage external relationships while coordinating internal efforts across multiple offices.