

The Building Bridges Coalition

*Doubling the number of international volunteers by 2010.
A project of the Brookings Institution's Initiative on International
Volunteering and Service.*

2008 Doubling Cohort Survey Results

Doubling Cohort



What is the Doubling Cohort?

To help gauge the BBC's progress toward reaching our goal of doubling the number of Americans volunteering abroad, a key group of volunteer sending organizations was identified to form a “Doubling Cohort.” In total, the cohort sent approximately 50,000 American volunteers abroad in 2006. These groups will be tracked through an annual survey with the anticipated end result of 100,000 volunteers serving through their programs in 2010.

Cohort Selection



How were organizations chosen?

The initial list of potential cohort members came from two sources: An informal survey conducted by Lex Rieffel in December 2005 and similar survey conducted by the Brookings Institution in November of 2006. Initially, only organizations that had previously participated in at least one of the two surveys were considered for the Doubling Cohort.

Additional Criteria Included:

- Potential for doubling
- Cross-sector Representation
- Goals and Activities
- Length of Service
- Dual emphasis on community and volunteer impacts
- Strong American recruitment

Cohort Members



ACDI/VOCA
American Bar Association
American Jewish World Service
American Refugee Committee
Amigos de las Americas
Amizade
Atlas Service Corps
Business Volunteers Unlimited
Catholic Medical Mission Board
Christian Peacemaker Teams
Citizen's Development Corps
Child Family Health International
Cross-Cultural Solutions
Doctors Without Borders
Earthwatch Institute
Experiential Learning International
Food for the Hungry
Foundation for Sustainable Development
Flying Samaritans
Global Citizens Network
Global Routes
Global Volunteers
Globe Aware
Habitat for Humanity International

Health Volunteers Overseas
i-to-i
Jesuit Volunteer Corps
International Executive Service Corps
Institute for Int'l Cooperation and Development
Kibbutz Program Center
Language Corps
Maryknoll
Medical Teams International
Mennonite Central Committee
Operation Crossroads Africa
Operation Smile
Partners of the Americas
Pastors for Peace
Peace Corps
Peacework
Projects Abroad
ProWorld Service Corps
UN Volunteers
Volunteer Adventures
Volunteers for Peace
World Hope International
WorldTeach

35 of 47 (74.5%) cohort members responded to survey yielding 29 usable data sets (61.7%) for tracking

Tracking Results

2008 round 1



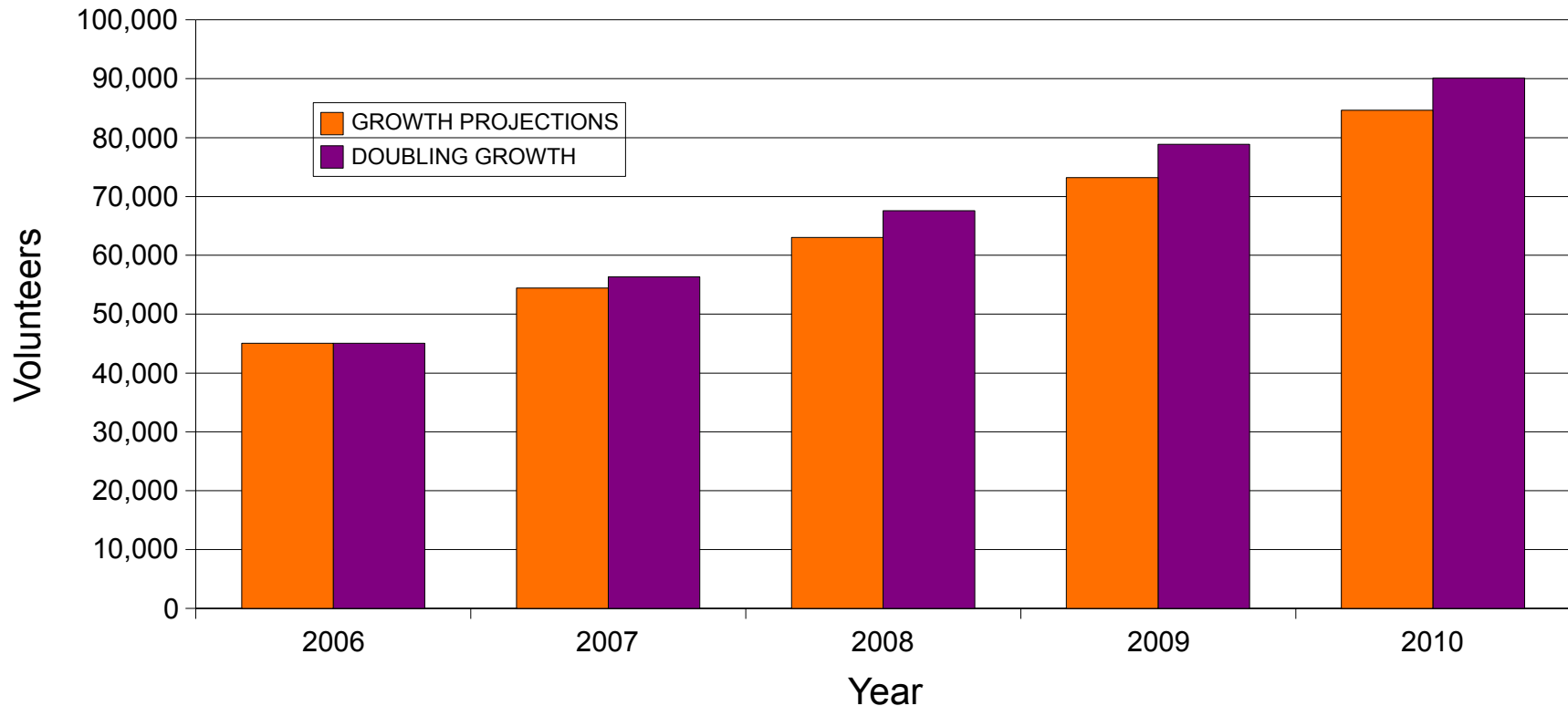
In 2006 the 29 responding organizations sent **27,801** volunteers overseas. If these 29 were to double their numbers by 2010, this would be a total of **55,602 volunteers abroad.**

