

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Certification: In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:

Private Sponsor(s):
United Nations Foundation

Travel Dates:
04/13/2025 to 04/19/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$9,905.01	\$1,650.00	\$258.31	\$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1)
- The final Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

5/7/25

Date

Kurtis Miller

Printed Name of Traveler



Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

5/7/25

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

Yes No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Transportation	\$9,905.01	Roundtrip airline tickets were slightly more expensive than anticipated.
Meals	\$258.31	Meals were slightly less expensive than anticipated.
Misc. Expenses	\$231.38	Translator costs were \$222.86 per participant and museum entrance costs (both expenses were not reflected in original submission) were \$8.52 per participant.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

Yes No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

Yes No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

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Kurtis Miller
Office of Senator John Fetterman
142 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Kurtis,

On behalf of the United Nations Foundation, I'm honored to invite you to join a learning trip to explore how the UN in Tajikistan is working collaboratively to help improve health outcomes, drive economic growth, manage natural resources, and enhance good governance across the mountainous, landlocked Central Asian nation.

The delegation, comprised of 6-8 senior congressional staffers, will depart Washington on Saturday, April 12 and return on Saturday, April 19.

Over the last 30 years, Tajikistan has made significant, albeit uneven, progress in its development. Emerging in 1997 from a devastating five year long civil war following the breakup of the Soviet Union, the country has achieved relative stability and somewhat steady economic growth, leading to investments in hydropower projects and improvements in agricultural productivity, as well as expanded access to education and healthcare among urban populations. Despite these successes, however, Tajikistan still remains the poorest country in Central Asia and is facing significant risks that could slow or reverse its development journey, including a severe reliance on remittances, under employment and unemployment, limited industrialization, persistent food insecurity, communal trans-boundary tensions, and increasing vulnerability to natural disasters.

During the course of five days on the ground, the delegation will meet with the UN Country Team, U.S. Embassy, and Government of Tajikistan to see firsthand how the UN and its partners are working to address these fundamental issues and assisting Tajikistan on its path towards long-term self-stability. In addition, we will explore Tajikistan's nutrition and food security challenges, where nearly 75% of the population live in rural settings and lack regular access to diverse and nutritious foods. As of 2024, approximately 30% of Tajikistan's population is undernourished and about 1/3 of children under the age of five are experiencing severe food poverty. Anemia is also readily prevalent, with reports indicating that around 35% of women of reproductive age suffer from iron and other micronutrient deficiencies. We will examine how the UN, private sector, and the Government of Tajikistan are combatting these health threats on multiple fronts.

If you are interested in participating in this learning trip, please kindly let us know by Friday, March 7 as space is limited.

We hope your busy schedule allows you to take this opportunity to learn more about the UN's vital work in Tajikistan and how U.S. leadership is critical to advancing shared foreign policy priorities across this often-overlooked region.

Sincerely yours,



Peter Yeo
Senior Vice President

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RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved.

3/7/2025

Name of Traveler:
Kurtis Miller

Employing Office/Committee:
FETTERMAN, JOHN

Private Sponsor(s):
United Nations Foundation

Destination(s):
Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Travel Dates:
04/13/2025 to 04/19/2025

NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

I cover agriculture and food security issues for Senator Fetterman, which are major topics of inquiry for this trip and its site visits.

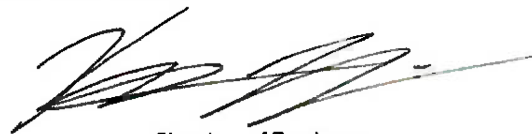
Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

3/7/2025

Date



Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

Senator Fetterman

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Kurtis Miller

(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.



(signify "yes" by checking box)

3/7/2025

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

United Nations Foundation: UN Foundation Congressional Learning Trip to Tajikistan

Kurtis Miller

Title:
Legislative Assistant

Employing Office/Committee:
FETTERMAN, JOHN

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
United Nations Foundation

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
Yes No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address
1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 300

Address 2 (Optional)
None

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20006 United States

Phone Number
(202) 887-9040

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

UNF has been sponsoring congressional travel for more than 10 years to observe the UN's work abroad. In 2024, UNF organized congressional travel to Nepal, Fiji, Tuvalu, Tonga, Mexico, and Indonesia.

