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On December 10, 2008, 19 Peace Corps Volunteers were sworn in by the Chargé d’Affaires, a.i. Eric Stromayer, joined by the Minister of Health and Family Planning Paul Richard Ralainirina, to work in the health sector throughout Madagascar. Projects in the health sector include mother and child survival and reproductive health of adolescents. The volunteers will apply the strategy of communication for a behavioral change for children killer diseases such as diarrhea, respiratory infections, malaria, transmissible diseases and malnutrition. A special effort has been made to promote immunization, malaria and nutritional education. Mother survival activities mainly focus on safe pregnancy, family

planning, and raising awareness about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs/AIDS) while activities targeting adolescents aim at avoiding pregnancies and STDs/AIDS. The volunteers, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, will work with four main partners, Population Services International (PSI), Santé-Net II, ONN/SEECALINE and the National Committee for the Fight against AIDS (CNLS). They will serve in different parts of the island under the supervision of the “Médecin Inspecteur” of sanitary districts at their sites, especially at basic health centers and within their communities.

The Peace Corps was founded in 1961 by President John Fitzgerald Kennedy to promote world peace and friendship through the service of American volunteers outside the United States. In adapting to changing needs around the world, the Peace Corps remains guided by its founding mission – to help the people of developing countries meet their basic needs and to help promote mutual understanding among Americans and people from other cultures.

