

## >> Welcome a volunteer



Founded in 1967, the Catholic Delegation for Cooperation (DCC) is the international volunteering service of the Church in France. As a development NGO, it accompanies nearly 400 volunteers each year in 40 countries around the world.



## Volunteering with DCC

### >> At the request of its local partners

Through solidarity volunteering, the DCC supports the development projects of its local partners among the poorest populations. Together, they assess the relevance and feasibility of the projects, as well as collaborations with local teams for sharing skills in a spirit of exchange and reciprocity.

### >> Aiming for development

The DCC recruits and trains volunteers for the challenges of the mission to which they have been assigned based on their skills. They intervene in various areas: education, health, vocational training, project management, rural development, etc. The DCC supports them before departure and in the field by creating conditions for solidarity and brotherhood. DCC, volunteers, and partners join forces to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

### >> Various statuses for various needs

The DCC accompanies volunteers on missions ranging from 3 months to 2 years.

- Volunteering for Exchanges and Skills (VEC) - Short-term mission, from 3 to 6 months, outside of France, or remotely,
- International Solidarity Volunteering (VSI) from 1 to 2 years, renewable, outside of France, including South-South International Volunteering (VISS)
- International Reciprocity Volunteering (VIR) in France, for 10 months or 1 year.

It is necessary to plan approximately 3 to 6 months between your written mission request and the arrival of the volunteer in the field. This is the time required to recruit, validate the mission, and provide training.

### >> From "integral human development" to "integral ecology"

DCC embraces a vision of development rooted in the experience and social teachings of the Church. It guides all of its actions and places the human person at the heart of the concept of development. DCC implements integral development, which promotes the human being in its material, cultural, and religious dimensions. Open to all cultures and spiritualities, tolerance and diversity are the foundations of a better world for DCC.

Attentive to sustainable development, DCC works so that everyone can live with dignity on a habitable planet. Through volunteering, the aim is to respond to Pope Francis' call to promote "integral ecology".

## OUR VALUES

- >> Openness to all
- >> Priority to the poorest
- >> Respect for local dynamics
- >> Sharing in intercultural encounter
- >> Solidarity commitment

## OUR EXPERTISE

- >> Rigorous and recognized training
- >> Support for volunteers throughout their journeys
- >> Responsible management of security issues
- >> Openness to the spiritual aspects of volunteering
- >> Close collaboration with French government services

## To be DCC's partner

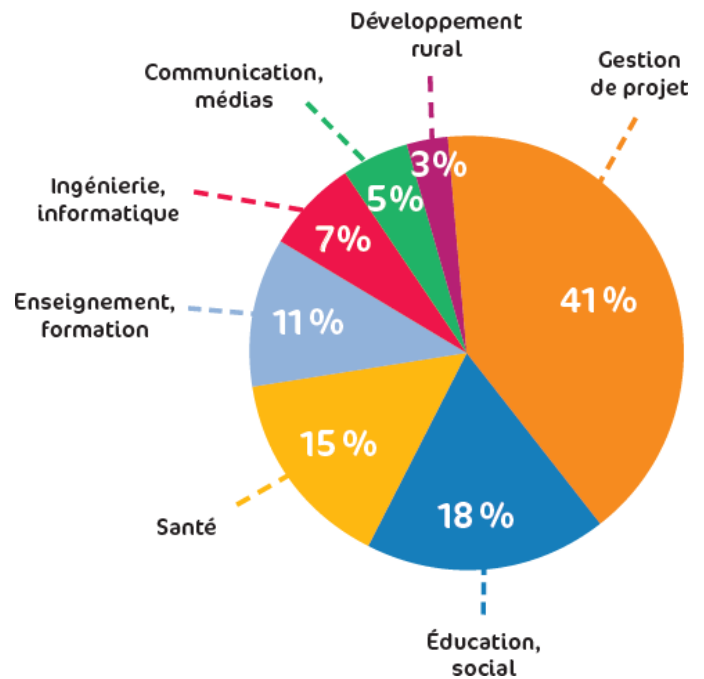
### >> Your commitments as a partner

For the volunteer, volunteering abroad is a significant life choice. Your commitments to ensure their mission goes smoothly:

- You welcome the volunteer and help them integrate locally
- You plan for regular evaluation methods upon the volunteer's arrival
- You make yourself available for remote communication and during the annual visit from the mission officer

Financially, you cover:

- Accommodation and meals
- Residence permit or long-term visa (if necessary)
- *For VSI volunteers only*: a monthly subsistence allowance adjusted to the cost of living (on average €150)
- *For VSI volunteers only*: round-trip plane ticket



## PARTNER'S TESTIMONY

<< "We work with DCC, we have never been disappointed by DCC, we don't change a winning team. The elements that DCC sends us undergo significant preparation: all the volunteers we welcome here are attentive and very respectful of our lives. This suggests that they have been warned about something. Receiving these people who make our lives easier is nothing but happiness. DCC remains an essential partner for us.">>

Brother Christophe, partner in Congo

### >> Global distribution of volunteers

40 Countries  
400 volunteers each year

