

Safety Planning Record – QPID International Summer Internship

Personal Details

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Activity Details

I am taking part in a project through QHO or QPID

QPID

Short Description of Activity: Embarking as a project intern for QPID in Botswana to work with an NGO focused on sustainable tourism. The internship is three months and located in Maun.

Will you be travelling outside of Canada?: Yes

Aware of Contact Requirements: Yes

Are you a citizen of or do you have travel documents for the country in which you are undertaking this activity?: No

Citizenship under which you are travelling: Canada

Passport Number under which you are travelling: 114563

Country of Activity: Botswana

Geographical Site or Institution for Activity: Travel for Impact

Setting for Activity: Rural

City or Nearest City to Activity Location: Maun

Distance to Nearest City (km): 0

Pre-Departure Training

Complete

Itinerary

Departure Date: 2019-06-06

Return Date: 2019-08-27

Itinerary

Dates	Type	Description
2019-06-06 - 2019-06-07	Flight LH 495	Fly from Toronto Pearson Airport to Munich International Airport.
2019-06-06 - 2019-06-06	Flight AC8983	Fly from Fredericton Airport to Toronto Pearson Airport.
2019-06-06 - 2019-06-06	Car	Car - Travel from Fredericton to Fredericton Airport.
2019-06-07 - 2019-06-08	Flight LH 9542	Fly from Munich International Airport to O.R. Tambo International Airport.
2019-06-08 - 2019-06-08	Flight BP 212	Flight from O.R. Tambo International Airport to Maun Airport.
2019-06-08 - 2019-06-08	Car	Travel from Maun Airport to Maun.
2019-08-26 - 2019-08-26	Car	Travel from Maun to Maun Airport.
2019-08-26 - 2019-08-27	Flight LH 9545	Fly from Maun Airport to Frankfurt International Airport.
2019-08-27 - 2019-08-27	Flight LH 6676	Fly from Frankfurt International Airport to Toronto Pearson Airport.
2019-08-27 - 2019-08-27	Car	Travel from Toronto Pearson Airport to Kingston.

Hazards/Risks

Hazards and risks related to your activity

Hazard: There are no overt risks associated with the organization that we will be working with, or in our day-to-day tasks; however, I may be travelling outside of the country for a weekend trip.

Risk: Standard risks associated with travelling (details included in other specific sections of the form), that could include transport, currency, health, etc.

Plan: I will make sure to take all necessary precautions during our day-to-day movements and while working in Maun. If I do travel to additional countries, I will make sure to research all of the safety advisories and precautions of those countries and be in contact with our host organization and QPID.

Advisories

Hazard: Botswana - Take normal security precautions.

Risk: N/A.

Plan: N/A.

Safety and Security

Hazard: Pickpocketing, thefts and smash and grab robberies are on the rise in the country.

Risk: I could be at risk for such identified crimes, as there are only two of us travelling together. I could lose money and belongings, important documents, or have my personal safety threatened.

Plan: To avoid this, I will try not to show any flashy signs of affluence or have my expensive belongings out in the open. I will do my best to remain aware of my surroundings, and avoid walking alone, especially when it is dark out. I will keep photocopies of my personal documents on me, instead of the original so I do not lose those as well.

Hazard: Demonstrations - demonstrations with large groups may occur in Botswana and may pose as potential hazards.

Risk: There is a potential for demonstrations to turn violent, putting me in an unsafe situation. As well, these demonstrations may also lead to disruptions in my travels.

Plan: To avoid these potential risks, I will try to avoid known demonstrations, and large gatherings that I come across during my travels. Furthermore, to be proactive, I will monitor the local media such as the news on TV to stay up to date on local events.

Hazard: Wild Animals - wild animals can be potential threats in certain situations.

Risk: Wild animals can attack me, putting my safety at risk, as well as the spread of disease.

Plan: To avoid these potential risks, I will try to avoid any local wildlife that I come across while in Botswana. When in parks, follow local regulations or instructions given by the guides. I will do my best to avoid swimming in bodies of water to avoid hippo and crocodile attacks, as well, I will try to avoid walking alone in the dark in rural areas to avoid other wildlife such as lions, hyenas and leopards.

