

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

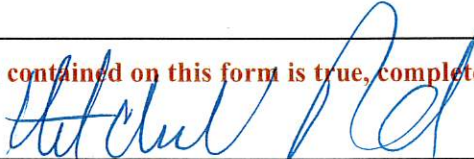
EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM ☒ Original ☐ Amendment

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.

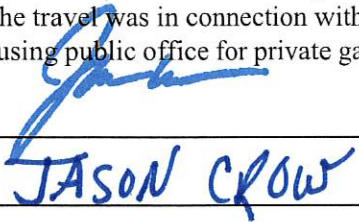
1. Name of Traveler: MITCHELL RYAN RIVARD
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): N/A
3. a. Dates: Departure: AUGUST 1, 2026 Return: AUGUST 8, 2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: N/A **OR** ☒ None
4. Departure City: WASHINGTON, D.C. Destination: PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA Return City: WASHINGTON, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: ATTENDED MEETINGS AND IN-THE-FIELD EVENTS TO SEE THE LIFESAVING WORK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING CONGRESSIONALLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS AND PROGRAMS TO COMBAT POVERTY, MALNUTRITION, HIV/AIDS, AND DELIVER U.S. AID.
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: 8/20/26

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: _____ Date: 8/20/26

Signature of Supervising Member:  JASON CROW

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips 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. § 1001.

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

2. Travel Destination(s): Port Moresby and Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea

3. Date of Departure: August 1, 2026 Date of Return: August 8, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Mitchell Rivard

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

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	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$16,980.00	\$695.91	\$361.14	\$61.16 (museum entry/guides) \$50 (visa)
Accompanying Family Member				

6. ☒ All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment.
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: August 17, 2026

Name: Peter Yeo Title: Senior Vice President

Organization: United Nations Foundation

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

Address: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006

Telephone: 202-887-9040 Email: pyeo@unfoundation.org

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

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: MITCHELL RYAN RIVARD
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: PAPUA NEW GUINEA
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/1/26 Date of Return: 8/8/26
b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: N/A
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: N/A
(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 A CHIEF OF STAFF WHO ADVISES A MEMBER OF CONGRESS ON FOREIGN POLICY, NATIONAL SECURITY, DEFENSE, AND APPROPRIATIONS, THIS BIPARTISAN DELEGATION WILL ALLOW ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO OVERSEE THE LIFE-SAVING WORK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING CONGRESSIONALLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO COMBAT POVERTY AND DELIVER U.S. AID.
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: 6/30/26

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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.**

Name of Traveler: MITCHELL RIVARD

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: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): REP. JASON CROW

Office Address: 1323 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

Telephone Number: 202-225-7882

Email Address of Contact Person: MITCHELL.RIVARD@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV

☐ 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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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:

United Nations Foundation

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: Eleanor Crook 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 attached.

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

6. Date of Departure: August 1, 2026 Date of Return: August 8, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Port Moresby and Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea

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:

Please see attached.

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): \$60

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Please see attached.

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

Hotel Name: Hilton PNG Hotel City: Port Moresby Cost Per Night: \$156.97

Reason(s) for Selecting: Favorable rate and location.

Hotel Name: Rondon Ridge Lodge City: Mount Hagen Cost Per Night: \$225

Reason(s) for Selecting: Favorable rate, location, and security.

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$14,290	\$695.91	\$300
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	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	\$50; \$25	PNG visa; guides/entry fees
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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: June 24, 2026
Name: Peter Yeo Title: Senior Vice President
Organization: United Nations Foundation
Address: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006
Email: pyeo@unfoundation.org Telephone: 202-887-9040

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.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: United Nations Foundation
2. Name of your organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation
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: June 25, 2026

Name: Mariana Becerra Title: Director of North American Advocacy

Organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation

Address: 227 N Mitchell St. San Marcos, TX 78666

Telephone: 2027660197 Email: mbecerra@eleanorcrookfoundation.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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Ranking Member

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July 27, 2026

Mr. Mitchell Rivard
Office of the Honorable Jason Crow
1323 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Rivard:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Papua New Guinea,¹ scheduled for August 1 to 8, 2026, sponsored by United Nations Foundation and Eleanor Crook 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 \$525 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 \$525] 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 signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark DeSaulnier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:rp

**UN Foundation Congressional Learning Trip to Papua New Guinea
Answers to Primary Trip Sponsor Form Questions 4, 12, and 15b2**

4. Names and titles of all House invitees and explanation of why the individual was invited:

The following individuals have been invited to participate in this learning trip to Papua New Guinea because they work on issues related to the Indo-Pacific, international development, agriculture, nutrition, global health, U.S. foreign policy, international organizations, and/or associated subjects.

