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WORLD WATER CORPS

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INTEGRITY

WHAT IS WORLD WATER CORPS?

The World Water Corps® is the international volunteer arm of Water For People. These volunteers help Water For People achieve its mission by serving in key roles as independent monitors and evaluators of Water For People's work—ensuring integrity and objectivity in data collection and reporting. Volunteers also fill technical gaps in the field, which allows Water For People to stay lean and dedicate more resources to field programs rather than adding overhead. World Water Corps volunteers also help build local capacity through training, and consulting.

WHAT DOES WORLD WATER CORPS DO?

World Water Corps volunteers participate in assignments such as scoping studies, baseline assessments, monitoring, and evaluations. Volunteers collect data and write reports that enable Water For People to learn and grow. Reports and assessments help the organization decide where to start new programs and allocate resources, and establish water and sanitation condition baselines to better measure future progress. The information demonstrates the progress

A man in a green t-shirt and a backpack is talking to a group of people in a rural setting. He is holding a notebook and a pen. The group includes men and children, some looking at him attentively. The background shows trees and a thatched-roof building.

and sustainability of our programs, and helps us know what is working and create (or adapt) our strategy.

We also assign tasks such as water quality testing, hydrological and hydrogeological studies, market analysis and business plan development for sanitation businesses, advocacy, and providing technical assistance to partners. Some research assignments are completed from a home location (desk studies) to support or explore our fieldwork.

World Water Corps does not dig wells or construct latrines. In fact, we don't believe that contributing labor to a project is in the best interest of the community. Many ask us why. The answer is simple. Water For People is helping to build community strength that can last over time. We believe in a network of local investment, local incentives, and local resources. This is one part of making our solutions last.

WHERE DO YOU GO?

World Water Corps volunteers go to the 11 country programs where Water For People works in Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Most Water For People work is in rural parts of each program country, far from urban centers. Some work is done in peri-urban areas and small towns. For more information on the specific countries and regions where we work, please visit www.waterforpeople.org.

WHO CAN JOIN?

The World Water Corps welcomes volunteers who have a spirit of adventure and a desire to take action to create sustainable solutions to the global water and sanitation crisis. Most volunteers come from North America; however we accept applications from around the world.



SOME BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- **People skills:** You must be able to engage with local community members, partners, and staff.
- **Good health:** Basic physical fitness is necessary for long days of walking and even some hiking over uneven terrain, in hot and/or rainy weather.
- **Language skills:** In Latin America, volunteers must read, speak, and understand Spanish at least at an intermediate level. In Rwanda, basic French is required.
- **Other requirements** apply, depending on location. See our website.



WHAT'S IT LIKE?

If selected for World Water Corps, you are assigned to a team with a specific task to perform. You are briefed through several conference calls before your trip and when you arrive in country. Tasks vary greatly by location and type of assignment; however days in the field are long and generally consist of conducting interviews with local community members and leaders at water points, in schools, clinics, and households. Volunteers log GPS coordinates of water points and photograph water and sanitation facilities—information that is then used to create interactive maps showing the water and sanitation conditions in a region. Volunteers may also perform water quality tests, review financial records, and attend community meetings. Evenings are spent entering data, downloading GPS data, debriefing from the day, and planning for the next day.

World Water Corps volunteers pay for in-country lodging and food and their own travel expenses to get there. Water For People covers in-country transportation and insurance during the assignment. Accommodations and meals are simple—this is definitely not a resort experience! Food choices are limited, so a willingness to try new foods will serve you well.



GROWTH AND IDENTITY

The World Water Corps was launched in 2007 by a group of dedicated and visionary volunteers. Since its inception, the World Water Corps has grown every year and benefitted Water For People tremendously with an enormous influx of knowledge and talent. In 2009, as the needs and logistics of the program grew, Water For People brought in staff to increase the support to volunteers and expand the outcomes of the program.

In connection with Water For People's recent rebranding, the World Water Corps has also been given its own visual identity. Using elements of the new Water For People brand language in its design, the mark conveys the same sense of community, diversity, and urgency of mission that personify the World Water Corps.



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JOIN US

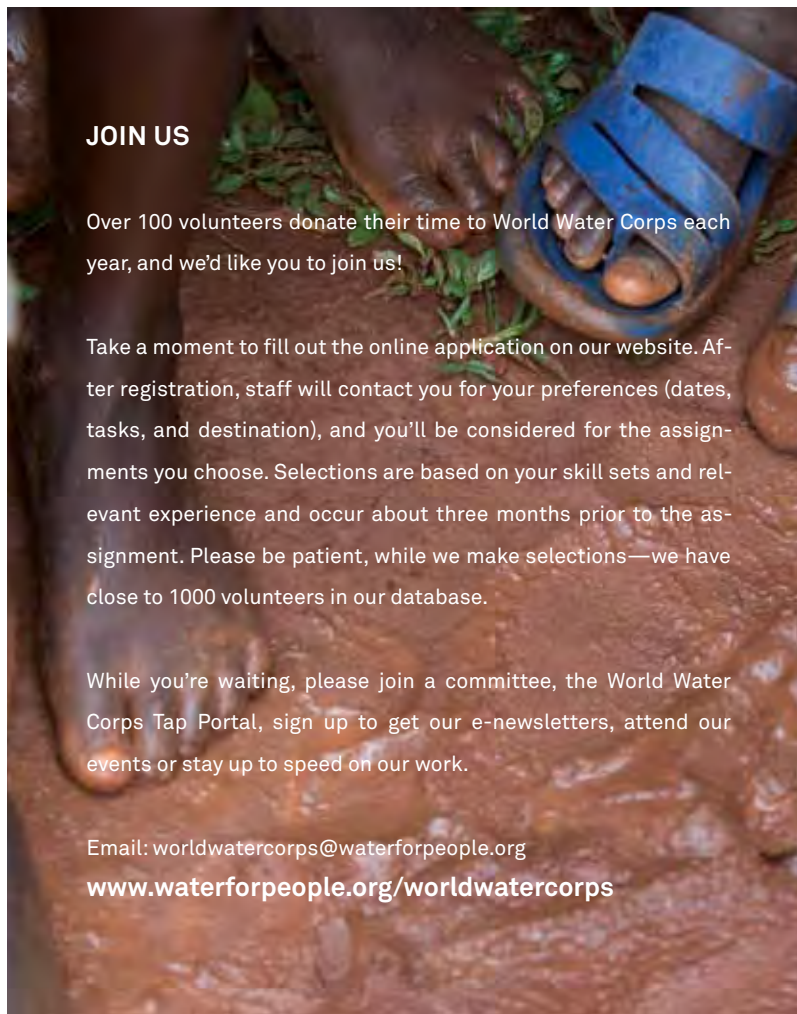
Over 100 volunteers donate their time to World Water Corps each year, and we'd like you to join us!

Take a moment to fill out the online application on our website. After registration, staff will contact you for your preferences (dates, tasks, and destination), and you'll be considered for the assignments you choose. Selections are based on your skill sets and relevant experience and occur about three months prior to the assignment. Please be patient, while we make selections—we have close to 1000 volunteers in our database.

While you're waiting, please join a committee, the World Water Corps Tap Portal, sign up to get our e-newsletters, attend our events or stay up to speed on our work.

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