

Last year there were 287 projects in 44 States, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands; today there are 340 projects in 48 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands—an increase of 46 percent in our distribution of volunteers to communities who have requested their presence.

Last summer VISTA placed 500 summer VISTA associates in the field; this summer a total of 2,400 will be in service.

During fiscal 1968, VISTA will deliver more than 3,800 man-years of service to the Nation's poor; that is an increase of more than 100 percent over last year with a budget increase of only 60 percent.

VISTA's capacity to record and quantify the impact of the VISTA volunteer has been limited. Measuring the substantive output of volunteers is an involved and complex task, but an important start has been made. I am pleased today to share with you some of the first results of an information retrieval system that is still in its earliest stages of development.

In San Francisco, 12 volunteers have saved the city more than \$1 million in cash through a bail bond project which has released 2,688 indigent defendants without bail and has relieved the city and county of the expense of maintaining these people in jail until time for trial. VISTA now has a total of 27 volunteers working on similar projects in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Miami.

According to officials of the West Virginia Department of Mental Health, VISTA volunteers assigned to mental health projects in communities throughout the State have been directly responsible for savings to the taxpayer of West Virginia of more than \$500,000—7 percent of the department's entire budget. There are 15 other VISTA mental health projects similar to this one.

Thirty-three volunteers in New Hampshire have added a half million dollars in tangible assets to the community which they serve. They have contacted more than 16,000 people—20 percent of the poverty population. They have brought more than 80 percent of them into active participation in Headstart, Upward Bound, Neighborhood Youth Corps, and other war on poverty activities. They have taken 100 people off the welfare roles of New Hampshire communities and added nearly \$250,000 to the income of residents of these communities by placing them in jobs. They have added an estimated \$200,000 to the net worth of community facilities through self-help repair and remodeling programs and through the donation of facilities obtained by volunteers from the private sector.

And New Hampshire has one of our smallest statewide commitments of VISTA volunteers.

A handful of volunteers working with migrants around Santa Clara, Calif., has generated an impressive direct and measurable benefit to the community. Included are an increase in the net worth of dwellings in the poverty communities of more than \$125,000 through self-help housing projects and are now working on grants for activities and facilities within the community from the Ford Foundation, the National Institute of Mental Health, and others, totaling nearly \$1 million.

More than 2,000 migrant children have been enrolled in VISTA preschool programs throughout the State of Arizona.

And more than 1,500 others have studied daily in VISTA organized and operated tutorial programs in that State.