



## Global Outreach Alliance (GOA)

Salt Lake City, UT

Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability, and Indemnity  
form for volunteer mentors traveling to international  
countries

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY**

NOTE: This is a release of your legal rights.  
Read and understand this document before you sign.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Last, First, Middle*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

*Month, Day, Year*

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

*For example: Kenya Team Expedition*

By signing this document, I agree to the following:

1. **Risk of Travel Abroad:** I understand that international travel as part of my participation in the Global Outreach Alliance (GOA) mentor program ("Program") specified above involves risks, dangers, and hazards that may not be found in the United States or other developed countries. These includes, but are not limited to, risks involved in traveling to and within, and returning from, one or more foreign countries; foreign political, legal, social, seasonal, geographic, weather and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety, and maintenance of buildings, public places, and conveyances; the possibility of unclean food and water; numerous diseases, substandard local medical treatments; unstable governments; lack of police protection; substandard or dangerous modes of transportation (e.g. motorcycles, taxis and buses with irresponsible drivers); and poor living conditions, and that such participation could result in severe injury and even death. I also know and understand that traveling to and living in developing countries are inherently dangerous activities that no level of training, instruction, preparation, supervision, or enforcement of rules by Global Outreach Alliance, its personnel, trustees, officers, employees, volunteers, team leaders, team members, or representatives can guarantee my safety or eliminate these risks. With full knowledge and understanding of these risks, I freely and voluntarily accept and fully assume the risk that I may suffer temporary, permanent, or even fatal injuries while participating in a Global Outreach Alliance Program.

Also, in consideration of Global Outreach Alliance permitting me to participate in this program, I agree to comply with and be bound by the terms of this Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability,

and Indemnity. I specifically and unconditionally agree (or, if I am a minor, my parent or legal guardian specifically and unconditionally agrees):

- a. To not sue Global Outreach Alliance for, to waive and release Global Outreach Alliance of, and to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify Global Outreach Alliance against all present and future liability, claims, demands, injuries (including death), causes of action, charges, and damages sustained by or incurred by me, my property, or any third party arising from or related to my participation in the program, regardless of the cause, including, without limitation, the negligence of Global Outreach Alliance.
- b. To hereby assume the risk of and relieve Global Outreach Alliance from any duty to protect me from harm in connection with the Program.
- c. That this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the substantive and procedural laws of the State of Utah, without reference to principles governing conflicts of laws; that this Agreement shall be construed as broadly and as conclusively as permitted by Utah law; that all lawsuits and legal proceedings arising from or related to my participation in the Program shall be maintained in state or federal courts sitting in Salt Lake County, Utah; that jurisdiction and venue for such lawsuits and legal proceedings shall lie exclusively with such courts; and that the terms of this Agreement are severable, and if any such term is found to be unenforceable, then the remaining terms shall be fully enforceable.

In addition, I understand that it is required that I will familiarize myself with information about the country and/or region I am going to, including the most current travel alerts and warnings and consular information sheets by the U.S. Department of State (<http://travel.state.gov>) and the most current health warnings issues by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<http://www.cdc.gov/travel>), which may contain information about the inherent dangers and difficulties specific to the country or region of my destination.

2. **U.S. State Department Travel Advisory Status:** I understand that one or more of the countries that I plan to visit may have a travel alert or warning issued by the U.S. State Department that describes a heightened risk of travel in that area. I understand that travel alerts may change to more urgent status including travel warning with little or no notice. I understand and agree that a change in U.S. State Department travel advisory status or other safety concerns may result in Global Outreach Alliance suspending mentor programs/team expeditions and official travel in the affected countries (before departure or during a given Program), and that I may be directed to not travel or return to the U.S. or relocate to a safer location at my own expense. By signing this document, I certify that I have read and understand the U.S. Department Travel Alert concerning my destination country as stated above in accordance with the program.
3. **Independent Activity:** I understand that, in addition to the other provisions of this agreement, Global Outreach Alliance is not responsible for any injury or loss I may suffer when I am traveling independently or am otherwise separated or absent from any organization-sponsored activities.

