

# Volunteer Manager Survey Codebook

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**id** [*Respondent ID*]  
Integer

**date** [*Date and time respondent submitted survey*]  
Timestamp

## A. Organization Characteristics

**mission** [*What is your organization's mission area?*]  
1. Arts & Culture  
2. Advocacy/Public Societal Benefit  
3. Community Development  
4. Economic Development  
5. Education  
6. Environment  
7. Health  
8. Human Services  
9. International  
10. Legal  
11. Other

**mission\_oth** [*What is your organization's mission area? - Other*]  
String

**identity** [*Is your organization's work centered on serving a particular identity-based community (e.g. religious/faith community, youth, minorities, seniors, LGBT, etc.)?*]  
0. No  
1. Yes

**identityname** [*What is the name of the identity-group?*]  
String

**directservices** [*Does your organization provide direct services?*]  
0. No  
1. Yes

**customers** [*How many people do you serve on an annual basis? (Directly and indirectly -- counting people just once)*]  
Integer

*How many paid staff does your organization have?*

**empfulltime** [*Number of full-time employees*]  
Integer

**empparttime** [*Number of part-time employees*]

*How many volunteers does your organization have (including RSVP volunteers)?*

**volprog** [*Number of volunteers with program*]  
Integer

**volboard** [*Number of volunteers on Board*]  
Integer

**volother** [*Number of volunteers in Other*]  
Integer

**volnatserv** [*In addition to community volunteers, how many stipended national service participants does your organization have?*]  
Integer

**volepisod** [*How many short-term episodic\* volunteers does your organization have?*]  
Integer

**volworkhours** [*On average, how many total hours do ALL of your volunteers (including board members and national service participants) work in a typical week?*]  
Integer

*What is the approximate ethnic make-up of your volunteers and national service members?*

**volrace1** [*% Caucasian or white*]  
Integer

**volrace2** [*% African American or black*]  
Integer

**volrace3** [*% Latino or Hispanic*]  
Integer

**volrace4** [*% Asian or Asian American*]  
Integer

**volrace5** [*% Other*]  
Integer

**yearfounded** [*In what year was your organization founded? (e.g. 1980)*]

Integer

**fiscalexpenses** [*What were your organization's total expenses from your most recently completed fiscal year?*]

Integer

**volprogram** [*In the most recent fiscal year, what was the total budget for your organization's volunteer program? Please include all applicable staff salaries and fringe benefits.*]

Integer

*What percentage of your annual operating budget comes from the following revenue sources?*

**funding1** [*Percent from government sources*]

Integer

**funding2** [*Percent from fees, sales, or dues*]

Integer

**funding3** [*Percent from foundations*]

Integer

**funding4** [*Percent from corporations or businesses*]

Integer

**funding5** [*Percent from individual donations*]

Integer

**funding6** [*Percent from The United Way*]

Integer

**funding7** [*Percent from other sources*]

Integer

**revshortfall** [*Has your organization had a cash shortfall in the past three (3) years?*]

0. No

1. Yes

**orgcollab** [*Does your organization currently collaborate with other organizations to deliver core programs and services?*]

0. No

1. Yes

**pastyearcollab** [*How many collaborations occurred in the past year?*]

Integer

**orgmerger** [*Has your organization merged with another organization in the last three (3) years?*]  
0. No  
1. Yes  
.d Don't know

**funderadapt** [*Has your organization ever adapted programs or services to meet funders' interests?*]  
0. No  
1. Yes  
.d Don't know

**funderadaptmission** [*Were such changes consistent with your organization's mission?*]  
0. No  
1. Yes  
.d Don't know

**eduempay** [*Does your organization reimburse continuing education expenses for employees?*]  
0. No  
1. Yes  
.d Don't know

**eduvolpay** [*Does your organization reimburse continuing education expenses for volunteers?*]  
0. No  
1. Yes  
.d Don't know

## **B. Volunteer Manager Characteristics**

**isvm** [*Are you a volunteer manager for this organization?*]  
0. No  
1. Yes

**vmotherpos** [*What is your position in your organization?*]  
String.

*How long have you served in this position?*

**yearsserved** [*# of years*]  
Integer

**monthsserved** [*# of months*]  
Integer

**americorp** [*Are you an AmeriCorps member serving as a volunteer manager?*]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**vista** [Are you a VISTA member serving as a volunteer manager?]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**fulltime** [Is the volunteer manager position a full-time position?]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes
- .a N/A, no such position exists in our organization

