

Strategic Intent

2023 - 2025

Vision

A world of thriving communities

Purpose

Connecting People - Transforming Lives -

Volunteer Service Abroad works in partnership with skilled volunteers, organisations and communities overseas to support locally identified needs and aspirations to achieve long-lasting and meaningful change

Values

- Commitment to te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Respectful partnerships
- Working and learning together
- Cross-cultural understanding
- Fairness, social justice and self-determination
- The spirit of volunteering

Whakataukī

Mā te mahi tahi, ka ora tātou katoa

By working together, all of us can achieve our goals

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VOLUNTEER SERVICE ABROAD TE TŪAO TĀWĀHI



goals



Impact through Development -

To support communities, volunteers and Volunteer Service Abroad to achieve sustainable and meaningful change.



Partnerships at the Centre -

To develop and strengthen relationships between Volunteer Service Abroad, New Zealanders, local communities and partners.



Trusted & Connected -

To increase New Zealanders' awareness of and support for Volunteer Service Abroad, our partners, and international development.

We will:

- Strengthen alignment between volunteer assignments and locally identified needs, priorities, and aspirations.
- Enhance the effectiveness, resilience, sustainability, and inclusiveness of local community services by working alongside partner organisations.
- Strengthen individual and organisational skills, knowledge, confidence and understandings by providing effective mentoring and training.
- Strengthen the impact of volunteer assignments by collaboratively monitoring, understanding and learning from assignment outcomes.
- Support the growth of local volunteering within partner countries.
- Enhance the safety of volunteers and communities by understanding, assessing and mitigating risks that may affect them.
- Support the wellbeing of volunteers and communities by enhancing their physical, emotional, and mental health.

We will:

- Respect te Tiriti o Waitangi as New Zealand's founding document and giving practical effect to the spirit of te Tiriti o Waitangi internally and in our external relationships with all partners.
- Increase the diversity of partners, assignments, and volunteers.
- Increase the number of Pasifika partner organisations who engage with Volunteer Service Abroad's work.
- Increase the number of Māori-led organisations who engage with Volunteer Service Abroad's work.
- Collaborate with national, regional and international organisations.
- Enhance our position as a strategic, credible, and effective partner.

We will:

- Increase our support base and engagement with stakeholders to ensure Volunteer Service Abroad is known as a trusted and effective Aotearoa New Zealand organisation
- Increase Volunteer Service Abroad's brand awareness across Aotearoa New Zealand and the wider Pacific.
- Increase reach of Volunteer Service Abroad's stories and the stories of the people we work with across Aotearoa New Zealand and Pacific networks.
- Increase awareness of volunteering for development across Aotearoa New Zealand and the wider Pacific.
- Encourage volunteers and accompanying partners to be involved in activities outside their assignment