Educational Activities

UNF regularly hosts/sponsors Capitol Hill briefings, forums, and related events to educate policymakers, businesses, NGOs, and the general public on the UN's role in advancing American interests abroad.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments
None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

During the course of five days in Dushanbe and the Khatlon Region, the delegation will meet with the UN Country Team, U.S. Embassy, and Government of Tajikistan to see firsthand how the UN and its partners are working to address health, development, and economic issue impacting Tajikistan on its path towards long-term self-stability. In addition, the delegation will explore Tajikistan's nutrition and food security challenges, where nearly 75% of the population live in rural settings and lack regular access to diverse and nutritious foods. As of 2024, 30% of Tajikistan's population is undernourished and about 1/3 of children under the age of five are experiencing severe food poverty. Anemia is also readily prevalent, with reports indicating that around 35% of women of reproductive age suffer from iron and other micronutrient deficiencies. The delegation examine how the UN, private sector, and the Government of Tajikistan are combatting these threats on multiple fronts.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

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 good governance. This learning trip provides an opportunity for policymakers to better understand bilateral and multilateral efforts to strengthen health systems in Tajikistan, respond to food insecurity and nutrition challenges, and promote economic growth and development.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

Yes No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

1. Eleanor Crook Foundation

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip

The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.

Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

Members and staff from the House of Representatives will receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
04/12/2025 @ 09:40 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
04/19/2025 @ 07:45 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

Yes No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$9,500.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Business	\$9,000.00

Note

Roundtrip business class (or combination of business and economy) from Washington, DC to Dushanbe, Tajikistan via Turkish Airlines.

Ground Transportation	N/A	\$500.00
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Note

Cost of ground transport per participant during course of learning trip.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$1,650.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
04/13/2025	04/19/2025	Hilton Dushanbe	Dushanbe	None	Tajikistan	6	\$100.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$400.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
04/14/2025	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	Dushanbe	None	Tajikistan	No
04/15/2025	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	Dushanbe	None	Tajikistan	No
04/16/2025	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	Dushanbe	None	Tajikistan	No

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
04/17/2025	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	Dushanbe	None	Tajikistan	No
04/18/2025	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	Dushanbe	None	Tajikistan	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
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There are no miscellaneous expenses.

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

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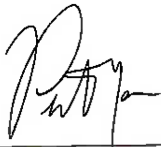
SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: UN Foundation Congressional Learning Trip to Tajikistan
Travel Date(s): April 12-19, 2025
Travel Destination(s): Dushanbe and Khatlon Region, Tajikistan
Sponsor: United Nations Foundation

Peter Yeo

Senior Vice President

*(printed name of sponsor representative)**(title)*

(signature of sponsor representative)

March 6, 2025

(date)

Grantmaking Organization Certification Form

Instructions: If a sponsor receives funds from a grantmaking organization, the sponsor must disclose this on the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and the grantmaking organization must complete the *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form*. The completed *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form* must be submitted to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics by the trip sponsor at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date.

Grantmaking Organization: _____

Private Sponsor: _____

Trip Name: _____

Travel Date(s): _____

Destination(s): _____

In compliance with the *Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel*, I certify the following:

- ☐ The grantmaking organization is a § 501(c)(3) organization.
- ☐ The grantmaking organization is not a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or foreign agent, nor an entity that retains or employs a lobbyist or foreign agent.
- ☐ The grantmaking organization provides funds under an established grant program, or in a manner that is otherwise consistent with the mission and practices of the organization.
- ☐ The grantmaking organization is not involved, directly or indirectly, in organizing and conducting the trip. This includes selecting participants for a trip.
- ☐ The grantmaking organization does not directly pay or reimburse travel expenses for any Senate Member, officer, or employee.