In September 2007, the tracking cohort data showed 2010 projections at **78%** of doubling goal.

February 2008 data show 2010 projections at **94%** of goal to double number of volunteers (extrapolating responses to represent the entire cohort)

Tracking the Doubling Goal

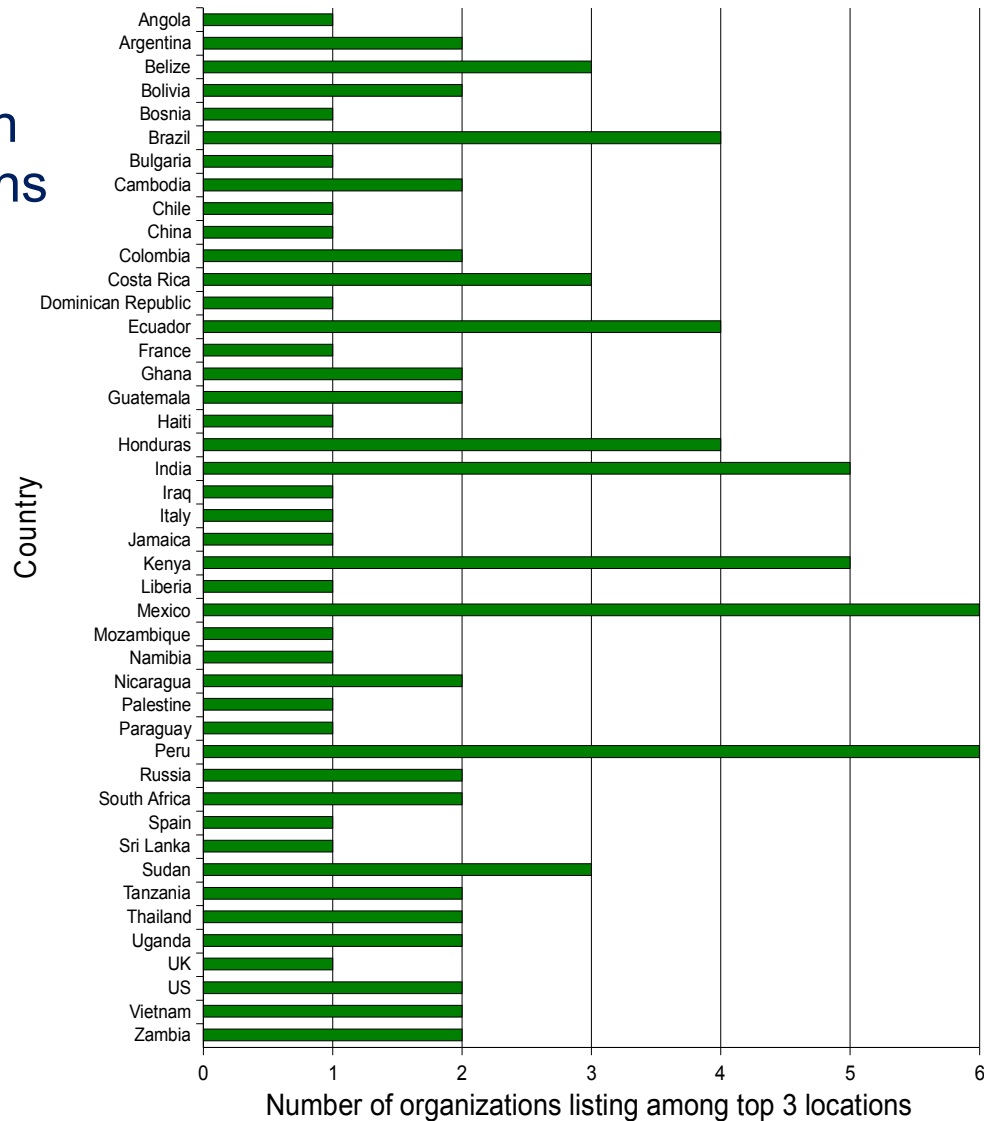
Projected Growth



Top Locations

Mexico and Peru were most often listed among the top 3 destinations for placing volunteers. Kenya & India were close behind.

