



Issues in Developing Countries

What's the problem?
What's a Project?





Region: The Gambia, Africa

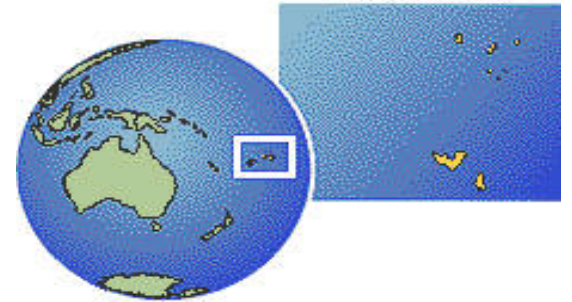
Issue: Environmental degradation and decreasing agricultural production are serious issues in Gambia. The conservation of natural resources is a high priority for the government. In the 1940s, 80 percent of the country was covered by dense forest and woodland – today, only 8 percent of the total land is covered by forest and woodland. Uncontrolled burning and deforestation for fuel wood are prevalent.

Your solution?



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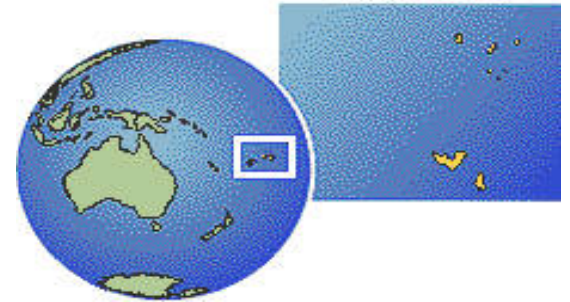
Peace Corps project: Peace Corps volunteers work with schools and community groups on environmental education projects. Some volunteers work with community groups and individuals to establish village nurseries and plant orchards. Others work with women on community garden projects. One volunteer designed, implemented, and analyzed an important nationwide Women In Agroforestry survey, set up computer databases, and edited an agroforestry newsletter, which resulted in increased environmental awareness.



Region: Tonga (the Pacific)

Issue: The government of Tonga has expressed concern about the future for Tongan youth. They were apathetic and showed a lack of concern for their futures and the future of their community. They want to see Tongan youth take more active leadership in the affairs of their communities.

Your solution?



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Peace Corps project: Volunteers have helped to develop youth leadership skills and trained peer educators throughout the islands. In cooperation with the Tonga government, the volunteers have established the first Tonga National Volunteer Services, in which trained Tongan volunteers work on community development projects.

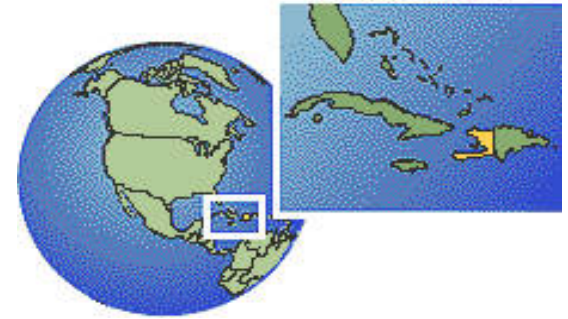


Region: Haiti (Latin America)

Issue: People in Haiti generally have poor access to health care and low standards of health care.

Because of this, many people suffer from chronic malnutrition and maternal health problems, and the spread of HIV/AIDS is rampant.

Your solution?



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Peace Corps project: Volunteers implemented a health education project to promote health education and raise health standards by teaching communities about nutrition, immunization, sanitation, and maternal health. They also provided options for preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS. Volunteers work primarily with women and children, who are most affected by poor health.



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