

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.


1. Name of Traveler: Alexandra Lightfoot
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 19, 2024 Return: April 24, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Comayagua, Honduras Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: CARE, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: see attached
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler:  Date: April 29, 2024

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Mark E. Green, MD Date: April 29, 2024

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 1. This form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip. You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future reimbursement and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1014. Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, Inc.

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: _____

2. Travel Destination(s): Honduras

3. Date of Departure: 4/19/24 Date of Return: 4/24/24

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Alexandra Lightfoot

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each traveler.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
Traveler	\$1,570.57	\$804.22	\$261.06
Accompanying Family Member			

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 5/1/24

Name: Kalei Talwar Title: Deputy Director

Organization: Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, Inc. (CARE)

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 1100 17th St NW Suite 900 Washington, DC 20036

Telephone: 808-381-6901 Email: kalei.talwar@careinc.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is needed.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-3100.

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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Alexandra Lightfoot

Name of Traveler: _____

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Alexandra Lightfoot

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

House Committee on Homeland Security

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

H2-176 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

Office Address: _____

202-226-8417

Telephone Number: _____

alexandra.lightfoot@mail.house.gov

Email Address of Contact Person: _____

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Alexandra Lightfoot
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, Inc. (CARE)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Honduras
4. a. Date of Departure: 4/19 Date of Return: 4/24
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
As Director of Member Services for the Committee on Homeland Security, it will be beneficial to understand the relationship between the United States and Honduras as it intersects with the United States' homeland security interests at the southwest border.
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member:  Date: 03/20/2024

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, Inc. (CARE)

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members *and* employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Please see addendum

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: April 19, 2024 Date of Return: April 24, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Tegucigalpa, La Esperanza, and San Pedro Sula, Honduras

c. City of return: Washington, DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I checked 8(a) or(b) above; **OR**
- b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
- c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
- d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

CARE is host to the delegation and responsible for logistics and content of the trip. CARE is a leading humanitarian organization focused on combating global poverty. The Gates Foundation provided CARE a grant to fund a congressional tour but has not contributed to planning the trip.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:

- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Meal costs will comply with the U.S. of \$91 in Tegucigalpa, \$98 in San Pedro Sula, and \$80 in other areas in Honduras
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The U.S. government is an important d in Honduras and is working to respond to the humanitarian, development, and migration iss

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Hotel Real InterContinental City: Tegucigalpa Cost Per Night: \$159
Reason(s) for Selecting: Offers western-standard accommodation with ample security
Hotel Name: Posada Papa Chepe City: La Esperanza Cost Per Night: \$54.00
Reason(s) for Selecting: Offers western-standard accommodation with ample security
Hotel Name: Hilton Princess San Pedro City: San Pedro Sula Cost Per Night: \$154
Reason(s) for Selecting: Offers western-standard accommodation with ample security

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1,800.00	\$680.00	\$556.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$1,800.00	\$680.00	\$556.00

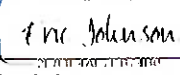
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$587.88	Interpreter, Security, Airport VIP services travel insurance
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$587.88	Interpreter, Security, Airport VIP services travel insurance

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: 3/18/2024
 Name: Eric Johnson Title: General Counsel
 Organization: Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, Inc. (CARE)
 Address: 151 Ellis St. NE, Atlanta, GA
 Email: eric.johnson@care.org Telephone: 808-381-6901

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

- Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, Inc. (CARE)
1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
 2. Name of your organization: _____
 3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
 4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
 5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: _____ on Date: _____
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
 6. **Check only one:**
 - a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
 7. **I certify by my signature that**
 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
 - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 3/13/2024

Name: Kim Webber Title: Senior Program Officer

Organization: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Address: 1300 I St NW Washington DC 20005

Telephone: 202-662-8195 Email: kim.webber@gatesfoundation.org

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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April 16, 2024

Ms. Alexandra Lightfoot
Committee on Homeland Security
H2-176 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Lightfoot:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Honduras,¹ scheduled for April 19 to 24, 2024, sponsored by Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, Inc. (CARE) and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and loops around the first few letters of the name.

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "S" and "W" being particularly prominent.

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:rp

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Alexandra Lightfoot
Office of Congressman Mark Green, M.D.



Dear Alexandra Lightfoot:

I am excited to invite you to join CARE on a Learning Tour to Honduras taking place from April 19th-24th, 2024. This trip will focus on the root causes of migration in the Northern Triangle region of Central America and will include a bi-partisan, bicameral delegation of policymakers.

At present, one in three people in Central America require humanitarian assistance. Around 8 million people in the Northern Triangle region are food insecure, while another 1 million people have been displaced due to violence and social unrest. Women and girls are disproportionately affected, facing higher rates of malnutrition and increasing incidences of gender-based violence and exploitation.

As you may know, CARE has been leading [Learning Tour trips](#) with members of Congress all over the world since 2009, with a particular focus on spending time in some of the hardest-to-reach communities leveraging U.S. investments to help people forgo migration. We will prioritize time in the field, visiting program sites that allow you to meet with community members and local organizations. Our experience implementing Congressional education trips, and strong ties in many of the communities you will visit, allows us to bring delegations to uniquely remote and challenging contexts.

