Opportunities to Participate with International Partners
Volunteer assignments are ideal ways to develop your cross cultural and international skills. Many of the following organizational references have been downloaded from the Epsilon Sigma Phi “Going Global” website: <http://www.espnational.org> This listing was developed by Pete Vergot, Frank Brewer and Mary Andrews for the Internationalizing Extension Initiative, January 2005

Agricultural Cooperative Development International/ Volunteers In Overseas Cooperative Assistance

ACDI /VOCA
50 F Street, N.W. Suite 1075
Washington DC 20001
Phone: 202-383-4961
http://www.acdivoca.org

Purpose of Programs
Empowering farmers and entrepreneurs worldwide to succeed in a global economy, by promoting democratic principles and marketing liberalization's, building international cooperative partnerships and encouraging the sound management of natural resources. ACDI-VOCA is a Volunteer based organization, placing volunteers in short-term technical assignments throughout the world.

Agricultural Communicators in Education (ACE)
Ukraine Partnership
http://www.aceweb.org

ACE is an international association of communicators and information technologists. ACE members are writers, editors, photographers, graphic designers, videographers, electronic media producers, marketing and public relations practitioners, researchers, web developers, database programmers, distance education specialists, educators and managers. They work in universities, government agencies and research organizations in the public sector, as well as companies and firms in the private sector.
Through a Memorandum of Understanding, ACE members work with Agro-Soyuz to develop communication channels to effectively disseminate information on crop and livestock production, grain drying and storage that is being accrued by Agro-Soyuz. Neonila Martyniuk is the Task Force Coordinator for ACE in the ACE/Agro-Soyuz Project.

AIAEE
http://www.aiaee.org/

Purpose of Program

The Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education (AIAEE) was established in 1984 to provide a professional association to network agricultural educators and extension personnel who share the common goal of strengthening agricultural and extension education programs and institutions worldwide.

AIC
http://www2.international-consultants.fr.to/

Association of Independent Consultants is an independent non-profit making Professional Association providing on a very short notice Companies and International Institutions with Highly Qualified Experts for short-, medium- and long-term assignments. AIC services are FREE for companies.

If you are a company looking for Highly Qualified Experts (AIC services are free for companies) or an independent expert looking for new potential assignments, our services are definitely of interest for you. See the AIC Web site.
Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs

http://www.cnfa.com/
1-888-872-2632

Purpose of programs

Stimulating international economic growth in developing and emerging world markets. CNFA builds partnerships between the public and private sectors to foster sustainable development and create market oriented, economically viable enterprises where none or few exited before. Like ACDI-VOCA, this organization assigns volunteers to serve in short-term technical assistance roles throughout the world.

CHF International
8601 Georgia Ave., Suite 800
Silver Springs, MD 20910
Phone: 301-587-4700
http://www.chfhq.org/

CHF International is an international development organization for community, habitat and finance. CHF works to improve community housing, economic circumstances and the environment in nearly 100 development country settings worldwide. CHF uses short-term volunteers to help transfer technical skills to local partners in the areas of cooperative housing, urban upgrading, municipal development, environment, microenterprise, microfinance, and capacity building of non-governmental organizations.
Citizens Development Corps is a non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting economic development in emerging markets and transition economies. It specializes in strengthening operational and management functions in small and medium sized enterprises. The organization mobilizes senior level business executives as volunteers to provide technical assistance, training, guidance, new ideas and best practice solutions to help organizations become sustainable and self-reliant. Areas of programming are economic and business development, business climate improvements, local competitiveness and community development. The organization also has the MBA Enterprise Corps—a division of CDC that is a consortium of leading business schools.

FAVACA

The Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies for Caribbean Action, Inc. is a private not for profit organizations formed in 1981 by Florida Governor (now US Senator) Bob Graham to encourage development between the people of Florida and the Caribbean. FAVA/CA covers the expenses of Corps volunteers who donate their time and skills - on short-term technical assistance missions - to help Florida's neighbors help themselves.

Fulbright Scholar Program

http://www.cies.org/
GoAbroad.com

www.goabroad.com
This broad-based website assists you in finding travel guides, study abroad options, volunteer opportunities, teaching assignments and commercial tour options for international travel.

Heifer Project International
P.O. Box 8058, Little Rock, AR/USA 72203
Tel.: (800) 422-0474 http://www.heiferproject.org

Heifer's Mission is to End Hunger

Heifer envisions…
A world of communities living together in peace and equitably sharing the resources of a healthy planet.
Heifer's mission is…
To work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.
Heifer's strategy is…
To “pass on the gift.” As people share their animals’ offspring with others – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.
Heifer's History
This simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for almost 60 years. Today, millions of families in 115 countries have been given the gifts of self-reliance and hope. Volunteer opportunities are available.

Idealist
Action Without Borders, Inc.
350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6614
New York, NY 10118
http://www.idealist.org/
Tel: 212-843 3973
Fax: 212-564-3377

Idealist, is a project of Action Without Borders.