Most Common Locations - 2007
44 countries from 30 sending organizations

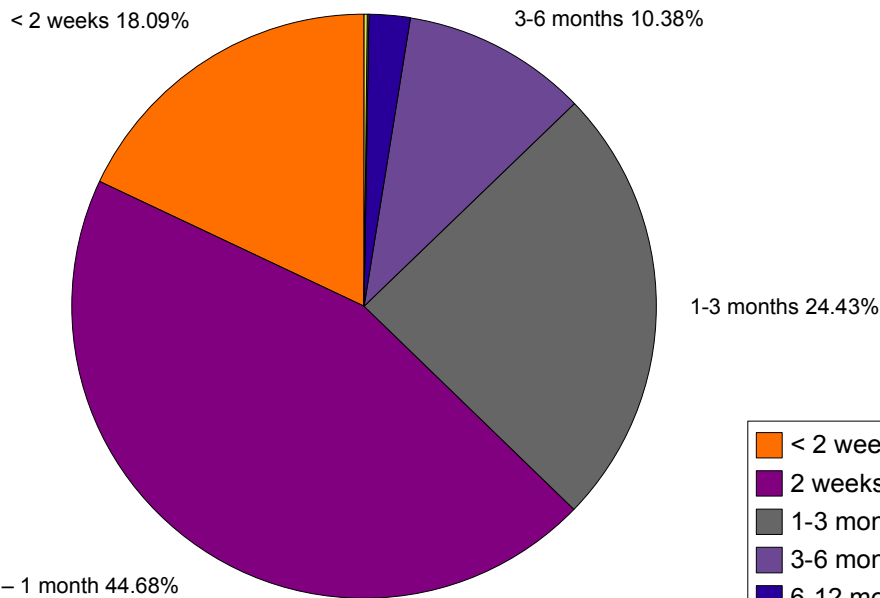


Duration of Service

77% of 2007 volunteers through 24 responding organizations served for 1 month or less

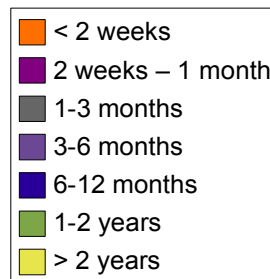
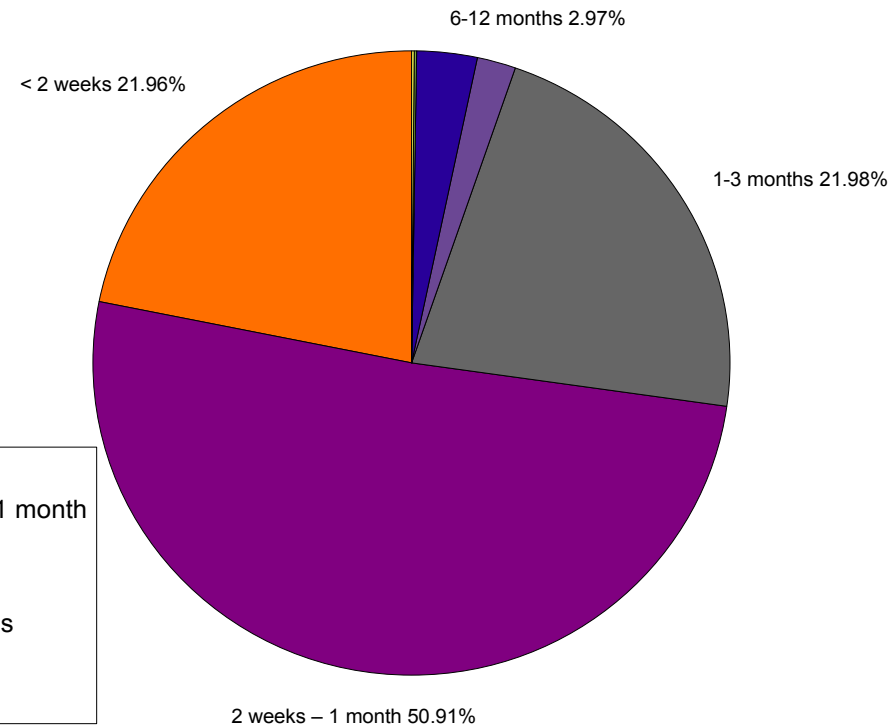
Volunteering Duration - 2006

Data from 27 organizations and 25,571 volunteers



Volunteering Duration - 2007

Data from 24 organizations and 32089 volunteers



Types of Work

Types of Work - 2007
Data from 28 organizations

