



## **About Omprakash- General Information**

### **What is Omprakash?**

Omprakash is a U.S.-based charity that offers a new model of social transformation—one that begins with communication, collaboration, and human-to-human relationships, and proceeds as a mutual learning process in which everyone has something to give. Omprakash primarily works to build partnerships with grassroots health, education, and environmental projects around the world, and connect them with volunteers, donors, and classrooms that can learn from and support their work.

### **Opportunities**

We invite health, educational, and environmental projects seeking a global audience to join us as Partners. Then we introduce our network of Partners to prospective volunteers, donors, fundraisers, students, and educators. All have something to offer our community, and all have something to gain from it.

### **Volunteering Abroad through Omprakash**

People of all ages and origins can browse our free database and connect directly with our international Partners. Rather than offer guided volunteer trips, we enable volunteers to communicate with our Partners and with each other to determine when, how, and where they can serve. We also help volunteers share teaching resources and manage travel logistics. Volunteers are expected to pay for their airfare, food, and lodging, but we do not charge any administrative fees for our service.

### **Volunteering at Home through Omprakash**

Even if you don't fancy yourself an international traveler, you can still support our network. From wherever you are, you can help introduce our network to your home campus or community. In addition to fundraising and collecting resources for our Partners, you can initiate educational exchanges between our Partners and your own school, or you can help your friends and family use our website as a platform for international learning and service.

### **Omprakash in the Classroom**

By enabling teachers and students to connect with our Volunteers and our diverse Partners, our network enriches academic curricula and service-learning programs on campuses around the world. Student groups can use our website and our network as a platform for fundraising or collecting other resources to support our Partners, and educators can use it as a means of bringing the world into their classrooms. This might entail initiating direct correspondence between their students and our international Partners or Volunteers, inviting members of our network to visit their school, implementing hands-on service projects to support our Partners, or using the work of our Partners as real-life examples of how social actors around the world are confronting urgent

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issues such as urban poverty, women's rights, food security, environmental degradation, or HIV/AIDS. Visit **[omprakash.org/classroom](http://omprakash.org/classroom)** to learn more!

### **Volunteer Grants and Seed Grants**

We are pleased to offer Volunteer Grants to defray travel and living expenses for individuals who are interested in serving one of our Partners and making a long-term contribution to our global community. Our Volunteer Grant program is open to all, regardless of age or nationality. We also offer Seed Grants to jumpstart innovative projects that use our international network to enrich service and learning on middle-school, high-school, and college campuses. Successful Seed Grant proposals address the real needs of our partners, and simultaneously provide an educative and empowering experience for everyone involved.

### **Donating and Fundraising Through Omprakash**

As a 501(c)3 organization, Omprakash accepts and relies heavily upon donations from individuals and other organizations. All donations can be earmarked for a Partner or program of the donor's choice. If you do wish to donate, you can either give from your own savings or you can start a fundraising initiative under our tax-deductible umbrella.

### **Expanding our network**

We are constantly working to connect projects that need support with communities that are able to help. If you know of a worthy project that could benefit from representing itself on our website, please put us in touch. Likewise, please don't hesitate to introduce our website to your own community at school, at work, or at home.

### **Dialogue**

Our website facilitates cross-cultural dialogue by enabling users to share their stories, photos, and videos. All registered users can create profiles and connect with others based on common interests and efforts. Volunteer teachers can share teaching resources, our Partners can share best practices, fundraisers can collaborate and share strategies, and professional educators can post and download lesson plans that integrate our global network into their classrooms.

### **Gratitude**

The growth of our network is powered purely by the good intentions of diverse individuals around the world. We are grateful for all of the sacrifices that make our work possible, and we invite you to join us. Visit **[www.omprakash.org](http://www.omprakash.org)** today!