(Printed name of grantmaking organization representative)

(Title)

(Signature of grantmaking organization representative)

(Date)

List of Invitees for UN Foundation Congressional Learning Trip to Tajikistan
April 12-19, 2025

Arun Revana, Legislative Director
Sen. Brian Schatz

Katie Brown, Legislative Director
Sen. Susan Collins

Erum Ibrahim, National Security Advisor
Sen. Dick Durbin

Mindi Linquist, Chief of Staff
Sen. Patty Murray

Lucas Smith, Legislative Director
Sen. Jeff Merkley

Sam Schiffrin, National Security Advisor
Sen. Cory Booker

Stephen Tausend, Legislative Director
Sen. John Cornyn

Troy Dougall, National Security Advisor
Sen. John Curtis

Grace Simmons, Legislative Assistant
Sen. John Curtis

Jessica Elledge, Foreign Policy Advisor
Sen. Chris Murphy

Cameron Smith, Foreign Policy Advisor
Sen. John Fetterman

Kurtis Miller, Legislative Assistant
Sen. John Fetterman

Toni-Marie Higgins, Chief of Staff
Sen. John Boozman

Baz Selassie, Legislative Director
Sen. Amy Klobuchar

Daniel Yarbrough, Legislative Director
Sen. Pete Ricketts

Nick Barbash, Legislative Director
Sen. Tim Kaine

Liz Leibowitz, National Security Advisor
Sen. Jacky Rosen

Laura Atcheson, Legislative Director
Sen. Dave McCormick

Kelly Kim, Legislative Aide
Sen. Chris Coons

**Agenda for UNF Congressional Learning Trip to Tajikistan****April 12-19, 2025**

****All Times Local****
+9 hours from Washington, DC

Saturday, April 12 --- Washington, DC/Travel

9:40pm Depart Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) via Turkish Airlines #8
Flight time 10h 10m

Sunday, April 13 --- Travel/Istanbul/Travel

2:50pm Arrive Istanbul (IST) for connection
Layover 3h 25m

6:15pm Depart IST via Turkish Airlines #254
Flight time 4h 45m

Monday, April 14 --- Travel/Dushanbe

1:00am Arrive Dushanbe International Airport (DYU)

1:30am Transit via hired car to Hilton Dushanbe

2:00am Check into Hilton Dushanbe

11:00am – 11:45am **Welcome Working Breakfast, led by UN Foundation**

The delegation will hold a brief working breakfast to review the day's programming and answer any questions regarding the structure of the Resident Coordinator's Office and the UN Country Team in Tajikistan.

Location: Private Room, Mezzanine Floor, Hilton Dushanbe

11:45am – 12:00pm Transit via hired car to UN in Tajikistan Office

12:00pm – 12:15pm **UN Department of Safety and Security and U.S. Regional Security Office Briefing**

The delegation will receive a briefing from the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) and the U.S. Embassy Regional Security Office (RSO). The two offices will detail the current security situation in

Tajikistan and provide guidance on any safety protocols that must be adhered to during the course of the learning trip.

Location: UN House 5/1 Lohuti Street Dushanbe, Tajikistan 734013

12:15pm – 1:30pm **Meeting with UN Country Team, led by Kavilmadam Ramaswami Parvathy, UN Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan**

The delegation will meet with the UN Country Team to contextualize the major development challenges in Tajikistan and provide a general overview of how the 18 UN agencies, programmes, and funds in Tajikistan work together and actively partner with the Government of Tajikistan and the U.S. to advance inclusive human development, improve health outcomes, promote economic growth, strengthen sustainable agricultural practices, and manage disaster risk reduction.

Note: BRING YOUR PASSPORTS

Location: UN House 5/1 Lohuti Street Dushanbe, Tajikistan 734013

1:30pm – 2:00pm Transit via hired car to U.S. Embassy Dushanbe

2:00pm – 3:00pm **Meeting with U.S. Country Team**

The delegation will meet with the U.S. Country Team to discuss U.S.-Tajikistan relations, and how the U.S. and UN work together to address issues related to economic development, countering violent extremism, energy access, humanitarian assistance, food security, and related issues.

Location: U.S. Embassy Dushanbe

3:00pm – 3:30pm Transit via hired car to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

3:30pm – 4:30pm **Meeting with Sirojiddin Muhriddin, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Jamshed Homidzoda, Head of Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

The delegation will meet with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss U.S.-Tajikistan relations and the Government of Tajikistan's strategic partnership with the United Nations.