The trip will feature a wide array of implementing partners beyond CARE for you to get a deeper understanding of the work being done. Throughout the trip, you will have a chance to understand both the successes and the challenges facing communities in Central America, often articulated directly by the program participants themselves.

We hope you can join us! To allow sufficient time for planning, we would appreciate a response indicating your interest by Friday, March 18, 2024. Please let us know any additional information that would be helpful as well as ways we can tailor this opportunity to meet your needs and availability. You can follow up with me directly. CARE's team in Washington, D.C. will also follow up with your team to explore your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KT", is positioned above the typed name.

Kalei Talwar
Deputy Director, Learning Tours
CARE USA

Addendum A: Invited House and Senate Members and Staffers

We invited members of Congress and/or their staffers from the below committees and caucuses. These committees and offices hold a particular relevance to the issues of U.S. foreign assistance, U.S. global leadership, and migration and human rights in Honduras which will be the focus of the trip.

- House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- House Appropriations Committee
- Senate Appropriations Committee
- House leadership offices
- Senate leadership offices

Members of the House of Representatives:

- Rep. Jim Baird (R-IN-04)
- Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA-06)
- Rep. Ed Case (D-HI-01)
- Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-VA-02)
- Rep. Nanette Diaz Barrangan (D-CA-44)
- Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV-03)
- Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-18)
- Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-01)
- Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY-05)
- Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-01)
- Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX-20)
- Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX-30)
- Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY-13)
- Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12)
- Rep. Collin Allred (D-TX-32)
- Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV-02)
- Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA-02)
- Rep. Shontel Brown (D-OH-11)
- Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO-04)
- Rep. Tim Burchett (R-TN-02)
- Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D-CO-08)
- Rep. Jerry Carl (R-AL-01)
- Rep. John Carter (R-TX-31)
- Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-PA-08)
- Rep. Greg Casar (D-TX-35)
- Rep. Ben Cline (R-VA-06)
- Rep. Michael Cloud (R-TX-27)

- Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-VA-11)
- Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-21)
- Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO-06)
- Rep. Warren Davidson (R-OH-08)
- Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-PA-04)
- Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN-04)
- Rep. Scott Franklin (R-FL-18)
- Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-27)
- Rep. Robert Garcia (D-CA-42)
- Rep. Michael Guest (R-MS-03)
- Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-09)
- Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD-01)
- Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-TX-13)
- Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-09)
- Rep. Thomas Kean (R-NJ-07)
- Rep. William Keating (D-MA-09)
- Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA-06)
- Rep. Andy Kim (D-NJ-03)
- Rep. Nick Langworthy (R-NY23)
- Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC-01)
- Rep. Kathy Manning (D-NC-06)
- Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA-02)
- Rep. Max Miller (R-OH-07)
- Rep. Cory Mills (R-FL-07)
- Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D-FL-23)
- Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA-10)
- Rep. Dean Phillips (D-MN-01)
- Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-01)
- Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL-05)
- Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY-05)
- Rep. John Rose (R-TN-06)
- Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL-05)
- Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD-02)
- Rep. Maria Salazar (R-FL-27)
- Rep. Andrea Salinas (D-OR-06)
- Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL-10)
- Rep. David Scott (D-GA-13)
- Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA-30)
- Rep. Michael Simpson (R-ID-02)
- Rep. Jill Tokuda (D-HI-02)
- Rep. David Trone (D-MD-06)

- Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22)
- Rep. Mike Waltz (R-FL-06)
- Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-VA-10)
- Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC-02)
- Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT-01)
- Rep. Joe Morelle (D-NY-25)
- Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-41)
- Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-07)
- Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY-06)
- Rep. Stephanie Bice (R-OK-05)
- Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-05)
- Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormack (D-FL-20)
- Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-06)
- Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK-04)
- Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX-28)
- Rep. Monica De La Cruz (R-TX-15)
- Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-03)
- Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL-26)
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Addendum B
AGENDA: Learning Tour to Honduras, April 19-24
CARE

Friday, April 19, 2024

Travel Day

- 8:15 AM Depart from Washington, DC (AA 0458)
- 2:42 PM Arrive in Comayagua, Honduras (AA 2693)
- 4:00-5:00 PM Transfer from airport to hotel
- 6:30 PM Welcome Briefing to introduce CARE staff and delegates to one another and have security and medical briefings
Location: Hotel Real InterContinental Tegucigalpa

Participants: delegation, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)
- 9:00-10:00 AM Scene-Setter Dinner Briefing with CARE Honduras and local grassroots NGOs to give delegates an overview of migration in Honduras and understand the humanitarian and development challenges facing the Honduran community
Location: Hotel Real InterContinental Tegucigalpa

Participants: delegation, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain), Maite Matheu (CARE Honduras), Melissa Santos (FUNIDE), Alice Shackelford (UN)

Overnight: The Hotel Real InterContinental Tegucigalpa

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Tegucigalpa/El Paraiso

- 7:00-9:30 AM Transfer from hotel to El Paraiso (border of Honduras and Nicaragua)
- 9:30-1:30 PM Site Visit 1: Visit the coordinated response led by UNHCR at the southern border to learn about the range of humanitarian services provided to migrants and to speak with migrants about their motivation and goals for migration