Entry and Exit Requirements

Hazard: The exit and entry requirements of the transportation company may be different than the countries (passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the date of expected departure).

Risk: I may not be able to enter or exit the country if I do not look into the rules before hand.

Plan: Prior to travelling, I will ask my transportation company about its requirements related to passport validity, which I have already done - there is no risk.

DFAIT Section 5: Government Contacts

Consulate of Canada (In Gaborone)

Street Address: Mokolwane House, Fairgrounds, Gaborone, Botswana

Postal Address: P.O. Box 2111 , Gaborone, Botswana

Telephone (267) 3904411

Email canada.consul@info.bw

Embassy of Canada (In Zimbabwe.. neighbouring country)

Street Address: 45 Baines Avenue, Harare, Zimbabwe

Postal Address: P.O. Box 1430, Harare, Zimbabwe

Telephone: +263 4 252-181, 252-182, 252-183, 252-184 or 252-185

Email: Hrere-cs@international.gc.ca

Health

Hazard: Medical care in Botswana is different than in Canada, and is not covered in the same way, where payments may be required.

Risk: f I get sick, I might need to pay the medical bills and come home to Canada.

Plan: I have travel insurance (Blue Cross) ready to cover these expenses while I am in Botswana. If I am sick overseas I will find a local clinic and use the health insurance. If I am sick when I get back, I will immediately see my family doctor. All my medications that I will be bringing will be put in my carry on and have been checked to ensure suitability for travel.

Hazard: Food and water may carry disease.

Risk: I may become sick if I eat certain foods and drink water, resulting in travellers diarrhea.

Plan: I will always drink bottled water, or boil water. As well, I will be conscious of the food that I choose to eat, trying to stay away from foods that I cannot peel or clean.

Hazard: Malaria from mosquito bites

Risk: I may become severely sick if I contract Malaria

Plan: I will try to avoid this by doing my best to take my preventative medication daily, avoid mosquito bites, by covering up, using bug spray and staying indoors as much as possible.

Hazard: There are stringent screening and quarantine measures when travelling internationally, and people on the flight may exhibit signs of a serious or highly contagious disease.

Risk: If I get sick or quarantined, this could affect my program and plans when I get there, especially if I do not notify Queen's and my host institution TFI.

Plan: I will contact both my host organization, TFI and Queen's University if this were to happen, to try and mediate any disruptions in my program.

Hazard: If I get sick I may need to fly home to get help for a serious illness or injury.

Risk: This could be financially costly if this were to occur, and insurance did not cover the air evacuation home.

Plan: I will verify where or not my travel insurance will cover air evacuation back to Canada in the case of a serious illness or injury.

Currency

Hazard: Maximum amount of local currency can be carried in and out of the country (1000 pula).

Risk: If I do not abide by this, I will run into trouble with the local police and possibly be detained.

Plan: I will not travel with so much cash on me, but rather use a bank card as much as I can when leaving the country.

Hazard: Credit cards are not widely accepted at retail locations.

Risk: I may run into situations where I may not be able to pay for necessities.

Plan: I will be sure to always take cash out at an ATM before, so I will always have some cash on me for emergencies.

Laws and Culture

Hazard: Persons convicted of unlawful dealing or possession of illegal drugs such as cannabis (known locally as motokwane or dagga) are subject to harsh punishments. Prior permission is required to import firearms and munitions. Possession of pornographic material is illegal. Homosexuality is still an offence under law in Botswana, but is seldom pursued by the police or prosecuted in court anymore. It is prohibited to take photographs of military and government installations. Always ask permission before photographing individuals.

Risk: I could be fined or jailed for not abiding by these local laws. I could be deported or my travel plans may be altered.

Plan: I will avoid these risks by making myself aware of the local laws, as stated above. I will mirror the behaviour of locals for etiquette, and will avoid taking photos at prohibited locations.