Location: HQHM+R36, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

4:30pm – 5:00pm Transit via hired car to Hilton Dushanbe

5:00pm – 6:30pm Executive Time

- 6:30pm – 7:00pm Transit via hired car to U.S. Ambassador's Residence
- 7:00pm – 8:30pm **Welcome Reception, hosted by Manuel Micaller, Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of Tajikistan**
- The delegation will attend a welcome reception at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence, led by Amb. Manuel Micaller and the U.S. Country Team, during which they will discuss U.S.-Tajikistan relations and brief the delegation on additional bilateral and multilateral support issues.
- Location: Residence of the Ambassador of the United States of America*
- 8:30pm – 9:00pm Transit via hired car to Hilton Dushanbe
- Overnight Hilton Dushanbe
Ayni Street 48, Dushanbe 734024, Tajikistan

Tuesday, April 15 --- Dushanbe

Attire: Business casual.

- 9:00am – 10:00am **Breakfast Briefing with Eri Dwivedi, UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) Deputy Representative in Tajikistan and Masumi Maehara, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF Tajikistan**
- The delegation will have a working breakfast with UNICEF leaders and specialists to learn about the nutrition challenges in Tajikistan and how UNICEF is supporting the Government of Tajikistan to improve child survival with a thorough identification of the critical health system bottlenecks to effective coverage, access, and demand for the evidence-based maternal and child health interventions.
- Undernutrition remains a significant public health challenge in Tajikistan, causing preventable deaths and delaying children's physical and cognitive development. As many as 21% of children under five are stunted (have chronic malnutrition), including 6% who are severely stunted; meanwhile wasting (acute malnutrition) currently stands at 3%, including 1% severely wasted; and underweight at 6%. Many women and children also suffer from micronutrient deficiencies, reflected in high rates of anemia and iodine deficiency.
- Location: Private Room, Mezzanine Floor, Hilton Dushanbe*
- 10:00am – 10:30am Transit via hired car to Istiqlol Medical Center
- 10:30am – 12:00pm **Visit to Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) Treatment Center and**

Maternity Ward, Istiqlol Medical Center

The delegation will be introduced to UNICEF's "baby-friendly hospital" initiative and receive a tour of Istiqlol Medical Center's severe acute malnutrition (SAM) center, as well as the nearby maternity ward. They will learn about the hospital's capacity to screen, diagnose and treat cases of malnutrition in babies and small children, and how new mothers receive education and support for successful breastfeeding techniques.

Location: Istiqlol Medical Center, Building 7A, Karaboev Avenue 54/1, Dushanbe

12:00pm – 12:05pm Transit on foot to Istiqlol Medical Center's Immunization Room

12:05pm – 12:45pm **Visit to Immunization Room and Early Childhood Intervention Ward**

The delegation will learn how WHO is playing a key role in strengthening Tajikistan's national immunization system and supporting nationwide vaccination campaigns. WHO has significantly enhanced immunization capacity in Tajikistan and facilitated the introduction of three additional vaccines into the national schedule in recent years—an important milestone for public health which has already saved thousands of lives.

The delegation will additionally be briefed on how UNICEF is supporting the national scale-up of integrated care for child development, mother and child handbook and infant and young children module, including capacity development resources leveraging and policy advocacy.

Location: Istiqlol Medical Center, PHC 15, Karaboev Avenue 54/1, Dushanbe

12:45pm – 1:00pm Transit via hired car to Hua Restaurant

1:00pm – 2:30pm **Working Lunch with Arthur van Diesen, UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) Representative in Tajikistan; Adham Musallam, World Food Programme (WFP) Country Director; and Aghasi Harutyunyan, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Representative in Tajikistan**

The delegation will have a working lunch with the heads of UNICEF, WFP, and FAO in Tajikistan to learn how the UN is working collaboratively to treat children suffering from moderate acute malnutrition, severe acute malnutrition, and micronutrient deficiencies; improve the incomes of smallholder farmers, and increase the production and consumption of nutritious foods while supporting the diversification

of livelihoods for increased household and community resilience to shocks and stressors.