Participants: delegation, 3-4 staff from UNHCR and World Vision, 5-6 program participants, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)

- 1:30-4:00 PM Transfer from El Paraiso to hotel in Tegucigalpa
- 4:00-5:00 PM Downtime at hotel
- 5:00-5:30 PM Transfer to from hotel to U.S. Mission briefing and reception
- 5:30-7:00 PM Briefing with U.S. Mission to Honduras to learn about U.S. development and humanitarian investments in Honduras and U.S. government policies in the region
Participants: delegation, 4-5 representatives from the U.S. Mission to Honduras, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)
- 7:00-9:00 PM Reception with U.S. Mission, Local Government and NGO Leaders to discuss the role of international partners, the Honduran government, and NGOs in fostering development and human rights in Honduras
Location: U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Participants: Delegation and 50-70 representatives from the U.S. Mission, international and local NGOs, civil-society organizations, corporate partners, journalists, and local government officials
- 9:00-9:30 PM Transfer from Ambassador's residence to hotel
- Overnight: The Hotel Real InterContinental Tegucigalpa

Sunday, April 21, 2024

La Esperanza

- 8:00-9:30 AM Breakfast Panel Discussion with survivors of gang violence and extortion to learn about how they're working to reestablish their lives through Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)'s protection and livelihood program using USAID funding
Location: The Hotel Real InterContinental Meeting Hall
Participants: delegation, 4-5 representatives from NRC, 2-3 program participants, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)
- 9:30-12:00 AM Transfer from hotel to Site Visit 2

- 12:00-2:30 PM Site Visit 2: Meet with USAID-supported farmers and paravets in Honduras' Dry Corridor to see how small interventions, such as providing a community with a corn husker or basic veterinary tools, can exponentially increase their income and foster rootedness in an area prone to migration
- Participants: delegation, 4-5 representatives from CRS, BHA and USAID, 3-5 program participants, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)*
- 2:30-3:30 PM Transfer from Site Visit 2 to La Esperanza
- 3:30-4:00 PM Check-in hotel Posada Papa Chepe in La Esperanza
- 4:00-4:15 PM Transfer from hotel to Site Visit 4
- 4:15-6:30 PM Site Visit 4: Dinner and Tour at DAI's MISKA Cooking School to hear from migration prone youth who are training to become chefs with the aim of finding employment or operating their own restaurants locally. Delegates will learn about DAI's USAID-funded partnership with the Honduran government on job readiness in poor communities and have an opportunity to sample traditional cuisine prepared by students
- Participants: delegation, 4-5 representatives from DAI, 3-5 program participants, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)*
- 6:30-6:45 PM Transfer from Site Visit 4 to hotel
- Overnight: Posada Papa Chepe, La Esperanza

Monday, April 22, 2024

La Esperanza/San Pedro Sula

- 7:30-8:00 AM Transfer to from hotel to Site Visit 5
- 8:00-10:00 AM Site Visit 5: Breakfast Discussion with program participants at a local school supported by the McGovern Dole School Feeding Program to learn about how free school lunch is improving retention and nutrition outcomes among children in the community
- Participants: delegation, 4-5 representatives CRS, 3-5 program participants, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)*

- 10:00-12:00 PM Transfer to Site Visit 6
- 12:00-2:00 PM Site Visit 6: Discussion with CARE and Cargill Foundation's Nourish the Future Program women program participants to learn how business trainings and seed capital help them start and grow their microenterprises while minimizing their desire to migrate to the US
- Participants: delegation, 4-5 representatives CARE Honduras, 3-5 program participants, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)*
- 2:00-3:30 PM Transfer to Site Visit 7
- 3:30-5:30 PM Site Visit 7: Visit Tilapia Farming Co-op supported by CARE to meet with local farmers and learn how working together to develop a product and bring it to market has strengthen community ties and increase prosperity locally, mitigating the need of community members to migrate
- Participants: delegation, 4-5 representatives CARE Honduras, 3-5 program participants, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)*
- 5:30-6:45 PM Transfer from Site Visit 7 to hotel
- Overnight: Hilton Princess San Pedro Sula

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

San Pedro Sula

- 8:00-8:45 AM Transfer from hotel to Site Visit 8
- 8:45-11:45 AM Site Visit 8: Visit Alfonso Lacayo Garifuna Community Center to meet with the Afro-Latino Garifuna Community to discuss how they are working with USAID to end gang violence and influence through local advocacy and access to decent work outside of the community
- Participants: delegation, 3-5 program participants, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)*
- 11:45-12:30 PM Transfer to Lunch Briefing
- 12:30-2:00 PM Lunch Briefing with CASM and DAI to hear from youth program participants who have benefitted from CASM's return migrant job placement initiative to prevent gang influence on vulnerable return

migrants as well as youth who have start their small businesses thanks to the DAI's Creando program's entrepreneurship and soft skills trainings.

2:00-2:30 PM Transfer to CARE GBV program

2:30-4:30 PM Site Visit 9: Join a women's support group meeting with CARE's GBV prevention program facilitated by survivors of gender-based violence to discuss GBV as a driver of migration. The forum provides a safe-space environment for survivors to share their experiences of gender-based violence and support one another on the path to recovery and self-empowerment.

