

Welcome to Albania & Montenegro



**Peace
Corps**

ALBANIA AND
MONTENEGRO



60 Years of the Peace Corps Mission and Goals

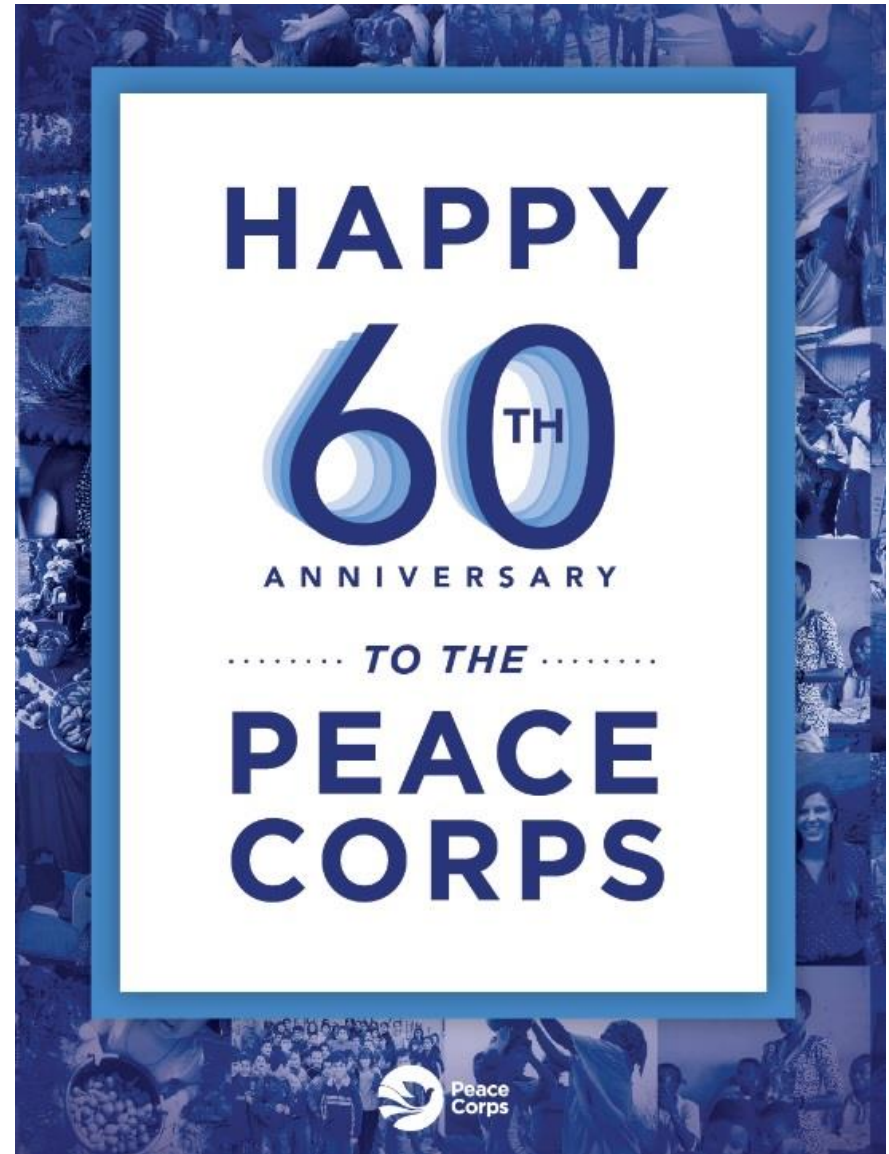
Last year we commemorated our founding moment, when sixty years ago in 1961, US President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps to foster a better understanding between, and to promote friendship among, Americans and people of other countries.

The Peace Corps mission is to promote **world peace and friendship** by fulfilling three goals:

1. To help the people of interested countries in meeting their needs for trained men and women.
2. To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
3. To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

For sixty years, Peace Corps Volunteers have served the cause of freedom. They have immersed in local cultures, learned many world languages, met peoples need for training, and ultimately contributed to friendships between Americans and peoples of the world.

- More than 235,000 Americans have served in the Peace Corps in 142 countries.



Peace Corps in Albania

1991

Peace Corps program established in Albania

1992

First group of volunteers arrived in country

1994 to 1996

Four additional groups of volunteers arrived in country

1997

Peace Corps closed its Albania program

2003

Peace Corps program re-established in Albania

2003

Peace Corps staff returned in March 2003

900 Volunteers

have served in Albania since September 1992



Peace Corps in Montenegro



Pre Service Training in Montenegro—In January 2020, the first group of Peace Corps Trainees arrived in Montenegro and were introduced to Montenegrin people and culture.

Activities—Immediately following their arrival the Peace Corps Trainees embarked on their Pre-Service Training (PST), a period when they learned Montenegrin language, received technical training, and learned how to fulfill the goals and objectives of Peace Corps Albania and Montenegro.

Impact— This first training in Montenegro paved the way for future Volunteers to serve in Montenegro as English Education Volunteers and allowed Montenegrin communities to get to know the work of the Peace Corps in Montenegro up close.

Peace Corps Trainees meeting their Montenegrin Host Families in 2020

• AUG 2018

- Montenegrin Prime Minister invites the Peace Corps to establish a program in Montenegro

• MAY 2019

- The American and Montenegrin governments sign a Bilateral Agreement

• JUN 2019

- Peace Corps signs the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montenegrin Ministry of Education

• JAN



Transformation, Challenge and Commitment: Overview of Projects

YOUTH HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

School children and youth are informed and empowered to lead a healthy life and effectively transition to productive and engaged adults (In Albania)

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Empowered Albanian communities, organizations, and individuals effectively manage community development (In Albania)

ENGLISH EDUCATION

Develop teaching and learning capacities in English language (In Albania and in Montenegro)



Peace Corps Volunteer teacher and her counterpart

Transformation, Challenge and Commitment: Adaptation to New Circumstances

• VIRTUAL SERVICE PILOT

Online contribution of American citizens through donation of time, skills and knowledge.

- *VSPP teaching English to students of elementary school in a small village in the North of Montenegro.*
- *In the process of obtaining a VSPP for Podgorica-based NGO, aiming at enhancing organizational management.*

• STAFF-LED TAILOR-MADE ACTIVITIES

Contribution of PCAM staff through staff-led activities developed in line with the Host Countries' needs.

- *Media Literacy Workshop for ELTAM members (+ follow up Media Literacy in the Classroom workshop in ELTAM Days) in Montenegro*
- *ToT - Developing teachers' capacity to increase student resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic in Albania*
- *Training for 1st grade English teachers in Albania*
- *COVID19-related Social Media Campaign in Albania*



The PCAM Full Time Staff

Our Pre-Service Training Staff

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Transformation, challenge and commitment - Partner Organizations in Montenegro

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

- ELTAM
- Forum MNE
- Queer Montenegro

Municipalities

- Bar
- Berane
- Kolašin
- Podgorica
- Rožaje
- Ulcinj

Government and Independent Organizations

- Clinical Centre of Montenegro
- Institute for Public Health of Montenegro
- Ministry of Education of Montenegro
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
- Ministry of Interior of Montenegro
- United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- United States Embassies in Albania and in Montenegro and American Corners
- The WHO Office in Montenegro



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