Cesar Gonzalez
Chief of Staff, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart

Ross Dietrich
Legislative Director, Rep. Brian Mast

Kayla Williams
Chief of Staff, Rep. Greg Meeks

Todd Whiteman
Chief of Staff, Rep. Bill Huizenga

Ted Verrill
Chief of Staff, Rep. Julia Letlow

Lindsay Linhares
Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Julia Letlow

Stephanie Pendarvis
Legislative Director, Rep. Joe Wilson

Jake Middlebrooks
Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Tracy Mann

Zoe Oreck
Policy Director, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries

Chris Ringer
Legislative Director, Rep. Sheri Biggs

Connor Whiteman
Chief of Staff, Rep. Warren Davidson

Sid Ravishankar
Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Joaquin Castro

Mitch Moonier
Chief of Staff, Rep. Dina Titus

Roddy Flynn
Chief of Staff, Rep. Sarah McBride

Bryan Wheat
Chief of Staff, Rep. Celesta Maloy

Nicole Rapanos
Chief of Staff, Rep. Nick LaLota

Robyn Russell
Chief of Staff, Rep. Mike Quigley

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Legislative Director, Rep. Glenn Thompson

Jesse Von Stein
Chief of Staff, Rep. Cory Mills

Casey Hood
Chief of Staff, Rep. Ronny Jackson

Mitchell Rivard
Chief of Staff, Rep. Jason Crow

Sarah Rosnick
Chief of Staff, Rep. Jim Baird

Theresa Chalhoub
Legislative Director, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Tyler Fagan
Legislative Director, Rep. Mike Johnson

Sarah Ghermay
Chief of Staff, Rep. Yassamin Ansari

Jordyn-Hodges Wilson

Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Yassamin Ansari

Daniel Dziadon
Chief of Staff, Rep. Frank Lucas

Addison Porter
Legislative Director, Rep. Carol Miller

Rachel Montoya
Legislative Assistant, Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández

Hayden Upchurch
Legislative Assistant, Rep. Nathaniel Moran

Keely Thompson
Legislative Assistant, Rep. Ed Case

Erin McMenamin
Professional Staff Member, House NSRP Subcommittee

Maeve Healy
Chief of Staff, Rep. Grace Meng

Mike Dorazio
Chief of Staff, Rep. Guy Reschenthaler

Sajit Gandhi
Staff Director, House Foreign Affairs Committee

Kate Constantini
Communications Director, House Foreign Affairs Committee

12. Description of the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The UN Foundation (UNF) works to educate all Americans, including the U.S. Congress, on the importance of a strong U.S.-UN relationship, with a focus on interconnected issues such as global health, nutrition, sustainable development, and peace and security. This learning trip provides an opportunity for policymakers to better understand bilateral and multilateral efforts to strengthen health systems in the Philippines, respond to food insecurity and nutrition challenges, and promote economic growth and development.

The Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) was founded in 1997 with a single goal: to eradicate global malnutrition. ECF invests in research that proves what methods work, policy analysis to drive systems reform, and advocacy that makes the case for urgent action to address this global

crisis. In 2017, the Foundation pledged \$100 million towards the elimination of global malnutrition.

UNF is organizing all aspects of the program/logistics. UNF handles all outreach to congressional offices and is the contact for planning purposes. UNF received a grant from ECF to partially support this trip. ECF has not played any role in organizing this trip and has not been involved in the selection or invitation of the trip participants.

15b2. Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

Despite its immense natural resources, Papua New Guinea faces some of the most complex development challenges in the entire Pacific. Accessibility—or the lack thereof—is one of the largest contributing factors, with significant portions of PNG's population living in remote rural communities that have limited access to roads, electricity, education, and livelihoods. Poverty, as a result, remains widespread, with many rural families relying on subsistence agriculture while struggling with rising food costs.