4:30-5:00 PM Transfer to hotel

At Leisure Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Hilton Princess San Pedro Sula

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Travel Day

8:00-10:00 AM Site Visit 10: Tour IOM Centro Belen (USAID-funded) to meet with families or unaccompanied minors who were deported from the US back to Honduras and learn about the reintegration process as well as how the center deals with the unaccompanied minors whose families they cannot locate for a safe return

Participants: delegation, 4-5 representatives IOM, 3-5 program participants, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)

10:00-10:15 AM Transfer to Closing Lunch

10:15-11:45 AM Closing Lunch: to reflect on trip take-aways and the impact of U.S. support and interventions. Note: Entire time will be allocated to discussing officially connected programming

Participants: delegation, CARE staff (Kalei Talwar, Rasik Winfield, Jorge Bagaipo, Patrice Brombeck, Kate Adelung, Justin Spain)

11:45-12:10 PM Transfer from lunch to airport

1:48 PM Depart from San Pedro Sula (American 438)

CARE and CARE Action Now Structure Explained

CARE, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a leading international humanitarian organization fighting global poverty that places special focus on working alongside underprivileged women who, equipped with the proper resources, can assist whole families and entire communities escape poverty through improved basic education, prevent the spread of HIV, increase access to clean water and sanitation, and expand economic opportunities and the protection of natural resources. CARE also delivers emergency aid to survivors of war and natural disasters, and helps people rebuild their lives.

CARE established CARE Action Now in October 2007 as a related but separately incorporated 501 (c)(4) organization. Served by a mostly independent Board of Directors, CARE Action Now undertakes a variety of programs and activities in furtherance that organizations' comparable missions, most notably directly influencing policymakers through public awareness campaigns, briefings, reports, meetings, testimony, and other areas based on CARE's experience of working with poor people around the world over more than 60 years. The two organizations share facilities and resources, allocating the costs between them based upon use, as is common in the nonprofit sector. CARE provides periodic funding to CARE Action Now using a written grant mechanism to support the range of its advocacy and lobbying activities. CARE Action Now is increasingly raising funds independent of CARE. This is a common structure for related nonprofit organizations, where a 501(c)(3) organization uses some of its limited funding on lobbying to support a related 501(c)(4) rather than doing the lobbying directly itself.

CARE serves as common paymaster for both organizations, so that all shared employees receive one paycheck from CARE for services provided to either CARE or CARE Action Now. CARE Action Now provides to CARE its allocable share of salary, benefits, and payroll taxes. All staff time that qualifies as "lobbying activity" under the Lobby Disclosure Act that is under this arrangement, although those employees may also perform non-lobbying services for CARE. CARE Action Now treats its reimbursement payments to CARE as expenditures for salary and related items on its books.

This relationship which is consistent with customary practice leads us to conclude that CARE has properly completed this form, including that it does not employ or retain lobbyists. However, we include this additional information in the interest of full transparency so that the committee may make this determination for itself.

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House Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
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This letter is submitted in response to your request regarding a learning trip beginning April 19, 2024. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation made a grant to CARE USA on September 9th, 2023 to fund various activities, including congressional tours to provide learning opportunities on U.S. foreign assistance programs.

I send this letter to confirm that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is aware of this project and has provided support, through the assistance of grant funding, to CARE USA for this project for the purpose of providing members of Congress, Congressional staff, other key decision-makers and influential individuals with the personal experience and knowledge of U.S. government programs in the developing world and to provide follow-on information to tour participants, selecting countries that have a broad array of U.S. government development projects.

However, the Foundation did not play a significant role in the project, or in organizing the related trip, and has not been involved in the selection or invitation of travel participants. Decisions regarding travel participants have been controlled by and under the sole discretion of CARE USA. This funding has not been directly or indirectly earmarked to finance any aspect of this trip.

If we can provide any additional information, please contact me at Kim.Webber@gatesfoundation.org, or at 202.662.8195.

Sincerely,



Kim Webber
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Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



Wednesday, April 24th, 2024
San Pedro Sula, Honduras

Morning

- **6:30-7:30am: Breakfast** at Hilton Princess Hotel.
- **7:30-8:00am: Delegation Transfers** from Hilton Princess Hotel to Site Visit 9.
- **8:00-10:00am: (Site Visit 9) Tour of IOM-supported Centro Belen**, an intake center for returning migrants, to learn about the process for reintegrating families deported from the U.S. into Honduran society.
- **10:00-10:15am: Delegation Transfers** to Silvestre for closing brunch.
- **10:15-11:45am: Closing Brunch** to reflect on trip take-aways and the impact of U.S. support and interventions.
- **11:45-12:10pm: Delegation Transfers** to airport.

Notes For the Day

- Attire is business casual clothing for site visits. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. The delegation will transfer directly to the airport from the closing brunch, so plan to wear what you will be comfortable traveling in.
- To avoid mosquitos, use insect repellent (especially on arms if you're wearing short sleeves)
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- Weather forecast: San Pedro Sula 91° (high) 75° (low)

Key Stats and Facts

- Honduras was the country of origin with the second highest rates of deportation from the U.S. under Title 42 at 26,642 total expulsions.

