

Frequently Asked Questions Peace Corps Operations in Honduras

Q: Is Peace Corps/Honduras closing?

A: In January 2012, the Peace Corps paused its Volunteer operations in Honduras to conduct a full safety and security assessment. As a result of that assessment, Peace Corps has notified the relevant parties that it is suspending operations in Honduras.

Q: How many Volunteers will this suspension affect?

A: This decision does not affect any currently serving Peace Corps Volunteers. After Volunteer operations for the Honduras program were paused in January 2012, Volunteers safely left the country and were granted an early close of service.

Q: Was there one specific incident in Honduras that led the Peace Corps to decide to remove Volunteers from Honduras and place them on administrative leave?

A: The safety and security of all Peace Corps Volunteers is the agency's highest priority. That is why the Peace Corps closely monitors the safety and security climate in all countries in which it operates.

After a detailed review of safety data, the Peace Corps determined it was necessary to temporarily pause operations in Honduras in January 2012 to conduct a more in-depth assessment of safety and security conditions.

After a careful review of those findings, the safety and security considerations and the operational impacts, the Peace Corps has decided to suspend its operations in Honduras.

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Q: Will Peace Corps go back to Honduras?

A: Peace Corps will continue to monitor the situation in Honduras and will make recommendations with regards to the future of the program based on this ongoing analysis.

Q: How many Volunteers have served in Honduras?

A: Over 5,700 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in Honduras since Peace Corps established its program in 1962.

ABOUT PEACE CORPS/HONDURAS:

The Peace Corps has operated in Honduras since 1963. More than 5,500 Americans have served in Honduras since the program was established, working with communities on projects focused on health and HIV/AIDS prevention, water sanitation, and youth development.