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52 New Peace Corps Volunteers Sworn in at U.S. Embassy



U.S. Embassy Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, 52 new Feed the Future Peace Corps Volunteers will support food security programming.

Addis Ababa, December 14, 2012—Ambassador Donald Booth administered the oath of service to 52 new Peace Corps Volunteers at the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa today. With this new group, there are now 200 Peace Corps Volunteers in Ethiopia providing English language education, combating HIV/AIDS, preventing environmental degradation, and promoting food security. The Volunteers are located in Amhara, Oromia, Tigray, and SNNP Administrative Regions.

The new group is comprised of 36 Health Volunteers and 16 Ag-Environment Volunteers. Health Volunteers primarily partner with hospitals, regional health centers, Federal HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control offices, non-governmental organizations and communities to support activities relating to HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support.

Ag-Environment Volunteers work with community members and partners to promote conservation and natural resource management through various activities, including: establishment of tree nurseries, forestation, promotion of fuel efficient stoves, improvement of sustainable agricultural practices, small scale gardening, and environmental education for community and youth groups. At the December 14 ceremony, Peace Corps Ethiopia officially initiated its collaboration with the U.S. President's Feed the Future food security initiative.

Ethiopia was one of the first countries to invite the Peace Corps to establish its program in 1962, just one year after President John F. Kennedy created the Peace Corps. The primary focus of that first program was education, with the goal of training skilled workers and promoting economic development. In addition, Volunteers worked in agriculture, basic education, tourism, health, economic development and teaching English as a foreign language. Since the first group arrived in 1962, more than 3,500 Volunteers have served in Ethiopia.

Since 1961, more than 200,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have helped promote a better understanding between Americans and the people of the 139 countries where Volunteers have served. Peace Corps Volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. Peace Corps service is a 27-month commitment.

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Under Feed the Future, and with support from the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Peace Corps is providing

enhanced food security training to [more than 1,000 Peace Corps Volunteers](#) around the world. [Learn more](#) about a recent training workshop for Peace Corps staff held in Tanzania.