- Total removals of Honduran immigrants at the U.S. border rose 253% between FY2022 and FY2023.
- In September 2023, USAID announced \$11.6 million would be committed towards the reintegration process of Honduran immigrants.
- From January to July of 2023, more than 33,000 Honduran migrants returned home at a rate of around 160 per day. These migrants experience challenges like food shortages, housing insecurity, and violence as they make the long journey back to Honduras.
- From July 2022 to May 2023, the International Federation of the Red Cross raised sufficient funds to allow the Honduran Red Cross to provide health services, water and sanitation services, and cash assistance to more than 59,000 returnees.

Sample Questions

Site Visit 9: Tour of IOM-supported Centro Belen

Program Implementers

- What are the main challenges returning migrants face when seeking to reintegrate into Honduran society?
- Can you describe what services are available for returning migrants who are unable to return to their hometowns?
- How is the biodata collected on each migrant passing through the center utilized by the government and/or aid agencies?

Program Participants

- How do you feel about returning to Honduras?
- Do you have any specific goals or dreams you're working towards?
- Have any of the resources at Centro Belen been particularly useful for you?



Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024
San Pedro Sula, Honduras

Morning

- **7:00-7:30: Breakfast** at Hilton Princess 5th Floor Executive Lounge
- **7:30- 8:00 am: Security Briefing** at Hilton Princess Bristol 2 room on 1st floor
- **8:00-8:45am: Delegation Transfers** from Hilton Princess Hotel to Site Visit 7.
- **8:45-11:30am: (Site Visit 7) Visit to the Alfonso Lacayo neighborhood** to meet with leaders of the Afro-Latino Garifuna community and the youth organization Jovenes Contra la Violencia to learn how they are working to end gang violence and influence through local advocacy and access to decent work outside of the community.
- **11:30am-12:15pm: Delegation Transfers** Site Visit 7 to Hilton Princess Hotel

Afternoon

- **12:15-1:45pm: Lunch conversation with youth** who have benefitted from Comisión de Acción Social Menonita (CASM)'s returning migrant job placement program well as youth who have started their own small businesses thanks to the DAI Creando program's entrepreneurship and soft skills trainings.
- **1:45-2:15pm: Delegation Transfers** from Hilton Princess to Site Visit 8.
- **2:15-4:15pm: (Site Visit 8) Meeting with CARE-led support group for women and girls who have survived violence** to learn how survivors are coming together to support one another on the path to recovery and self-empowerment.
- **4:15-4:45pm: Delegation Transfers** from Site Visit 8 to Hilton Princess Hotel in San Pedro Sula.

Evening

- **4:45-7:00pm: Downtime**
- **7:00pm: Optional Outing.**

Overnight at Hilton Princess Hotel, San Pedro Sula

Notes For the Day

- Attire is casual clothing for site visits. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- To avoid mosquitos, use insect repellent (especially on arms if you're wearing short sleeves)
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- Weather forecast: San Pedro Sula 94° (high) 76° (low)

Key Stats and Facts

- In 2022, more than 200,000 Honduran households were victims of gang extortion, many of which threatened and harassed their victims from behind bars.
- The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) reported that “hot-spot policing” has been proven less effective in comparison to policing that focuses on working with the local community to analyze root problems. They are working with the Honduran National Automated Case Management System to streamline community-police connectivity in order to reduce gang violence.
- The INL has been working with pilot communities including San Pedro Sula since 2014 to implement a “Place-Based Strategy” for violence protection, which focuses on community involvement and led to an 85% decrease in homicides in a neighboring community, Chamelecón, between 2014 and 2017.
- Honduras ranked 53rd on the Global Gender Gap Index in 2023, with women being about 26% less likely to experience equal opportunities to men. Honduras ranks 10 places behind the United States.
- There are 6.2 cases of femicide for every 100,000 people in Honduras.
- Around 50% of women in western Honduras report having experienced gender-based violence in their lives.
- Around 34% of women ages 15-49 in Honduras have experienced sexual or intimate partner violence.
- Between 2020 and 2022, the number of human trafficking cases investigated by Honduran police increased by 55%.

Sample Questions

Site Visit 7: Visit to the Alfonso Lacayo neighborhood.

Program Implementers

- How do you expand the reach of your organization while ensuring the safety of participants?
- What further support is needed to ensure people in areas like the Rivera Hernandez Sector have an opportunity to live peacefully and thrive?

Program Participants

- What role does the Garifuna community center have in the Alfonso Lacayo neighborhood?
- What makes youth particularly effective advocates against violence in Honduras?

Site Visit 8: Meeting with CARE-led support group for GBV survivors.

Program Implementers

- Is violence against women and girls a major driver of migration for Honduran women?
- How does CARE work to build an environment of trust with communities for survivors of violence against women and girls?
- Does CARE partner with other stakeholders to provide support to women and girls who have survived violence?

