

EXPECTATIONS FOR SERVICE

Your successful and sustainable development work is based on the local trust and confidence you build by living in, and respectfully integrating yourself into, your host community and culture. Peace Corps' Core Expectations highlight the need for flexibility, a spirit of cooperation, mutual learning, and respect. Please review the following issues you may face in your country of service. For each challenge mentioned, please note any concerns related to the challenge and if you don't have concerns, please be prepared to state why you don't have concerns.

Different and unusual foods? A lack of variety in diet. Are you currently a vegetarian?

Different living conditions or lack of modern conveniences.

Separation from family/friends/significant other

Modifying appearance (facial hair, tattoos, piercings, conservative dress)

Lack of privacy with host family or lack of privacy in the community.

Geographic isolation? Isolation from other Volunteers?

Prescribed gender roles, including roles that may be considered "traditional" or "conservative".

Volunteers are going to be in the minority during service. This could be due to ethnicity, physical attributes, sexual orientation, religion, or other traits.

Personal religious requirements or possible lack of access to your own religious services. Serving in a region where the predominant religion is different from your own.

Living in a culture that prohibits the use of alcohol altogether or living in a culture where alcohol may be widely consumed and accepted.

Drug use and/or irresponsible drinking behavior can compromise the safety and security of the Volunteer and lead to behavior which may discredit Peace Corps or the Volunteer or affect the Volunteer's performance in an assignment. Can you please tell me a little about your relationship with alcohol/drugs? Have family/friends ever expressed concerns regarding your use of alcohol/drugs?