Health outcomes in PNG continue to lag behind regional averages, with overstretched systems facing shortages of staff, medicines, and basic infrastructure. These serious gaps have led Papua New Guinea to have the highest malnutrition rates in the Pacific, with childhood stunting affecting upwards of 50% of children under five. This is far higher than any neighboring Pacific island countries, where rates are often below 20%. Wasting and underweight prevalence are also significantly more severe in Papua New Guinea than in its neighbors, with wasting affecting roughly 14% of children under five and underweight prevalence estimated around 18–25%.

Papua New Guinea also carries one of the heaviest infectious disease burdens in the Pacific, accounting for roughly 90% of all malaria cases in the region and is battling renewed polio outbreaks. In 2025, WHO confirmed circulating poliovirus in children and wastewater samples, while national coverage for the third dose of oral polio vaccine was only about 44%, leaving many children vulnerable to transmission. And finally, gender-based violence is another critical national crisis, with PNG reporting the highest rates of violence against women in the world, driven by entrenched social inequalities, weak legal protections, and limited access to survivor services.

During the course of five days on the ground, the delegation will meet with the UN Country Team, U.S. Embassy, and Government of Papua New Guinea in Port Moresby and travel into the field to see firsthand how the UN is working with partners to address these vast, interconnected issues and helping ensure that targeted interventions translate into meaningful, long-term improvements in everyday life.



UNF Congressional Learning Trip to Papua New Guinea

August 1-8, 2026

****All Times Local****

+14 hours from Washington, DC

Saturday, August 1 --- Travel

Attire: Casual

5:11pm Depart DCA via American Airlines 1414
Flight time 3h 30m

5:55pm LINHARES ONLY
Depart IAD via United Airlines 1757
Flight time 5h 42m

7:41pm Arrive Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)
Layover 3h 4m

8:37pm LINHARES ONLY
Arrive San Francisco (SFO)
Layover 2h 2m

10:35pm LINHARES ONLY
Depart SFO via Fiji Airways 871
Flight time 11h 25m

CROSS INTERNATIONAL DATELINE

10:45pm Depart DFW via Fiji Airways 891
Flight time 13h 35m

CROSS INTERNATIONAL DATELINE

Monday, August 3 --- Travel / Port Moresby

Attire: Casual / Business Casual

5:00am LINHARES ONLY
Arrive Nadi, Fiji International Airport (NAN)
Layover 3h 10m

5:20am Arrive Nadi, Fiji International Airport (NAN)

Layover 3h 10m

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8:30am Depart NAN via Fiji Airways 5573 (Operated by Air Niugini)
Flight time 5h

11:30am Arrive Port Moresby International Airport (POM)

12:00pm – 12:15pm Transit via hired car to Hilton Papua New Guinea Hotel

12:15pm – 12:45pm Check-in to hotel

12:45pm - 1:00pm Transit via hired car to UN House

1:00pm – 1:10pm **UN Department of Safety and Security Briefing**

The delegation will receive a briefing from the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) to detail the current political and security situation in PNG and provide guidance on any safety protocols that must be adhered to during the course of the learning trip.

Location: Conference Room, UN House

1:10pm – 2:15pm **Working Welcome Lunch with UN Country Team, led Shalini Bahuguna, UN Resident Coordinator in Papua New Guinea**

The delegation will meet with the UN Country Team to contextualize the major health, social, development, and economic challenges in PNG and provide a general overview of how the UN actively partners with the Government of PNG, U.S., and other partners to achieve shared goals and priorities.

Location: Conference Room, UN House

2:15pm – 2:30pm Transit via hired car to U.S. Embassy Port Moresby

2:30pm – 3:30pm **Limited U.S. Country Team Meeting**

The delegation will meet with the limited U.S. Country Team to discuss U.S.- PNG relations and issues related to disaster preparedness, internet access, food security, and economic development.