Program Participants

- How has your life changed since you joined this group?
- What is the most memorable experience you've had since joining this group?
- What are your plans for the future?
- Has your vision for your future changed since joining this group?



Monday, April 22nd, 2024
La Esperanza – Siguatepeque – San Pedro Sula, Honduras

Morning

- 7:00-7:30am: Breakfast at Hotel Posada Papa Chepe.
- **7:30-8:00am: Delegation Transfers** from Hotel Posada Papa Chepe to Site Visit 4.
- **8:30-10:00am: (Site Visit 4) Visit to a School Supported by the USDA-funded McGovern-Dole School Feeding Program near La Esperanza** to learn about how free school lunch is improving retention and nutrition outcomes among children in the community.
- **10:00am-12:30pm: Delegation Transfers** from Yamaranguila to Site Visit 5.

Afternoon

- **12:30-2:00pm: (Site Visit 5) Discussion with Women Participating in CARE and Cargill Foundation's Nourish the Future Program** to learn how business trainings and seed capital helped them establish and grow their own microenterprises.
- **2:00-3:30pm: Delegation Transfers** from Siguatepeque to Site Visit 6.
- **3:30-5:30pm: (Site Visit 6) Visit Tilapia Farming Co-op Supported by CARE** to speak with local tilapia farmers and learn how working together to develop a project and bring it to market has strengthened community ties and increased prosperity locally.
- **5:30-6:45pm: Delegation Transfers** from Site Visit 6 to Hilton Princess Hotel in San Pedro Sula

Overnight at Hilton Princess Hotel, San Pedro Sula

Notes For the Day

- Attire is casual clothing for site visits. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- To avoid mosquitos, use insect repellent (especially on arms if you're wearing short sleeves)
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- Weather forecast: La Esperanza 79° (high) 57° (low); Siguatepeque 83° (high) 65° (low); Lake Yojoa 89° (high) 69° (low); San Pedro Sula 90° (high) 75° (low)

Key Stats and Facts

- In rural Honduras, 48% of the population experiences malnutrition.
- 23% of children under 5 in Honduras are at risk of chronic malnutrition.
- Drought and intense heat due to El Niño have hiked the prices of basic agricultural staples above the levels that those under the poverty line can afford.
- The unemployment rate for women in Honduras is nearly double the male rate.
- 43.4% of women between ages 15 and 24 are working domestically and not in pursuit of higher education compared to only 12.3% of men.
- As of 2022, Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing are the highest grossing economic sectors in Honduras contributing 12.6% of the overall GDP and 35.6% of the country's exports.
- Artisanal fishing is the primary source of income for over 4,500 coastal families. On average, these families earn above minimum wage from their work and can build long-term savings within fishing communities that practice responsible environmental practices.

Sample Questions

Site Visit 4: Visit to a School Supported by the USDA McGovern-Dole School Feeding Program

Program Implementers

- What US food commodities are you using in this program?
- What fresh foods are grown and used locally in the program?
- How has local and regional leadership reacted to the program?

Program Participants

- How do school lunches help you/your child?
- What are your favorite foods provided through school lunch?
- Apart from the school lunch, how many meals do you have in a day?

Site Visit 5: Discussion with Women Participating in CARE and Cargill Foundation's Nourish the Future Program

Program Implementers

- In what ways do you continue to follow up with program participants over the long term? How do you engage with participants whose businesses may have struggled to take off?
- Were there any cultural considerations to take into account in the planning and design process of the program?
- What role does peer support among program participants play in building individuals' entrepreneurial capacity?

Program Participants

- How has participating in the entrepreneurship development program impacted your life and the lives of your family members?
- How did you choose this line of business (i.e. what made you choose baking, ceramics, etc.)?
- What were the biggest challenges you faced when starting your small business, and how have you worked to overcome them? Can you share a success story or a milestone that you are particularly proud of since launching your business?
- Have you faced any challenges in the business world because you are a woman, and how have you navigated or overcome them?

Site Visit 6: Visit Tilapia Farming Co-op Supported by CARE

Program Implementers

- In what ways do you support the cooperative in accessing markets for their product?
- Are there initiatives in place to promote environmentally friendly and responsible farming methods?
- How does the program contribute to the capacity building of cooperative members, and are there leadership development initiatives with a focus on gender equity within the cooperative?

Program Participants

- What are the benefits of being part of a tilapia farming cooperative? Are there any challenges involved in working collectively?
- In what ways do you support one another in the farming and harvesting process?
- Do you think the younger generation in your community would be interested in pursuing Tilapia Farming as a livelihood?



Sunday, April 21st, 2024
La Esperanza, Honduras

Morning

- **8:00-9:30am: Breakfast and Panel Discussion with Survivors of Gang Violence and Extortion** in the InterContinental Real Meeting Hall to learn about how they're working to reestablish their lives through Norwegian Refugee Council's USAID-supported protection and livelihood program.
- **9:30am-12:00pm: Delegation Transfers** from InterContinental Real to Site Visit 2.

