

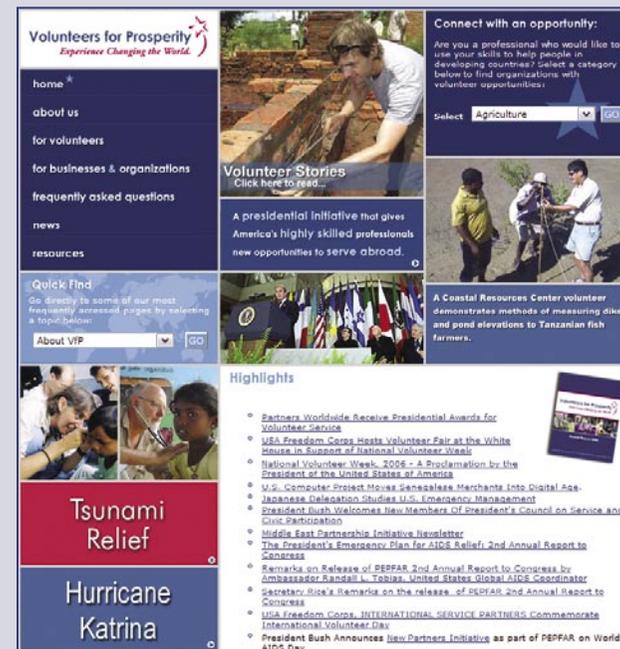
VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY AT A GLANCE

<i>Origin</i>	Presidential initiative established in September 2003 to promote international voluntary service by U.S. professionals
<i>Typical VFP volunteers</i>	Professionals such as doctors, nurses, engineers, teachers, businesspeople, and IT specialists
<i>Typical VFP project areas</i>	Agriculture, economic growth, education, health, HIV/AIDS, information technology, water and sanitation, women and youth
<i>Length of volunteer assignment</i>	Flexible, ranging from a few weeks to one year or more
<i>Who deploys and manages VFP volunteers</i>	VFP partner organizations—U.S.-based nonprofits and businesses
<i>VFP partner benefits</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VFP website directs prospective volunteers to VFP partner organizations and gives links to partners' sites</li> <li>• Partners can receive special consideration in the federal grants process</li> </ul>

A GLOBAL CALL TO SERVICE

Volunteers for Prosperity promotes international voluntary service by highly skilled American professionals in support of major U.S. initiatives that promote health and prosperity around the world.

For more information...



...visit [www.volunteersforprosperity.gov](http://www.volunteersforprosperity.gov)

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Volunteers for Prosperity  
*Experience Changing the World.*



*Like generations before us, this generation of citizens will show the world the energy and idealism of the United States of America.*

President George W. Bush  
 May 21, 2003

Volunteers for Prosperity (VFP) is an interagency initiative established by President Bush's Executive Order 13317 on September 25, 2003. VFP encourages volunteer service by highly skilled Americans supporting major U.S. efforts to advance health and prosperity around the globe. Working under the direction of U.S. nonprofits and businesses partnering with VFP, volunteers are deployed to developing countries on flexible, short-term assignments ranging from a few weeks to a year or more.

Supporting America's Global Health and Prosperity Agenda

VFP supports six other federal initiatives offering a wide range of opportunities to promote world health and economic growth:

- President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
- African Global Competitiveness Initiative
- Water for the Poor Initiative
- Digital Freedom Initiative
- Middle East Partnership Initiative
- Millennium Challenge Account



VFP is supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the departments of State, Commerce, and Health and Human Services. The VFP Office at USAID is the initiative's interagency coordinator. VFP serves as a clearinghouse for international volunteer opportunities through its network of partner organizations.

## How VfP Partner Organizations Participate

U.S.-based businesses and nonprofit organizations alike are welcome to take part in VfP. Nonprofit organizations participate by directly placing and managing skilled volunteers in overseas assignments.

Corporations and other businesses participate by encouraging employees to serve as volunteers abroad.



### Benefits of Becoming a VfP Partner

Benefits include promotion on the VfP website, which matches prospective volunteers with appropriate organizations and shares volunteer stories. VfP also assists with recruiting volunteers and

recognizing service through the President's Volunteer Service Award. In addition, VfP partner organizations that rely on skilled American volunteers are more competitive for U.S. Government grants related to the six initiatives VfP supports.

## Requirements for Becoming a VfP Partner

To become a partner in Volunteers for Prosperity, an organization

- must be organized under the laws of and be headquartered in the United States, Puerto Rico, or any other U.S. territory
- must conduct, or anticipate conducting, overseas activities consistent with the general purposes of the six federal development initiatives on which VfP focuses
- must presently sponsor, or indicate a willingness to sponsor, highly skilled U.S. professionals volunteering for work on the six federal programs



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### A Range of Partners

A variety of organizations—many with no previous involvement in official foreign assistance—are joining to help American professionals answer President Bush's call to service. These organizations range from small faith-based and community groups to trade associations and corporations.



## How Individuals Participate

American professionals can seek international volunteer service opportunities through the search engine at the Volunteers for Prosperity website: [www.volunteersforprosperity.gov](http://www.volunteersforprosperity.gov).

There they can learn about a variety of VfP partners' projects by region and sector. For example, visitors can browse through sectors such as health, education, natural resources, and economic growth, among others. They can also learn about geographically specific projects in these regions:

- Africa
- Asia, Middle East, and the Near East
- Central Europe, Russia, and the former Soviet Union
- Latin America and the Caribbean

Professionals whose skills are needed include physicians, nurses, engineers, teachers, information technology professionals, and executives in business and finance.

### Honoring VfP Volunteers

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) was created by President Bush to recognize outstanding volunteers. As a PVSA Leadership Organization, the USAID VfP Office has established a



PVSA website to help its partners become certifying organizations and to certify volunteers to receive this award. Volunteers with 100 or more hours of service are eligible.

For more information, visit [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov).



*"The strength of a country is found in the hearts and souls of its citizens. Across the globe, volunteers inspire us with their dedication, compassion, and efforts to build a more hopeful world."*

President George W. Bush

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Scott Powell, a civil engineer serving with VfP partner Engineering Ministries International, helped design a new water system for a remote



area of Ethiopia. At present, the local people must hike several hours each day to fetch water from the same river where they and their animals bathe and drink. Soon a new 21-kilometer pipeline will bring water from a clean mountain spring to 18,000 people in three different villages, preventing myriad health problems and freeing precious time for work, studies, and family and community care.