**parttime** [What percentage of time do you devote to volunteer management?]

- 1. Less than 30%
- 2. Between 30% and 50%
- 3. More than 50% but less than 70%
- 4. 70% or more
- .d Don't know

*How is your time utilized for non-volunteer management activities?*

**nonvmtime1** [Direct Services %]

Integer

**nonvmtime2** [Public Relations %]

Integer

**nonvmtime3** [Fund Development %]

Integer

**nonvmtime4** [General Administration %]

Integer

**nonvmtimeother** [Other]

String

**salary** [What is your annual salary (excluding benefits)?]

- 1. I am not paid, this is a volunteer position.
- 2. Less than \$25,000/year
- 3. 25,000 – 49,999
- 4. 50,000 – 74,999
- 5. 75,000 – 99,999
- 6. 100,000 or more

*What training or preparation in volunteer management did you have prior to assuming this job?*

- vmprep1** [*Prior paid work as a volunteer manager*]  
0. No  
1. Yes
- vmprep2** [*Prior unpaid work as a volunteer manager*]  
0. No  
1. Yes
- vmprep3** [*For-credit college coursework*]  
0. No  
1. Yes
- vmprep4** [*Continuing education from conferences*]  
0. No  
1. Yes
- vmprep5** [*Continuing education from colleges/universities*]  
0. No  
1. Yes
- vmprep6** [*Continuing education from professional associations, such as DOVIAs*]  
0. No  
1. Yes
- vmprep7** [*Self-education through books and journals*]  
0. No  
1. Yes
- vmprep8** [*Active volunteering*]  
0. No  
1. Yes
- vmprep9** [*Membership in civic groups such as Jr. League, Kiwana's, etc.*]  
0. No  
1. Yes
- vmprep10** [*None*]  
0. No  
1. Yes
- volprepothor** [*Other*]  
String
- assocmember** [*Are you a member of any professional associations for volunteer managers such as DOVIAs, or national organizations such as Points of Light Foundation, etc.?*]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**whatorg** [*What organization(s)?*]  
String

**whynoassoc** [*Please briefly describe why not:*]  
String

**gender** [*What is your gender?*]  
0. Male  
1. Female  
.a Other

**ethnicity** [*What is your ethnicity?*]  
1. African American  
2. Asian or Asian American  
3. Caucasian/White  
4. Hispanic/Latino  
5. Other

**ethnicityother** [*What is your ethnicity? - Other*]  
String

**age** [*What is your age?*]  
Integer

*How many years have you been employed in each of the following sectors?*

**empsector1** [*# of years in government*]  
Integer

**empsector2** [*# of years in other nonprofits*]  
Integer

**empsector3** [*# of years in the private sector*]  
Integer

**empsector4** [*# of years in religious organizations*]  
Integer

## C. Volunteer Engagement

*What kinds of duties do volunteers perform in your organization?*

**volduty1** [*Volunteers are involved in direct services to clients, patrons or members.*]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**volduty2** [Volunteers fundraise for our organization.]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**volduty3** [Volunteers provide office support or clerical duties.]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**volduty4** [Volunteers plan special events or work at these events.]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**volduty5** [Volunteers provide technical assistance such as legal, financial, or computer services.]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**volduty6** [Volunteers manage other volunteers.]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**volduty7** [Volunteers (other than board members) provide leadership or management to the overall organization.]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**volduty8** [Volunteers engage in advocacy activities such as lobbying or other promotion of the agency's mission.]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**volduty9** [Volunteers perform short-term, time-limited work, such as Days of Caring projects or other episodic tasks.]