Note: BRING PASSPORTS

Location: U.S. Embassy Port Moresby

3:30pm – 3:45pm	Transit to Parliament of Papua New Guinea
3:45pm – 4:45pm	Visit and Expert Guided Tour of National Parliament House of Papua New Guinea The delegation will visit PNG's National Parliament House Parliament to learn about the body's function and history. Officially opened in 1984, the building's distinctive architecture incorporates traditional design elements inspired by the Maprik Haus Tambaran spirit houses of the Sepik region, symbolizing the nation's diverse cultural heritage. As Papua New Guinea continues to navigate rapid economic growth, development challenges, and constitutional issues such as the future status of Bougainville, Parliament House remains the primary forum for shaping the country's future. <i>Location: Parliament of Papua New Guinea</i>
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Transit to Australian High Commission in Papua New Guinea
5:00pm – 5:45pm	Meeting with Australian High Commission in Papua New Guinea The delegation will meet with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to gain important perspectives on Australia-PNG relations and learn how Australia Aid is working across various health and development sectors in the country. <i>Location: Australian High Commission in Papua New Guinea</i>
5:45pm – 6:00pm	Transit to Hilton Hotel
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Executive Time
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Welcome Working Reception with the UN Country Team, U.S. Embassy, and the Government of Papua New Guinea The delegation will hold a working reception with various UN agency heads, U.S. Embassy officials, and members of the Government of Papua New Guinea to discuss the UN and U.S.'s work in PNG around major nutrition, health, and development issues. <i>Location: Hilton Hotel</i>
Overnight	Hilton Papua New Guinea Hotel Wards Rd, Port Moresby National Capital District

Tuesday, August 4 --- Port Moresby / Travel / Mount Hagen

Attire: Casual

7:00am – 7:15am Transit via hired car to POM

9:05am Depart POM via PNG Air 8542
Flight time 1h 35m

10:40am Arrive Mount Hagen Kagamuga (HGU)

10:40am – 11:15am Transit via hired car to Sir Mara Haus

11:15am – 12:15pm **Courtesy Meeting with The Honorable Wai Rapa, Governor of the Western Highlands Province**

The delegation will have a courtesy meeting with The Honorable Wai Rapa, Governor of the Western Highlands Province to inform him of the purpose of the delegation's visit and learn how the provincial government is partnering with the UN to treat and prevent malnutrition, respond to agricultural shocks, alleviate food insecurity, and combat gender-based violence.

Location: Sir Mara Haus

12:15pm – 12:30pm Transit via hired car to Kelua II Ward (lunch en route, provided by Highlander Hotel)

12:30pm – 12:45pm **Meeting with Kelua II Village Leaders and Observation of Coordinated UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, UNFPA, and IOM Activities: Community Welcome and Brief Opening Remarks**

The delegation will visit Kelua II Village, a rural community in the Mount Hagen Rural Local-Level Government of Papua New Guinea's Western Highlands Province, located just outside the provincial capital of Mount Hagen to observe a convergence of UN programming efforts in the village, including financial literacy, food security, and peacebuilding programs.

Despite its proximity to the city, Kelua II has long faced development challenges, including limited access to reliable infrastructure, livelihoods, and public services, while also contending with land disputes and increasing climate-related risks. In recent years, Kelua II has been a focus of the UN-supported Highlands Joint Programme Phase II, which has worked with local residents to strengthen disaster preparedness, improve civil registration services, and promote community resilience.

12:45pm – 1:15pm **Financial Inclusion Activity**

Community members will demonstrate how access to financial literacy and how bank accounts and financial services strengthen household independence and resilience.

1:15pm – 1:45pm **Community Walk and Food Security Discussion**

Visit local food-production areas; meet with internally displaced persons engaged in agriculture; exchange with host-community members on livelihoods, food security and recovery.

1:45pm – 2:45pm **Briefing on the Highlands Joint Programme Phase 2 and Coordinated UN Agency Dialogue**

The delegation will be briefed on HJP2, a joint UN initiative that addresses the root causes of conflict, displacement, and underdevelopment across Papua New Guinea's Highlands through integrated peacebuilding, governance, and resilience programming. Building on the first phase, HJP2 expands from Hela and Southern Highlands into Enga and Western Highlands, bringing together UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, and IOM to strengthen community resilience, improve local governance, protect vulnerable populations, and promote lasting peace and social cohesion.

