

Before You Go: Pre-fielding Assessment Planning

- Check State Dept. websites and conduct desk-based threat assessment for country:
 - Climate/weather
 - Political stability
 - Hazards
 - Cultural considerations
 - Quality of medical care and common diseases
 - Emergency numbers

- Complete a draft Emergency Response Plan for the location to carry with you, include:
 - Emergency numbers for the country (fire/police/ambulance)
 - Local contact numbers (hotel, transport, partners)
 - Location of hospitals and medical centers
 - Evacuation routes
 - Leave your itinerary with someone at home

- Consider communications you will need during the visit
 - Can you get a local SIM card?
 - Do you need a satellite phone?
 - Will there be internet access?

- General travel check: visa, passport, money, flights/accommodation, electrical adaptor, gear, insurance

- Check the weather forecast and pack appropriately - will this affect any travel plans?

- Pre-plan visits to:
 - Embassy / Consulate visits (*see Embassy Section for further details*)
 - Hospitals

Resources for desk-based threat assessment:

Travel.State.Gov

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis_pa_tw_1168.html

UK FCO

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/travel-advice-by-country/>

Australia Department of Foreign Affairs

<http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/>

CDC Travelers' Health

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/>

WHO Travel and Health

<http://www.who.int/topics/travel/en/>

MD travel Health

<http://mdtravelhealth.com/>

International Society for Infectious Disease

<http://www.isid.org/about/about.shtml>

Humanitarian Early Warning Service

<http://www.hewsweb.org/hp/>