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**voldutyother** [Other]  
String

*In what ways do volunteers benefit your organization?*

**volbenefit1** [Volunteers bring a cost savings to our organization]

- 0. No benefit

1. Moderate benefit
2. Great benefit
- .d Don't know or N/A

**volbenefit2** [*Volunteers enable us to provide more detailed attention to the people/cause we serve*]

**volbenefit3** [*Volunteers increase public support or improve public relations for our program*]

**volbenefit4** [*Volunteers increase the quality or levels of service that we could not otherwise provide*]

**volbenefit5** [*Volunteers provide access to specialized skills possessed by volunteers such as legal, financial, management or technology*]

**volbenefit6** [*Volunteers bring other benefits to our organization*]

*What factors, if any, constrain your organization's ability to engage volunteers?*

**constraint1** [*We are unable to recruit a sufficient number of volunteers*]

0. Not a constraint
1. Minor constraint
2. Major constraint
- .d Don't know or N/A

**constraint2** [*We are unable to recruit volunteers with the right skills or expertise*]

**constraint3** [*We are unable to recruit volunteers available during the work-day*]

**constraint4** [*Paid staff or board members are indifferent or resistant to the use of volunteers*]

**constraint5** [*Our agency lacks adequate funds to support volunteer involvement*]

**constraint6** [*Regulatory, legal or liability concerns constrain our involvement of volunteers*]

**constraint7** [*Volunteers exhibit poor work habits (absent, unreliable, etc.)*]

**volprofdev** [*On average, how much time per month do volunteers dedicate to professional development?*]

0. None
1. Less than ½ day
2. Less than one full day
3. One full day
4. More than one full day
- .d Don't know

**volcapacity** [*If many more volunteers were to become available to your organization, given your present capacity to engage volunteers, about how many more volunteers do you think your organization could absorb and effectively utilize?*]  
Integer

**volcost** [*If your organization were in a position to hire staff to perform the tasks regularly done by volunteers in your organization now, how much money would be required on an hourly basis to engage staff in lieu of volunteers? In other words, on average, what is one hour of volunteer time worth to your organization in dollars?*]  
Integer

**sigchange** [*If you could make one significant change that would enhance your organization's capacity to effectively engage volunteers, what change would you make?*]  
1. A full-time, paid staff person dedicated to volunteer management  
2. More volunteers available to serve during the day on a regular, ongoing basis  
3. Staff better prepared to work creatively with volunteers  
4. Enhanced organizational capacity to effectively engage volunteers  
5. Other

**Sigchangeother** [*Other*]  
String

## **D. Hurricane Relief**

**hurrelief** [*Did your organization provide emergency relief, assistance, or services related to either Hurricanes Rita or Katrina?*]  
0. No  
1. Yes  
.d Don't know

**relifwhy** [*Why?*]  
String

**reliefwhynot** [*Why not?*]  
String

**relieforgmission** [*Was the provision of such emergency relief, assistance, or services related to your organization's mission?*]  
0. No  
1. Yes

**relieffirst** *[Was this the first time your organization was involved in such emergency relief, assistance, or services?]*

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

*What kinds of emergency relief, assistance, or services did your organization provide?*

**reliefserv1** *[Housing/Shelter]*

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**reliefserv2** *[Financial assistance to victims]*

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**reliefserv3** *[Financial assistance to other support organizations]*

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**reliefserv4** *[Goods such as food, clothing, household items, etc.]*

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**reliefservother** *[Other]*

String

*Over what time period did your organization provide this emergency relief, assistance, or services?*

**reliefweeks** *[Weeks]*

Integer

**reliefdays** *[Days]*

Integer

**reliefexistvol** *[Did your organization engage existing volunteers in your relief effort?]*

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**reliefnewvol** *[Did your organization enlist new volunteers for your relief effort?]*

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

**reliefnumnew** *[How many new volunteers were enlisted?]*

Integer

**reliefeffective** [*How effectively did you engage **new** volunteers in your relief efforts?*]  
String

**reliefcapacity** [*Did your organization have sufficient capacity to provide the emergency relief, assistance, or services related to Hurricanes Rita and Katrina?*]  
0. No  
1. Yes

**reliefhow** [*How or how not?*]  
String

**reliefhelpers** [*What elements (internal or external to your organization) helped your organization better provide this needed emergency relief, assistance, or services?*]  
String

**reliefhinders** [*What elements (internal or external to your organization) hindered your organization's ability to better provide this needed emergency relief, assistance, or services?*]  
String

**relieflearned** [*Based on this experience what, if anything, is your organization doing to be more prepared to provide emergency relief in the future?*]  
String