2:45pm – 3:20pm **Discussion with the Community and the Delegation**

The delegation will explore how peacebuilding contributes to food security and how improved food security and livelihoods can support better nutrition and reduce conflict risks.

Location: Highlander Hotel

3:20pm – 3:30pm **Closing Reflections and Departure**

3:30pm – 4:15pm Transit to Rondon Ridge Lodge

4:15pm – 4:45pm Check in to Rondon Ridge Lodge

4:45pm – 6:30pm Executive Time

6:30pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with Shalini Bahuguna, UN Resident Coordinator in Papua New Guinea and Veera Mendonca, UNICEF Representative for Papua New Guinea**

The delegation will hold a working dinner with the UN Resident Coordinator and UNICEF Representative to learn about their roles, both

generally and PNG specific, and how they play a leading role in supporting development and humanitarian efforts across the country.

Location: Rondon Ridge Lodge

Overnight

Rondon Ridge Lodge

Note: Wi-Fi is only available in the lobby/dining area (at all times) and room electricity may be switched off between 12:00am-5:00am.

Wednesday, August 5 --- Mount Hagen / Travel / Port Moresby

Attire: Casual

8:00am – 8:45am

Working Breakfast on Nutrition Challenges in Western Highlands and Background on Efficacy of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods

The delegation will hold a working breakfast to review and discuss core factors contributing to high rates of child malnutrition, including poverty, limited dietary diversity, and dependence on subsistence agriculture.

Recent El Niño conditions have brought prolonged dry weather to the Highlands, reducing rainfall and damaging sweet potato and other staple food gardens that are essential for household food security. In recent weeks, frost linked to El Niño has affected high-altitude areas around Mount Hagen and nearby districts, destroying crops and further reducing food availability for farming communities. These climate-related crop losses are expected to worsen food insecurity and increase the risk of acute malnutrition, particularly among young children and other vulnerable groups.

Location: Rondon Ridge Lodge

8:45am – 9:00am

Transit via hired car to Rondon Ridge Assemblies of God School

9:00am – 10:00am

Visit to Rondon Ridge Early Childhood Education Center, Observe Nutrition and Health Services, Supported by UNICEF and Catholic Church Health Services

The delegation will visit a local early childhood education center to learn how nutrition services are integrated into early childhood education.

Many parents must travel long distances and endure difficult terrain to reach the nearest health facility to access services such as nutrition screening, identification and treatment of malnutrition. In response to this challenge, the Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority (WHPHA)

in collaboration with Catholic Church Health Services (CCHS) conducts regular outreach services to provide nutrition services.

During the outreach campaigns in schools, under-5 children are provided with nutritional screening and treatment services, vitamin A and micro-nutrient supplementation and deworming services. In addition, trained village health assistants (VHAs) play a crucial role in providing the much-needed community-based nutrition services such as awareness on balanced diets, and identification and referral of malnourished children at community level.

Location: Rondon Ridge Assemblies of God School

10:00am – 10:20am Transit via hired car to Mount Hagen Provincial Hospital

10:20am – 11:20am **Visit to Mount Hagen Provincial Hospital and In-Patient Malnutrition Ward, Supported by UNICEF and WHO**

The delegation will visit the Mount Hagen Provincial Hospital, meet with hospital staff, and visit the hospital's in-patient malnutrition ward to learn about major nutrition and health challenges in the province.

As the largest public hospital in the Western Highlands Province, MHPH serves as a large referral center for communities across the Highlands, providing services in areas such as maternal health, pediatrics, tuberculosis, and HIV care.

Papua New Guinea carries one of the heaviest infectious disease burdens in the Pacific, accounting for roughly 90% of all malaria cases in the region and is battling renewed polio outbreaks. In 2025, WHO confirmed circulating poliovirus in children and wastewater samples, while national coverage for the third dose of oral polio vaccine was only about 44%, leaving many children vulnerable to transmission.

