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**Subject:** International Opportunity in Deaf Education

Hello,

I represent the Office of Peace Corps Response. Peace Corps Response, a program in the broader Peace Corps agency, sends U.S. professionals to volunteer in developing countries in targeted projects lasting 3-12 months. I am reaching out to you because my office currently has an opportunity which I believe may be of interest to you, your students, or your alumni.

Currently, Swaziland is looking for Deaf Education Specialists to strengthen the capacity of the High School for the Deaf in Matsetsa to meet the needs of its Deaf students, as well as build the skills of the school's teachers. Until 2008, Deaf education in Swaziland had been limited to primary education at the Siteki Primary School for the Deaf. The government has made significant strides by building the High School for the Deaf in Matsetsa. Amidst challenges the school has made great improvements to be where it is today, however there is a dire need to strengthen English literacy among Deaf students in particular and the Deaf people of Swaziland in general. Although Swazi Sign Language is the primary mode of communication, teaching and learning, English language is used in reading and writing and most Deaf students have challenges with this area. The Peace Corps Response Volunteers will provide awareness of Deaf culture and importance of Sign Language for communication but mostly will focus on strategies to teach English literacy (reading and writing) to Deaf children. The volunteers will also review the current status of each Deaf or hard of hearing student and plan follow up activities, design a program of English literacy (reading and writing) and train teachers on best practices, monitor and provide feedback and technical assistance to teachers and parents on areas of literacy improvement. More information may be found on our website listing here: <http://bit.ly/2tY7BCK>.

Please note the approximate start date is 31-Aug-2017 for a 12-month position, but the date may be flexible. Volunteers receive benefits including: transportation to and from country of service; settling-in, living, and leave allowances; vacation days; medical care; and the option to receive a travel stipend in lieu of a return ticket. In addition, Peace Corps Response Volunteers receive a readjustment allowance of \$450 per month of service. Please pass on this information to anyone you believe may be interested. Also feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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