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New Group of Peace Corps Volunteers Arrives in Sierra Leone

On June 2, 49 new Peace Corps Volunteers arrived in Sierra Leone to complement the existing 34 Volunteers currently assigned as teachers of mathematics, science and English in Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary schools throughout the country. This latest group will undergo ten weeks of training in Makeni where they will live with local host families and learn local languages, Sierra Leone culture and history, effective classroom management and teaching practices, and how to stay safe and healthy. Upon completion of their training, prior to the next school year, they will be dispatched to their new schools and communities to serve the students and people of Sierra Leone.

The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960, when then-Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. From that inspiration grew an agency of the U. S. federal government devoted to world peace and friendship. Since that time, 200,000+ Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 host countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation. Peace Corps Volunteers continue to help countless individuals who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities.

The Peace Corps' mission has three simple goals:

- Helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
- Helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.

- Helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

For more information, please see www.peacecorps.gov