

STANDARD SECTOR INDICATOR CODE: YD-031-E	Community Engagement: Number of youth the Volunteer/partner worked with, who described at least three new community or external sources of support from among the following: family, teachers, leaders, peers, other caring adults such as coaches or mentors; supportive neighborhoods, their school environment, supporting organizations and programs; safe places to spend free time. (YD-031-E)	
Type: Outcome	Unit of Measure: Youth	Disaggregation: Sex: Male, Female Type of Youth: In-School Youth, Out-of-school Youth
Definitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth –While Peace Corps define youth as ages 15-24, some agencies define youth as 10–29. Volunteer reporting against youth indicators should reflect the ages of youth the project is designed to reach. PMs/APCDs may adapt a locally appropriate definition of youth, and should clarify for Volunteers this target youth age. • Partner/s – refers to the local counterpart who is co-facilitating volunteerism activities with the Volunteer. 		
Rationale: Community and external sources of support for youth are one of eight key asset types in an asset-based approach to youth development. An increase in the number of youth who describe these sources of support shows an increased likelihood that youth have developed the critical assets that lead them to engage in positive behaviors and avoid negative, destructive behaviors.		
Measurement Notes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sample Tools and Methods: Post should select the most appropriate tool for the post, and adapt it at the post level for their Volunteers' use. This indicator could be measured using surveys or interviews, though there may be other data collection methods that are appropriate as well. 2. Activity-Level Baseline Data Collection: Volunteers should collect activity-level baseline information early in their work with youth, and may use their judgment to determine timing because the information will be more accurate if the Volunteer has built some trust with the youth first. Baseline data provides a basis for planning and/or assessing subsequent progress or impact with the same population. The information for the baseline measurement will be the same or very similar to the information that will be collected in the follow-on measurement after the Volunteer has conducted his/her activities to allow for easy data management over time. 3. Frequency of Measurement: For accurate reporting, Volunteers must take at least two measurements with the target population. After taking a baseline measurement, Volunteers should take at least one follow-on measurement with the same individual(s), typically <u>after</u> one or more activities related to the community engagement indicator. Volunteers report in their VRF once at least one individual has achieved the indicator. 4. Definition of Change: The minimum change to report against this indicator is any youth describing at least three new community or external sources of support from the list provided. The word <i>new</i> implies the change, so regardless of which sources of support a young person may have been able to describe before working with the Volunteer/partner, the change to be reported is that young person describing at least three sources of support that are new for him or her. Describing one or two new sources of support would not meet the minimum change identified in this indicator. 		
Alignment with Summary Indicator: YOUTH ENGAGEMENT		