4. **Health and Safety:** I acknowledge that Global Outreach Alliance expects all participants to purchase or upgrade to international health insurance coverage. I am aware that it is my sole responsibility to ensure that I am covered with all necessary medical, emergency evacuation, and travel insurance for my Program, and Global Outreach Alliance is not responsible for my negligence if I forge or fail to obtain insurance. I am aware of all applicable personal medical needs. I have arranged, through insurance or otherwise, to meet any and all needs for payment of medical costs while I participate in this travel. I recognize that Global Outreach Alliance is not obligated to attend to any of my medical, emergency or medication needs, and I assume all risk and responsibility for those needs. If I require medical treatment or hospital care in a foreign country during my travel, Global Outreach Alliance is not responsible for any or all associated costs or quality of such treatment or care, or injuries arising from or related to such care. In addition, if a natural disaster or social catastrophe (such as violent protests or uprisings) were to occur anytime in route or in country throughout participating in a Global Outreach Alliance Program, I understand and assume all financial obligations that could transpire therein to relocate or return home. Moreover, in case of an emergency or if anything were to affect my overall health or safety and I were required or prompted to immediately relocate or return home, I understand that Global Outreach Alliance is not responsible, and therefore, I would assume all associated transportation costs and associated travel fees that could incur. I have also consulted or will consult a physician or reviewed material that lists suggested or required vaccinations for the given country or countries I will be traveling to. I assume all risk and responsibility for meeting in-country vaccination expectations.
  
5. **Standards of Conduct:**
  - a. I understand that each foreign country has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, drug use, and behavior. I recognize that behavior which violates those laws or standards could harm Global Outreach Alliance's relations with those countries and institutions therein, as well as my own health and safety. I also understand that Global Outreach Alliance is not responsible for providing any assistance, legal or otherwise, in dealing with the laws or standards of foreign countries. I will become informed of, and abide by, all such laws and standards for each country to or through which I will travel, and accept any consequences of violations thereof.
  - b. I agree to comply with Global Outreach Alliance's rules, standards, and instructions for mentor behavior (as written in the Mentor Code of Conduct). I waive and release all claims against Global Outreach Alliance that arise at a time when I am not under the direct supervision of Global Outreach Alliance's supervisors or institutions, or that are caused by my failure to remain under such supervision or to comply with such rules, standards, and instructions.
  - c. I agree that Global Outreach Alliance has a right to enforce the standards of conduct described above and written in the Mentor Code of Conduct, in its sole judgment, and that it will impose sanctions, up to and including expulsion from this travel, service,

volunteer and/or Program, for violating these standards or for any behaviors detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, harmony, and welfare of Global Outreach Alliance and other participants or third parties. If I am expelled, I consent to being sent home at my own expense with no refund of fees.

- 6. **Assumption of Risk and Release of Claims:** Knowing the risks described above, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in this volunteer travel Program, I agree, on behalf of my family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all risks and responsibilities surrounding my travel and stay as part of this Program or activity. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I release and indemnify Global Outreach Alliance, and the trustees, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents, from and against any present or future claim, loss, or liability for injury to person or property which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to another person, group or organization during my participation in this travel activity (including periods in transit to or from any country that is part of this program).

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*I have carefully read Global Outreach Alliance’s Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability, and Indemnity before signing below. No representations, statements, or inducements, oral or written, apart from the foregoing written statement, have been made.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**If the above named individual is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must also read and sign this form.**

As the parent or legal guardian for the above named individual, I have read Global Outreach Alliance’s *Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability, and Indemnity* and will be legally responsible for the obligations and acts of the individual as described in this *Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability, and Indemnity* and agree for myself and for the individual to be bound by its terms.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Last, First, Middle*

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_