

THE JOY OF VOLUNTEERING

Why Everyone Should Find Time to Be a Volunteer

TRANSCRIPT

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Hello, I am Mimshach Obioha and this is the Joy of Volunteering.

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Volunteering has never been more important than it is today. With the spate of global humanitarian crisis and the growing consciousness of alternative problem solving techniques, volunteering with organizations that are solving societal problems gives people the opportunity to be part of the solution.

Volunteering to help people in your community leads to your personal development, the development of that community and the country and world at large.

Volunteering is important in meeting humanitarian needs, fostering citizen participation and promoting people-centered development. Without volunteers, much of this work would not happen.

Volunteers allow communities to build financial assets and increase entrepreneurial capacity, social capital, institutional development and participation in community governance.

A robust corps of volunteers can help build the capacity of members in a community to face challenges and overcome collective adversity. Through this, local communities grow in their ability to find solutions to local needs.

And for you it means a feeling of satisfaction that comes with knowing that you have helped an individual or a community through your voluntary action. You actively help to save funds which can be used to provide other needed amenities on a project or in a community.

You give new experiences, you gain new experiences. You have the opportunity to meet and learn from new people. You give back to the society that allowed you to thrive and succeed.

And guess what? You can have fun.

[TEXT: Learn more about what it means to serve others through volunteering at yali.state.gov/serves]

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