Afternoon

- **12:00-2:30pm: (Site Visit 2) Meet with USAID-supported Farmers and Paravets** with Catholic Relief Services in Honduras's Dry Corridor to see how small interventions, such as providing a community with a corn husker or basic veterinary tools, can exponentially increase their income and foster rootedness in an area prone to migration.
- **2:30-3:30pm: Delegation Transfers** from Site Visit 2 to Hotel Posada Papa Chepe, La Esperanza, for check-in.
- **4:00-4:15pm: Delegation Transfers** from Hotel Posada Papa Chepe to Site Visit 3.

Evening

- **4:15-6:30pm: (Site Visit 3) Tour of the MISKA Cooking School**, supported by DAI and USAID's Honduran Local Governance program, to hear from migration prone youth who are training to become chefs with the aim of finding employment or operating their own restaurants locally. Delegates will have an opportunity to sample traditional cuisine prepared by students.
- **6:30-6:45pm: Delegation Transfers** from MISKA to Hotel Posada Papa Chepe

Overnight at Hotel Posada Papa Chepe, La Esperanza

Notes For the Day

- Attire is casual clothing for site visits. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- To avoid mosquitos, use insect repellent (especially on arms if you're wearing short sleeves)
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- Weather forecast: La Esperanza 74° (high) 57° (low). There is a chance of rain.

Key Stats and Facts

- Honduras had a murder rate of 36 per 100,000 people in 2022 compared to 6.3 in the United States. Honduras is one of the most violent countries in Latin America and had the highest femicide rate in Latin America.
- In 2022, more than 200,000 Honduran households were victims of gang extortion, many of which threatened and harassed their victims from behind bars.
- The Honduran government declared a “partial state of exception” on December 6, 2022, suspending certain constitutional liberties in favor of stricter security and policing. This state of emergency was renewed and expanded in February 2023.
- As of 2022, Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing are the highest grossing economic sectors in Honduras contributing 12.6% of the overall GDP and 35.6% of the country's exports.
- 28% of all land in Honduras is devoted to agriculture and the industry employs around 39% of the population.
- 70.6% of agricultural producers in Honduras are families working with less than 5 hectares of land while the top 0.2% of farmers with high-yield technologies work with more than 500 hectares of land each, the products from which are primarily exported.
- The majority of Honduras's agricultural land is being farmed for high intensity export crops like coffee and palm oil, both of which can degrade soil nutrients and arability if left unregulated.

Sample Questions

Panel Discussion with Survivors of Gang Violence and Extortion

Program Implementers

- What are the key challenges that survivors of extreme gang violence in Honduras face when relocating and rebuilding their lives?
- What is the role of a case manager in NRC's protection program?
- How does NRC maintain the anonymity of program participants when establishing them in new communities and connecting them with job opportunities?

Program Participants

- How do you think your life would be different without the NRC program?
- Can you tell us about your experience as a participant in NRC's protection program?
- How has participating in NRC's livelihoods program impacted your life since you relocated to your present community?

Site Visit 2: Meeting USAID-supported Farmers and Paravets

Program Implementers

- How has local and regional leadership reacted to the program?
- Has the Prosperamos program impacted the community's perceptions of migration?
- How has this program affected women's ability to provide for themselves and their families?
- What is the importance of supporting healthy livestock to communities' wellbeing?
- What additional support, if any, is needed to ensure that progress made by producers and paravets under Prosperamos is sustained beyond the project's lifetime?

Program Participants

- Why did you decide to join the Prosperamos program?
- What have been the most impactful climate-smart farming techniques you've learned through Prosperamos?
- How has your output changed since you started implementing these techniques?
- Are you and other producers in the area readily able to access markets to sell your produce? Do you face challenges getting a good price for your produce?

Site Visit 3: MISKA Tour

Program Implementers

- What inspired the launch of MISKA in Honduras, and particularly in the region of Intibucá?

- In what ways do you collaborate with local businesses or the hospitality industry to provide opportunities for employment or internships for graduates?
- Are there plans to expand the school? What kind of impact on the local community do you hope to see over the next ten years?

Program Participants

- Why did you decide to join Miska?
- What kinds of cuisine have you specialized in at MISKA?
- Apart from culinary skills, what have you learned or gained from your time at MISKA so far?
- What do you hope to do after graduating?



Saturday, April 20th, 2024
Tegucigalpa – El Paraíso, Honduras

Weather Forecast: Weather forecast: Danlí: Partly Cloudy: 94° (high) 71° (low); Tegucigalpa: Partly Cloudy : 88° (high) 66° (low)

Morning

- **6:30-9:00am: Delegation Transfers** from InterContinental Real Tegucigalpa to airport, Honduras.
- **9:00am-1:00pm: (Site Visit 1) Visit to El Paraíso Border** between Honduras and Nicaragua to learn about the Humanitarian response and to listen to migrants about their motivations and goals for migration.

Afternoon

- **1:00-3:30pm: Delegation Transfers** from El Paraíso border to InterContinental Real Tegucigalpa.
- **3:30-5:00pm: Downtime/ Exploring Tegucigalpa/ Changing into formal attire**

Evening

- **5:00-5:30pm: Delegation Transfers** from InterContinental Real Tegucigalpa to Briefing with U.S. Mission.
- **5:30-7:00pm: Briefing with U.S. Mission to Honduras** to learn about U.S. development and humanitarian investments in Honduras and U.S. government policies in the region.
- **7:00-9:00pm: Reception at U.S. Ambassador's Residence with U.S. Mission, Local Government, and NGO Leaders** to discuss the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships in fostering development and upholding human rights in Honduras.