The hospital faces heavy patient demand from both the Western Highlands and neighboring provinces, placing significant pressure on staff, infrastructure, and resources. Health challenges in the province include high rates of malnutrition, tuberculosis, maternal and child mortality, gender-based violence, and limited access to healthcare for people living in remote rural communities. Despite these challenges, ongoing investments in new diagnostic equipment, TB screening programs, and health system strengthening are helping improve access to quality healthcare across the province.

11:20am – 11:30am Transit via hired car to Highlander Hotel

11:30am – 1:00pm **Working Lunch on Efforts to End Sorcery Accusation Related Violence, led by Anton Lutz and Supported by UNFPA**

The delegation will be briefed on Sorcery Accusation Related Violence (SARV) and learn how UNFPA is working with Divine Word University to coordinate prevention programs that provide communities with the knowledge, tools, and networks to protect their neighbor and put an end to this despicable act.

Sorcery Accusation Related Violence is one of Papua New Guinea's gravest human rights problems, a form of collective, community-authorized violence. In times of misfortune or death, groups of people accuse, torture, and even kill those, most often women, they have come to believe are supernaturally responsible. The delegation will learn how the UN is working alongside the government, churches, and local organizations to support efforts to strengthen laws, improve protection and support services for survivors, raise public awareness, and address the underlying social factors that fuel sorcery accusations.

Location: Highlander Hotel

1:00pm – 2:00pm Transit via hired car to Emergency Response Supplies Site

2:00pm – 2:30pm **Visit to Prepositioned Emergency Response Supplies Site, Supported by IOM**

The delegation will visit a local emergency disaster-response preparedness site, organized by IOM and learn how the UN, with critical support from the U.S. State Department, prepositions emergency disaster-response supplies in strategic locations across Papua New Guinea. These supplies include shelter materials, hygiene kits, water containers, and other essential items needed by affected families. By storing relief items before disasters occur, IOM can reduce response times and reach vulnerable communities more quickly, especially in remote areas. This initiative strengthens disaster preparedness and helps communities recover more effectively from floods, earthquakes, landslides, volcanic eruptions, and cyclones.

2:30pm – 3:00pm Transit to HGU

4:20pm Depart HGU on PNG Air Flight 8549

5:55pm Arrive POM

6:00pm – 6:20pm Transit via hired car to Hilton Papua New Guinea Hotel

6:20pm – 7:00pm Executive Time

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with UN Foundation**

The delegation will have a working dinner with UN Foundation to share reflections on issues and challenges observed in Mount Hagen and how the UN's long-term health and peacebuilding work in the region will guide the following day's meetings.

Overnight Hilton Papua New Guinea Hotel
Wards Rd, Port Moresby National Capital District

Thursday, August 6 --- Port Moresby

Attire: Business Casual

8:15am – 8:30am Transit via hired car to Lawes Road Health Clinic

8:30am – 9:15am **Observe Out-Patient Nutrition Screening Activities at Lawes Road Health Clinic, Supported by UNICEF**

The delegation will visit an urban health clinic and observe out-patient nutrition screening and vaccination outreach efforts. The delegation will learn how Port Moresby faces significant urban healthcare challenges driven by rapid population growth, overcrowded informal settlements, and limited access to clean water, sanitation, and primary services. The city also experiences a high burden of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria, alongside rising rates of non-communicable diseases and persistent maternal and child health challenges.

Location: Lawes Road Health Clinic

9:15am – 9:45am Transit via hired car to National Department of Health

9:45am – 10:45am **Meeting with H.E. Pascoe Kase, Secretary for Health, Papua New Guinea National Department of Health**

The delegation will meet with the Secretary of Health to learn how state authorities are leading a multisector effort to reduce malnutrition through the implementation of the National Nutrition Policy 2016–2026 and the National Health Plan 2021–2030.

These strategies prioritize improved maternal and child nutrition, promotion of exclusive breastfeeding, vitamin and micronutrient supplementation, growth monitoring, treatment of severe acute malnutrition with ready-to-use therapeutic foods, and stronger nutrition services integrated into primary healthcare.

Working alongside partners such as UNICEF and WHO, the Department is also expanding school nutrition programs, strengthening nutrition data systems, and promoting behavior change to improve diets and reduce the country's persistently high rates of child stunting and wasting.

