



Volunteering Abroad through Omprakash

Information and Expectations

- **We do not sell volunteer "programs"** that involve fixed dates and require formal applications. Instead, we work to match you with one of our Partners that can benefit from your help, and then we let the Partner determine if, when, and how you can serve them. In order for us to help you, you need to **browse through our free database** and identify a few specific Partners that inspire you. Our Partners do not ask Volunteers to pay any "administrative fees," but the cost of transportation, food, and lodging will vary from one location to another. To learn more about our Partners and the volunteer opportunities available within our network, visit omprakash.org/partners or omprakash.org/volunteer.
- **We offer funding to aspiring volunteers** who need help paying for travel and living expenses. Our **Volunteer Grant** program is open to individuals of all ages and nationalities. The program is competitive and seeks to empower entrepreneurial individuals who demonstrate a deep understanding of our mission and a serious commitment to making a **long-term contribution** to our Partners and our broader network of Volunteers and classrooms. See omprakash.org/volunteergrants.
- We ask all volunteers to **register within our network** and **share multimedia "stories"** before, during, and after their volunteer experiences.
- As you begin planning your trip, we encourage you to visit our **Travel Resources** page (omprakash.org/travelresources) to find helpful information about travel logistics.
- We also encourage you to browse (and share) lesson plans and other **international teaching resources** at omprakash.org/classroomresources. Likewise, please consider contributing **resources for connecting classrooms** to this same archive so that teachers and students around the world can learn from your experiences and engage with our network.
- Our hope is that volunteers will **fundraise** to support their host Partner. We invite volunteers to use our website and our tax-deductible status to enhance their fundraising efforts. See "Fundraising Through Omprakash" at omprakash.org/support for more information.
- **We do not charge any fee to our volunteers**, but we do ask that they respect our service by making their own commitment and contribution to our network. At the least, please share your experience by registering and writing a "story" on our site. Please also consider introducing our network to your home community and connecting our Partners with more people who can learn from and support their work. Perhaps most importantly, we want you to help our network become a **resource for service and learning** by introducing it to teachers and students within your home country. Please browse our website for more information about how you can support our Partners and maintain meaningful cross-cultural relationships long after you finish volunteering abroad.