- **9:00-9:30pm: Delegation Transfers** from Ambassador's Residence to InterContinental Real Tegucigalpa

Overnight at The Hotel Real InterContinental Tegucigalpa – Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Notes For the Day

- Attire is business casual clothing for site visits. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Attire is formal for the evening reception.
- To avoid mosquitos, use insect repellent (especially on arms if you're wearing short sleeves)
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Key Stats and Facts

- Despite the BP and ICE budgets increasing 7%, encounters have still increase, "encounters" at the southern U.S. border have increased by 42.7% simultaneously over the last three years.
- U.S. Customs and Border Patrol logged 200,000 "encounters" with Honduran migrants in 2023. The deportation or internal processing of these individuals costs a minimum of \$10,000 per migrant.
- Remittances accounted for 26.8% of Honduras's GDP in 2022.
- The number of "irregular" border crossings through checkpoints like El Paraíso has increased since the announcement of the suspension of Title 42. In the spring of 2022, over 21,000 people entered Honduras irregularly, overwhelming processing infrastructure as migrants either settle in the country or cross through on the journey north.
- The poverty rate in Honduras is 70% and 10 families own 20% of the country's wealth.
- The unemployment rate in Honduras has increased by 3.5% since 2019.
- Foreign Direct Investment accounted for 3.4% of Honduras's GDP in 2022.
- 1 in 4 Hondurans are food insecure.

Sample Questions

Visit to El Paraíso Border

Program Implementers

- Can you describe the main challenges and needs faced by migrants at the border, and how your organization addresses these issues? What are the specific needs of women and children crossing into Honduras?
- How do humanitarian organizations partner with local government authorities to ensure a coordinated and effective response to the influx of migrants at the southern border?

- In what ways do you engage with the local communities near the border to build understanding and collaboration in your humanitarian efforts?

Program Participants

- Where did you begin your journey from, and why did you decide to emigrate?
- Can you share your experiences and challenges during the journey, including any obstacles or difficulties faced while crossing the border?
- How has your experience crossing into Honduras compared to other countries?
- Have you accessed any social services so far? If so, which ones?



Friday, April 19th, 2024
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Afternoon

- **2:45pm: Delegation Arrives** at Palmerola International Airport, Honduras.
- **3:45-5:00pm: Delegation Transfers** to The Hotel Real InterContinental Tegucigalpa, for check-in and downtime.⁷¹

Evening

- **6:30pm: Welcome Briefing** in the hotel to provide an overview of the trip and introduce Learning Tours staff and delegates to one another.
- **7:00pm: Scene-Setter Dinner Briefing** at the hotel with CARE Honduras and local grassroots NGOs to give delegates an overview of human rights, gender, and migration in Honduras and understand the unique challenges facing the Hondurans, especially women and girls.

Overnight at The Hotel Real InterContinental Tegucigalpa – Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Notes For the Day

- Attire should be comfortable for travel and transportation between the airport and lodging.
- Attire is business casual for briefings.
- To avoid mosquitos, use insect repellent (especially on arms if you're wearing short sleeves) .
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- Weather forecast: Tegucigalpa 88° (high) 66° (low)

Key Stats and Facts

- In 2023, the U.S. invested \$37 million in humanitarian aid to Honduras, the majority of which went towards emergency response funds to address food insecurity, violence against women and girls, health, etc.

- Between 2019 and 2020, the percentage of Hondurans living under the poverty line (\$6.85 per day) rose from 49.5% to 57.7% due to damage from Hurricanes Iota and Eta and the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Because of increased global remittances and the recovery of the Honduran economy, the 2022 poverty level decreased to 52.4%, still above pre-pandemic levels.
- Honduras' Gini Index score, which measures wealth distribution across a country's economy, decreased from 48.6 in 2019 to 47.5 in 2022 following the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters.
- The adolescent birth rate in Honduras in 2023 was 97 for every 1000 girls ages 15-19. In the United States, the birth rate for young women in the same range was 13.9.
- Between 2010 and 2022, only 47% of women enrolled in upper secondary education. Additionally, fewer than 1 in 10 boys aged 16-18 in rural areas enrolled in the same educational opportunities.
- Honduras ranked 53rd on the Global Gender Gap Index in 2023, with women being about 26% less likely to experience equal opportunities to men. Honduras ranks 10 places behind the United States.
- Women and girls ages 15 and up in Honduras spend 17.3% of their time on unpaid domestic labor compared to 4.3% spent by men.

Sample Questions

Scene-Setter Dinner Briefing

Program Implementers

- How have your personal experiences with economic and gender inequality influenced the strategies you use in approaching community equity programming?
- What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Hondurans today that goes unnoticed or should be highlighted more?
- What risks and roadblocks do women and girls face in pursuing higher education or non-domestic work opportunities? What factors are needed to set them up for success?