

Passports and Visas

Passports

All team members are required to have a valid passport for international travel. If a team member has a passport from a country other than the U.S., extra steps may need to be taken to ensure smooth entrance into the host country. Team members carrying a passport from a country other than the U.S. should consult the host country consulate to find out what measures need to be taken.

To learn more about U.S. passports, apply for a new passport, or renew an existing passport, visit the U.S. Department of State's National Passport Information Center:

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/

This site will detail fees, acceptable forms of identification, and passport processing facility locations. <u>Please apply for your passport well in advance of your trip.</u> Many airlines will not allow international airline tickets to be booked without a valid passport.

Food for the Hungry recommends that all passports are valid at least 6 months from the team's departure date. It is also recommended that all passports have at least one full page for the visa and entry/exit stamps.

Visas

In addition to a passport, some countries require a visa for entry. A visa is a special permit issued by another country's government to allow a citizen of the United States, or other foreign country, entry. Please ask your Food for the Hungry Representative, or Travel Agent, for more information about visas.

The majority of the countries where Food for the Hungry is operational allow for a "visa on arrival" that is purchased during the customs and immigration process at the airport.

There are a few countries where team members will be required to apply for a visa before the team departs the U.S. If you apply for a visa in advance of your trip, you will be required to send the visa application along with your passport to your host country's embassy in the U.S. Please plan accordingly.

For the most up-to-date information about travel from the United States to any foreign country, please visit the Department of State's website at www.travel.state.gov