

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

<https://www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/what-volunteers-do/#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
- Administration
- Accounting or Finance
- Computer and Information Science
- Marketing
- Management
- Economics

*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
 - Big Idea Gator Business Plan Competition
 - Projects for Peace
- Training others in computer literacy, maintenance, and repair
- Website design or online marketing
- Founding or leading a community- or school-based organization
- Study Abroad (Options include: UF in Nicaragua Transnational Community Development, UF in South Africa Entrepreneurship and Empowerment)
- Join a student organization like Nourish International or Projects for Haiti to learn about community assessment, microfinance, and small business mentorship.
- Participate in Enactus doing student consulting, Jr. Achievement workshops, and small business advising in the community.
- Participate in Florida Alternative Breaks: Financial Literacy program and teach students from the Jr. Achievement Curriculum.
- Get involved in the (EEH) Entrepreneurship & Empowerment in Haiti or (EESA) Entrepreneurship & Empowerment in South Africa programs.
- Advise small business owners in the Gator Hatchery or Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative in the Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation