

INFORMATION

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Organizational Information

Name of Organization	Volunteers of America, Inc.
Country	United States of America
Type of Organization	Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

Questionnaire/Survey Information

Your organization's FULL NAME *	Volunteers of America, Inc.
Purpose of your organization: *	
<p>Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need rebuild their lives and reach their full potential. Through hundreds of human service programs, including housing and healthcare, Volunteers of America helps more than 2 million people in over 400 communities. Since 1896, our ministry of service has supported and empowered America's most vulnerable groups, including at risk youth, the frail elderly, men and women returning from prison, homeless individuals and families, people with disabilities, and those recovering from addictions.</p> <p>Volunteers of America is one of the United States' largest nonprofit providers of quality affordable housing. The organization is also a major provider of skilled long-term nursing care and health services. Volunteers of America operates nursing facilities, residential assisted-living complexes and retirement communities.</p> <p>Volunteers of America's Aging with Options initiative aims to transform the current senior care system by providing people with guidance and control over their care, and allow older Americans the freedom to receive care while living longer in their own homes.</p>	
What are the programmes and activities of your organization? They must be relevant to the Open-ended Working Group and the country or countries in which they are carried out. *	
<p>Volunteers of America believes that decent affordable housing is a basic right for all people, especially older people, and that good housing provides the foundation for a strong, successful life. Volunteers of America is one of the largest nonprofit providers of affordable housing in the United States, including housing specifically targeted to elders. We currently provide homes to more than 25,000 low-income people in the United States and Puerto Rico, including 8,000 older people. We have approximately 370 housing properties in 48 U.S. states and Puerto Rico. Senior housing ranges from independent living apartments to assisted living and nursing homes with full-time medical care. Integrated with our housing are a variety of supportive services that help seniors live healthy and dignified lives. These include Meals on Wheels, rehabilitative therapy, special services for those with severe memory loss such as Alzheimer's, transportation, Foster Grandparents and community-based senior centers. We tailor these services to the specific needs of the local community. In Minneapolis, Minnesota, for instance, we provide services specifically to older refugees from the Hmong culture – requiring us to address their age-related needs while also remaining sensitive to their unique cultural background.</p> <p>In addition, Volunteers of America serves those older people who would prefer to remain in their own homes but need some extra assistance to live safe, independent lives. We offer Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) which provides services at a central location, where seniors come during the day while continuing to live at home. Services provided at the PACE center include meals, medical care, therapy, prescription drug fulfillment and referral to other social services.</p> <p>Volunteers of America's regional affiliates also provide innovative programs specifically aimed at protecting the human rights of older people. In Sacramento, California, we offer the Senior Safe House – a six bedroom facility opened in 2009 that provides a safe refuge for abused and neglected older people.</p>	
Please explain briefly whether your activities are at the national, regional or international level, or a combination thereof. *	
Volunteers of America conducts activities in 48 U.S. states, including Alaska, plus Puerto Rico. We have programs and	

services in approximately 400 communities nationwide, provided by both the national organization and 36 regional affiliates

Please attach a scanned copy of an annual report of your organization including financial statements, and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions. (PDF or Word only please.)

[VOA_AnnualReport_2010_FULL_DOC.pdf](#)

If you wish, you can provide any additional information on your organization's financial statement here. (Optional)

Attached is the Annual Report for VOA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. There are financial statements listed on pages 9 and 10, and include a list of financial sources and contributions (see page 10).

Please provide a BRIEF list of members of the governing body of your organization, and their countries of nationality; ✖

Volunteers of America, Inc. is governed by a 31 member board of directors. All board members are citizens of the United States of America. Their names are: listed below:

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Briefly describe the membership of your organization, including: (a) the total number of members, (b) names of member organizations, if any, and (c) geographical distribution of your membership ✖

The membership consists of 445 individuals, including 316 ministers and 129 other non minister members who are responsible for electing the board of directors. The members reside throughout the USA.

Please provide a scanned copy of your organization's constitution or bylaws. (PDF or Word only, please.)

[Volunteers of America, Inc. Constitution 5-31-06.pdf](#)

If you wish, you can provide any additional information on your organization's constitution or bylaws here. (Optional)

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Please sign off with today's date: ✖

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