Before You Go: Pre-fielding Assessment Planning

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

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

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

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

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

- Pre-plan visits to:
  - Embassy / Consulate visits (see Embassy Section for further details)
  - Hospitals
Resources for desk-based threat assessment:

Travel.State.Gov


UK FCO


Australia Department of Foreign Affairs


CDC Travelers’ Health

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

WHO Travel and Health

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

MD travel Health

http://mdtravelhealth.com/

International Society for Infectious Disease

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

Humanitarian Early Warning Service

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