



foundation for sustainable development
pro corps volunteering

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FSD is a non-profit organization founded in 1995 to provide volunteer opportunities for professionals and students of all skill levels who are interested in supporting grassroots, international development. Our unique program offers a network of in-country support by which

volunteers use their knowledge and resources to collaboratively make an impact on an underserved community, while being immersed in the heart of a foreign culture. Participants select from over 350 unique opportunities worldwide, to find the work that matches their skills and interests. No matter the opportunity selected, volunteering with FSD will give you insight into sustainable development and ensure that your work makes a lasting impact.

Volunteering is available in 7 development subjects in each of our program locations.



Development Subjects:

- Microenterprise
- Environment
- Health
- Youth and Education
- Women's Empowerment
- Community Development
- Human Rights



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Program Structure

Pro Corps Volunteering

4-52 weeks

This program is designed for professionals with substantial work experience who typically volunteer as a consultant for their host organization. It requires volunteers to adapt their skill sets to meet the needs of the organizations and communities they serve. Access to FSD grants is given to 9+ week volunteers to fund project work.

Orientation and Support

The FSD Site Team will get you acclimated to your new surroundings and deliver a variety of activities and educational sessions to prepare you for the work ahead. Throughout your time abroad, the Site Team will provide in-country support that allows you to focus on helping your organization.

Host Organization

After orientation, the Site Team will introduce you to the host organization where you'll get familiar with the staff and their work. From here, you'll collaboratively develop your work plan with the organization and our Site Team.

Accommodation

Typically, you will live individually with a host family to enhance immersion into the local language and culture, while providing a chance to form meaningful relationships with an extended family and community.

Grant Funding

Once you've jointly prepared a workplan, you and the host organization will be provided a \$200 seed grant to support its implementation. Pro Corps volunteers who stay for 9+ weeks can participate in our Grant Competition for additional project funding.

Development Training

FSD supports you with a series of trainings that enhance your understanding of sustainable development as it relates to the local culture. They include learn-

ing the most pressing development issues, processing cross-cultural differences with other volunteers during group sessions, and attending workshops that help you to:



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- Critically observe your surroundings
- Perform an effective needs assessment
 - Build partnerships and gather key community members (community mapping)
 - Design and manage a cohesive work plan that reflects realistic and sustainable objectives
- Prepare a persuasive grant proposal for project funding
 - Facilitate sustainable project work

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A look inside...

Pro Corps is designed for experienced professionals to work as consultants for their host organizations. Based on your area of expertise, you will help improve organizational strategies, support program design and management, and/or increase organizational capacity. Your skills will be matched with the organization that provides the best opportunity for you to make a lasting impact. Long-Term Pro Corps Volunteers (9+ weeks) develop projects geared toward assessing organizations and their programs to find more efficient methods of project implementation and resource usage. Shorter-term volunteers (4-8 weeks) generally work toward building greater capacity at an organization and with its employees.



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