Hazard: You must carry photo identification, such as a photocopy of your passport. Keep another photocopy of your passport in a safe place, in case it's lost or confiscated.

Risk: I could be fined or jailed for not having photo identification on me.

Plan: I will make sure to keep a photocopy of my passport with me at all times and keep another photocopy in a secure place.

Hazard: Botswana law strictly regulates the sale, possession or removal from the country of any animal (dead or alive). You must obtain a government permit or a receipt from a licensed shop. The law also applies to animal trophies, including a horn, tooth, tusk, bone, claw, hoof, hide, skin, hair, feather, egg or any other durable portion of an animal, processed or not. It is strictly prohibited to remove elephant hair, ivory and rhinoceros horn products.

Risk: I could be fined or jailed for not abiding by these laws. I could be deported or my travel plans altered.

Plan: I will not purchase any animal trophies or remove any animals from the country.

Road Travel

Hazard: Road Travel - although most road conditions are fine, there can be certain dangerous situations. Certain rural areas may be unnavigable, and livestock and pedestrians pose as another risk.

Risk: If driving, I can get lost putting my safety at risk. As well, I could get into an accident from the lack of experience of driving in Botswana.

Plan: I will avoid all of these risks by not driving in Botswana, and always travelling by public transit.

Hazard: Traffic drives on the left in Botswana, which is opposite than North American customs.

Risk: If walking as pedestrian, I could get hurt by assuming that traffic drives on the right, whereas really the traffic drives on the left there.

Plan: I will be extra cautious when I am on the roads and crossing streets, and be aware that traffic drives on the opposite side in Botswana.

Disasters and Climate

Hazard: Winter from May - August (when I will be there)

Risk: Cold and dry nights might cause unexpected illnesses/health issues.

Plan: I will try to avoid these risks by doing my research, and packing appropriately. If I feel as if I did not bring adequate clothes for the climate, I will purchase them there to stay comfortable, healthy and safe.

Additional Information (if required)

Hazard: N/A.

Risk: N/A.

Plan: N/A.

Country Alerts

Hazard: Exercise normal security precautions.

Risk: N/A.

Plan: N/A.

Travel Documents/Work Permits/Visas

Hazard: No visa required for stays up to 90 days.

Risk: N/A.

Plan: N/A.

World Health Organization

Hazard: There are reports of Hepatitis A, Hep B, influenza, measles and rabies in Botswana.

Risk: I could get sick, which may risk my safety and health, as well as alter my travel plans.

Plan: I will be vaccinated for these, and I will do my best to avoid areas where there are numerous reports. As well, I will try to avoid mosquito bites by using bug spray and wearing long sleeves.

Public Health Agency of Canada

Hazard: N/A.

Risk: N/A.

Plan: N/A.

Immigration Canada: Re-entry into Canada

Hazard: Passport must be valid for at least six months beyond the date you expect to leave Botswana in order to re-enter Canada.

Risk: If my passport was going to expire prior to the 6 month period, I may be at risk of being denied entry.

Plan: My passport is up to date and does not expire before the 6 month period. Canada does not require any other documents/visas upon re-entry, therefore I will be able to land safely in Canada without any difficulties.

Immunizations

Aware of Immunization Requirements: Yes

Immunization: Hepatitis A

Immunization: Measles

Immunization: Rabies

Immunization: Hepatitis B

Immunization: Yellow Fever

Immunization: Influenza

Emergency Response

Additional Queen's University Contacts

- Support Person/Department: Queen's Project on International Development
- Tel. Number:
- Email Address: qpjd.generaldirector@gmail.com
- Comment: Queen's Centre

Local Emergency Contact Information

- Agency: Police
- Tel. Number: 999
- Agency: Firefighters
- Tel. Number: 998
- Agency: Ambulance
- Tel. Number: 997

How will we contact you in the event of an emergency?

- Agency: Travel For Impact
- Tel. Number: 2676864431
- Email Address: tfibotswana@gmail.com
- Social Media for Emergency Communication: Travel for Impact

Emergency Evacuation Plan: No

Program Overseeing Activity: QPID - Queen's Project on International Development