



HOPE *worldwide* Service Trips Inherent Risk Statement

HOPE *worldwide* is a faith-based, non-profit organization that partners with our neighbors in need, equips volunteers, responds to disasters, and strengthens communities to inspire greater hope in the world. We cannot possibly fulfill this mission without the ongoing partnership of willing volunteers, like all of you, who join HOPE *worldwide* year after year.

You are receiving this statement because you have chosen to attend a HOPE *worldwide* Volunteer Corps, Community Service Brigade, or other HOPE *worldwide*-sponsored trip taking place in a country for which the US State Department **may** have issued a travel advisory. Travel advisories may be issued for many different reasons including political instability, drug cartel activity, kidnapping, violence, and high crime rates. Though the risk associated with travel to many of the countries in which HOPE *worldwide* conducts service trips has been ongoing for many years, we believe it is both wise and important to call your attention to this reality. Please consult state.gov for information regarding your specific destination.

The specific areas in which the volunteers will travel and serve are communities with which we are very familiar and where we have hosted HOPE *worldwide* Volunteer Corps, Community Service Brigades, or other HOPE *worldwide*-sponsored trips for the past several years. Safety is our top priority, and we are grateful to report that, to date, no team member has been victimized by a single incident. However, we encourage you to take the very real risk under serious advisement and consideration.

If after having done so you decide you wish to serve with the HOPE *worldwide* Volunteer Corps, Community Service Brigade, or other HOPE *worldwide*-sponsored trip, please read, and sign the attached waivers, and return them to us via email or mail, at your earliest convenience.

Know that changing circumstances are closely monitored by both in-country coordinators and headquarters staff. HOPE *worldwide* will cancel a program if the situation dictates, and, if time and circumstances permit, volunteers can participate in another site.

If at any time up to the cancellation date, you feel uncomfortable attending this site, you are welcome to switch to another location. Whatever you decide, please rest assured, we remain grateful for your generosity and desire to partner with HOPE *worldwide* to serve materially poor communities around the globe.

Sincerely,

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