#6 COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Harness 21st-century tools to help communities lift themselves. Volunteers work with development banks, nongovernmental organizations, and municipalities to strengthen infrastructure and encourage economic opportunities in communities. They frequently teach in classroom settings and work with entrepreneurs and business owners to develop and market their products. Some Volunteers also teach basic computer skills and help communities take advantage of technologies such as e-commerce, distance learning, and more.

*If you choose Community Economic Dev., take three courses from one of the following areas:*

- Business or Public Administration
- Nonprofit Management
- Accounting, Banking or Finance
- Computer Science and related majors
- Graphic Design
- Mass Communications
- International Business

*Recommended courses:*

- **Business or Public Administration**
  - BNAD 302 - Human Side of Organizations
  - BNAD 303 - Marketing Principles, Concepts and Tools
  - PA 206 - Public Policy and Administration
  - PA 236 - Globalization and Security

- **Nonprofit Management and Accounting, Banking or Finance**
  - ACCT 200 - Introduction to Financial Accounting
  - ACCT 210 - Introduction to Managerial Accounting
  - ACCT 250 - Survey of Accounting

- **Computer Science and related majors**
  - MIS 111 + MIS 111L - Computers and Internetworked Society

- **Graphic Design**
  - ART 100G - Propaganda

- **Mass Communications**
  - COMM 117 - Culture and Communication
  - COMM 119 - Public Speaking
  - COMM 209 - Introduction to Communication Technology
  - COMM 301 - Survey of Mass Communication

- **International Business**
  - BNAD 201 - Topics and Careers in the Global Environment
  - BNAD 301 - Global and Financial Economics and Strategies
  - BNAD 350 - Global Business in Emerging Region
  - BNAD 449 - International Business Environments
  - BNAD 450 - Principles of International Business
  - BNAD 451 - Emerging Market Connections
  - BNAD 455 - Small Business Development and Consulting
And build 50 hours of related field experience through an activity such as:

- Working with businesses, organizations, or cooperatives in accounting, finance, microfinance, management, project management, budgeting, or marketing
- Starting and running your own business or other entrepreneurial activity
- Training others in computer literacy, maintenance, and repair
- Website design or online marketing
- Founding or leading a community- or school-based organization

*Peace Corps Tip!*

Nearly two-thirds of Peace Corps Volunteers serve in Education or Health. Coursework and meaningful experience in one of these areas—especially teaching English as a second/foreign language—produce some of the strongest candidates.