

AmeriCorps Disaster Response Assets – At A Glance

The Disaster Response Unit, or DSU:

The DSU coordinates AmeriCorps’ disaster response and recovery efforts within the agency and in the field. Disaster response and recovery is addressed by all streams of service:

AmeriCorps State and National (ASN)	Provides grants to organizations to engage communities in addressing critical needs in education, health, and the environment.
National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)	Residential service program for individuals ages 18-24. NCCC teams have 10-12 members. Includes FEMA Corps, where members assist with FEMA response.
Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)	VISTA aims to alleviate poverty & expand capacity. Members serve with organizations that improve education, health, and economic outcomes.
AmeriCorps Seniors (ASC)	Connects people 55+ with organizations that need mentors, coaches, or companions. ACS volunteers contribute their job skills, talents, and expertise. (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions)

Each stream of service includes varied approaches to disaster response. Different units within a stream of service has its own structure and scope.

Stream	Unit	What Do They Do?	Deployment	Current Size
ASN	Disaster Response Teams / ADRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct service Volunteer management Capacity building 	Mission Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27 Teams 2,500 Members
	Grantees	(Same as A-DRT)	Specialty programs decide	(Varies)
	State Commissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer reception Long-term recovery 	Coordinates with state	One per state
NCCC	NCCC – Traditional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct service (all phases, inc. long-term recovery) Volunteer management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request from qualified org Mission Assignment Partnership with Red Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Campuses 1,200 Members
	FEMA Corps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Management Support Capacity Building Assist with FEMA Ops 	FEMA Leadership and coordination with DSU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Campus 200 Members
VISTA	VISTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity Building Long-term Recovery 	Redirected from assigned service (short-term)	Each State
ACS	RSVP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity Building Direct Service 	Position Description Modification	Each State
	FGP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary reassignment if disaster disrupts service 	Position Description Modification	Each State
	SC	(Same as FGP)	Position Description Modification	Each State

Getting Involved

1. AmeriCorps' DSU is your first stop if you are ready to contribute your experience, resources, and availability to disaster response and recovery. Reach us at: DSU@americorps.gov, or learn more at: americorps.gov/disasterservices.
2. Network locally. Connect with your State Service Commission to discover more about where there are needs in your state, and stay in touch with colleagues at disaster-oriented organizations.

Become, Partner With, or Seek Services from an A-DRT

AmeriCorps Disaster Response Teams are specialized organizations that are prepared to respond to disasters. Members must be trained in topics including:

- CPR/First Aid
- Shelter Operations
- Mass Care/Family Services
- Volunteer and Donations Management
- OSHA certified Chainsaw Training
- Hazmat certification

A-DRT Capabilities	
<i>Individual Assistance</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of Life-Sustaining Supplies; Support for Mass Care • Mucking and Gutting; Debris clean-up • Emergency Roof Tarping; Emergency Home Repair • Mold Suppression; Hazard Tree Removal; Minor home repair; Flood Fighting
<i>Public Assistance</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispatch and Tracking of Donated Equipment • Park and Public Lands Restoration
<i>Volunteer & Donations Management</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and Manage Volunteer Reception Center • Database Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Damage assessments; Volunteer Hours; Field Leadership • Deliver safety and task training; Support volunteer logistics • Donations: Warehousing Support; Points of Distribution (POD); Tracking
<i>Community Outreach</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs Assessments; Canvassing • Support Call Centers; Public Situational Awareness • Client Intake and Tracking, Case Management • Staffing for Staging Areas and Logistics
<i>Capacity Building</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to Emergency Management • Support to VOAD, COADs, and LTRCs; Inter-agency Facilitation • Surge Capacity for Staffing; Support for Emergency Farm and Animal Care