

## Corps Impact Working Group

### Description:

The Corps Network is hosting a new working group, titled the Corps Impact Working Group, for interested staff from member Corps. The mission of this group is to discuss methodologies to improve the evidence base for Corps' impacts in an effort to strengthen advocacy, funding, and continuous improvement initiatives. Through collaborative, information sharing and strategic prioritization, the group will inform The Corps Network's broader evaluation, messaging, and data management strategies. The Corps Impact Working Group will focus on these key areas:

1. Identify priority research topic areas to measure programmatic impact through 3rd-party evaluators and develop action plans to fund these studies.
2. Define a common set of impact metrics that can be collected across the Corps movement via The Corps Network's Annual Profile.
3. Provide a forum for Corps to discuss data collection, management, and reporting best practices.

### Anticipated Outcomes & Strategies:

Increase the evidence-based that Corps provide positive benefits to both Corpsmembers and communities served.

- Collaborate with working group members to identify priority evaluation focus areas.
- Identify funding to contract a 3rd-party evaluator to implement the research studies.
- Collaborate on identifying a broad cross-section of Corps programs to engage in specific studies.
- Catalog and share messaging tied to evaluation findings.

Improve The Corps Network's Annual Profile data collection process to ensure accuracy with the lowest possible burden on Corps staff.

- Identify the Annual Profile metrics that are most compelling in telling the year-to-year impact of Corps.
- Simplify the Annual Profile process to ensure timely and accurate responses.
- Provide technical assistance to Corps to ensure the key metrics are collected and reported to TCN via the Annual Profile.

Improve Corps data collection and accuracy standards.

- Set aside time for Corps to share best practices or challenges related to data collection and reporting.

**Frequency:** This group will meet quarterly at a minimum. Meeting frequency may increase intermittently as needs arise and projects progress.