In the site you will find: Over 23,000 nonprofit and community organizations in 153 countries, which you can search or browse by name, location or mission. If your organization is not yet listed here, you can add it now (it's free). Thousands of volunteer opportunities in your community and around the world, and a list of organizations that can help you volunteer abroad.

International
4-H Youth Exchange
http://www.ifyeusa.org/

The IFYE program is an in-depth learning experience in which 4-H alumni and other young adults live with host families in other countries to increase global awareness, develop independent study interests, and improve language skills. Programs vary from country to country, with some emphasizing an agricultural work experience, volunteering at an adult training center, or working with a local youth development program similar to 4-H.

Land O' Lakes
Land O'Lakes International Development
P.O. Box 64281, MS 5120
St. Paul, MN 55164-0281
Phone: 1-800-851-8810
http://www.idd.landolakes.com/

Bringing the Land O'Lakes Difference to International Development
Since 1981, Land O’Lakes International Development Division has been making a difference in people’s lives and local economies. Through projects that are customized to meet specific needs, we address a broad range of objectives including enterprise development, food security, health and nutrition, policy reforms, community development, democracy initiatives and natural resource management.

Land O’Lakes applies an integrated approach to international development that capitalizes on our 80-year history as a leading farm-to-market agribusiness. Land O’Lakes International Development Division brings this difference — our in-depth knowledge of crop, livestock and dairy production, marketing, business management and cooperative principles — to every international development project. And through this approach, we help implement successful and sustainable projects, create profitable businesses and drive economic growth worldwide. Volunteer opportunities exist for dairy development efforts.

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**Partners of the Americas**

1424 K Street, NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: 202.628.3300
Fax: 202.628.3306
[http://www.partners.net/](http://www.partners.net/)

Formal partnerships are developed between states or regions in the U.S. with countries in Central and South America and the Caribbean. Objective is to improve the lives of people through non-political community based activities. Contact your state organization for ways to get involved.

Activities are:

1- Improved Food Supply
2- Deliver Health Services
3- Provide Job Training for Young People
4- Protect the Regions Natural Resources
5- Safeguard for the Rights of Women and Children

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**Peace Corps**
The Peace Corps has a long history of service and education to hundreds of countries throughout the world, since 1961. It is one of the most widely used services in use today. Both long and short term service opportunities are available, depending on availability. The World Wise School Program provides resources for youth education.

USAID

U.S. Agency for International Development Information Center
Ronald Regan Building
Washington D.C. 20523-1000
Telephone 202 712-4816
Fax 202 216-3524
http://www.usaid.gov/

USAID is a government agency dedicated to serving the needs of other needy countries. Its purpose is to provide a helping hand to those overseas struggling to make a better life, recover from a disaster or striving to live in a free and democratic country. It is this caring that stands as a hallmark of the United States around the world.

U.S. foreign assistance has always had the two fold purpose of furthering Americas foreign policy interests in expanding democracy and free markets while improving the lives of the citizens of the developing world.

Agency works in six areas

1- Economic growth and agriculture development
2- Population, health and nutrition
3- Environment
4- Democracy and governance
5- Education and training
6- Humanitarian assistance
CSREES' International Programs office fosters mutually beneficial programs that not only provide technical assistance to developing nations worldwide, but also assist cooperating U.S. universities and colleges in their efforts to bring an international dimension to their campuses and clientele. The Agency is currently carrying out projects in Armenia, West Africa, Central America and the Caribbean.

CSREES' overseas opportunities are open to university and college extension, research and teaching faculty at the state and county levels. Assignments are arranged on a reimbursable basis through a cooperating university and range from two weeks to several months in duration. Visit the International Programs web site at the address above for more information on available opportunities.

The International Volunteer Programs Association

IVPA
71 West 23rd, Street, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10010-4102
Phone: 212-807-8686 Ext 150
http://www.volunteerinternational.org

IVPA is an alliance of nonprofit, non-governmental organizations based in the Americas, that are involved in international volunteer and internship exchanges. IVPA provides guidelines for how to choose a volunteer opportunity are available through this website.
VITA is a private, nonprofit, international development organization that offers services in a variety of areas including information dissemination, the design and installation of specialized communications systems, preparation and publication of technical materials, disaster information coordination, and management of long-term development programs. VITA uses volunteers in a variety of ways: to respond to requests for technical information from developing countries, for brief in-country assignments in their specific area of expertise, as well as sources of knowledge and support in strategic planning. Volunteers are experienced professionals from a variety of disciplines including agriculture, business development and credit, energy, environment, food processing, housing, information and communication technologies, transportation and water and sanitation.

Winrock

Phone 501 727-5435
Fax 501 727-5426
http://www.winrock.org/

Purpose of Programs

Use an innovative approach in agriculture, environmental protection, renewable energy, leadership development and policy to increase long-term productivity, equity and responsible resource management. WI works in the areas of Agriculture, Clean Energy, Forestry & Natural Resource Energy, Volunteer Technical Assistance & Program Service, Strategic Initiatives, Leadership Development, Wallace Center for Agriculture and Environmental Policy.