Location: National Department of Health

10:45am – 11:00am Transit via hired car to Port Moresby Nature Park

11:00am – 12:00pm **Expert Guided Visit to Port Moresby Nature Park, Supported by UNDP**

The delegation will visit the Port Moresby Nature Park to learn about key conservation and biodiversity issues in PNG. In June 2020, UNDP Papua New Guinea announced a partnership with the Port Moresby Nature Park—which is home to hundreds of native animals representing many of the country's unique species, including tree kangaroos, cassowaries, birds-of-paradise, and reptiles—providing a \$40,000 grant to strengthen the park's conservation and environmental education programs, including work to protect critically endangered Weimang and Tenkile tree kangaroos. The delegation will learn how the park plays a vital role in conserving Papua New Guinea's extraordinary biodiversity through captive breeding, wildlife rehabilitation, environmental education, and research.

12:00pm – 12:30pm Transit to American Chamber of Commerce PNG

12:30pm – 2:00pm **Working Lunch with the American Chamber of Commerce Coral Sea**

The delegation will have a working lunch with the American Chamber of Commerce Coral Sea to learn how the organization promotes trade, investment, and sustainable economic growth between the United States and the Coral Sea region, including Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu.

Location: Alibi, Harbour City

2:00pm – 6:00pm Executive Time

6:00pm – 8:00pm **Dinner Debrief with UN Country Team**

The delegation will have a working dinner debrief with UN colleagues to discuss lessons learned, post-learning trip follow-up, and potential opportunities for continued engagement and coordination with the U.S. Congress and the UN in Papua New Guinea.

Location: Mumu, Ground Floor, Hilton Hotel

Overnight Hilton Papua New Guinea Hotel
 Wards Rd, Port Moresby National Capital District

Friday, August 7 --- Port Moresby / Travel

Attire: Casual

8:45am – 9:00am Transit via hired car to Gordons Market

9:00am – 10:00am **Visit to Gordons Market and Meeting with Sana Dokopa, President of Gordons Market Women's Association, Supported by UN Women**

The delegation will visit Gordons Market, a women-led market in Port Moresby that was redeveloped with support from UN Women under its Safe Cities and Safe Public Transport Programme. The delegation will learn how the market provides a safer, cleaner, and more secure environment for thousands of vendors—most of whom are women—through improved infrastructure, lighting, sanitation facilities, and women-led management. Beyond improving livelihoods, the market serves as a model for reducing violence and harassment against women in public spaces while strengthening women's economic empowerment and leadership.

Location: Gordons Market

10:00am – 10:15am Transit via hired car to National Museum and Art Gallery

10:15am – 11:00am **Expert Guided Visit to the National Museum and Art Gallery, Supported by UNESCO**

The delegation will visit the Papua New Guinea National Museum and Art Gallery, the country's premier institution for preserving and showcasing Papua New Guinea's extraordinary cultural and artistic heritage. The collections include thousands of traditional artifacts, contemporary artworks, archaeological objects, and ethnographic materials representing the nation's more than 800 language groups. The delegation will gain important perspectives on PNG's diverse religious, political, and social characteristics, and how they inform modern health and development interventions.

UNESCO has worked with Papua New Guinea on cultural heritage preservation for decades, including support for World Heritage initiatives, cultural policy, heritage documentation, and capacity building. As Papua New Guinea's principal national cultural institution, the National Museum

and Art Gallery (NMAG) has participated in UNESCO-led heritage activities and has benefited from UNESCO programs related to safeguarding cultural heritage, museum collections, and the preparation of World Heritage nominations.

11:00am – 12:30pm **Lunch**

12:30pm – 1:00pm Transit to POM

4:20pm Depart POM via Air Niugini 10
Flight time 5h 40m

8:00pm Arrive Manila, Philippines Ninoy Aquino Intl (MNL)
Layover 2h 35m

10:35pm Depart MNL via Philippine Airlines 124
Flight time 12h 30m

CROSS INTERNATIONAL DATELINE

8:05pm Arrive Seattle Tacoma International Airport (SEA)
Layover 2h 17m

10:22pm Depart SEA via Alaska Airlines 781
Flight time 5h 5m

Saturday, August 8 --- Travel

Attire: Casual

6:27am Arrive BWI