Location: Hua Restaurant

2:30pm – 3:00pm Transit via hired car to National AIDS Center

3:00pm – 3:45pm **Briefing at National AIDS Center (Tajikistan Ministry of Health) and Meeting with Civil Society Organizations Supporting People Living with HIV, led by Aziza Hamidova, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) Country Director in Tajikistan**

The delegation will meet with leaders and specialists from Tajikistan's National AIDS Center, which is part of the Republican AIDS Center (RAC), to learn about significant progress made in developing national HIV programs and strategies, strengthening laboratory services, introducing and informing the population about best practices in HIV prevention, integrating HIV with other services, and collecting and providing statistical data for decision-making.

They will also meet with civil society organizations that provide essential services to communities of people living with HIV. Support from the U.S. Government is critical to the functioning of these organizations. In Tajikistan, 61% of the national HIV program is funded by external sources. U.S. Government funding amounts to approximately 20% and is the second largest contribution after the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, which represent around 40% of the total resources.

Location: National AIDS Center, 48 Dekhoti Street

3:45pm – 4:00pm Transit via hired car to State Enterprise of Orthotics and Prosthetics (SEOP) Center

4:00pm – 5:00pm **Visit to State Enterprise of Orthotics and Prosthetics (SEOP) Center, Supported by the World Health Organization (WHO), led by Judith Sprunken, Technical Officer, WHO Country Office, Tajikistan**

The delegation will visit SEOP to learn about efforts to ensure people with disabilities and other physical limitations are able to access assistive technologies (wheelchairs, hearing aids, prosthetics, eyeglasses, etc.).

While SEOP attempts to reach as many individuals as possible, demand for these products consistently exceeds the supply, resulting in a long waiting list and unmet needs. WHO, along with vital support from

USAID, has worked with the Ministry of Health to improve the availability of assistive products and related services across the entire country, by making these available at the local (primary) health care level.

At the SEOP, the delegation will learn more about these successes as well as the future plans and tour the prosthetics production facility/workshop where orthopedics are designed, manufactured, and patients receive basic rehabilitation services, including wheelchair fitting, assistive product distribution, and patient rehabilitation sessions.

Location: HR6J+73J, Dushanbe

5:00pm – 5:30pm Transit via hired car to Hilton Dushanbe

5:30pm – 7:00pm Executive Time

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Dinner at Hilton Dushanbe**

Location: InAzia, Ground Floor, Hilton Dushanbe

Overnight Hilton Dushanbe
Ayni Street 48, Dushanbe 734024, Tajikistan

Wednesday, April 16 --- Dushanbe/Travel/Khatlon Region

Attire: Field Dress.

7:30am – 8:00am Breakfast at hotel

8:00am – 10:00am Transit via hired car to Jaloliddini Balkh

1-Hour Food Security and Nutrition Background Briefing Provided Enroute to First Destination, led by Adham Musallam, WFP Country Director

Enroute to Jaloliddini Balkh, Adham Musallam, WFP Country Director, will provide the delegation with background on the nutrition situation in the Khatlon Region.

Khatlon, despite being a major agricultural region, has the highest rates of undernutrition in Tajikistan, including stunting, wasting, and underweight children and micronutrient deficiencies, particularly in vitamin A and iron, are widespread. A large portion of the population in Khatlon lives below the poverty line, limiting their access to nutritious food and contributing to food insecurity, while seasonal variations in agriculture and reliance on imported foods have further exacerbated food insecurity and nutrition challenges in the region.

10:00am – 10:45am Visit to School Feeding Program, Supported by WFP

The delegation will tour a school in Balkhi District to observe its school meals program, which provides nutrition meals to 466 students (231 boys and 235 girls) to enhance food security and promote healthy eating habits. As part of the WFP initiative, the school canteen has been renovated and equipped with modern kitchen appliances. Additionally, a nutrition center has been established to educate students, teachers, and the broader community on proper nutrition and health dietary practices. The delegation will also review the Tree Plantation and Environmental Sustainability initiative. Within the school, a flourishing fruit garden with over 200 trees has been established, half of which were planted under WFP's Tree Plantation Project in 2014. The orchard supplies students with fresh apples, apricots, and berries, enriching their diet while fostering environmental sustainability.

Location: RHC Markaz, School #34, Jaloliddini Balkhi, Khatlon Region

10:45am – 11:00am Transit via hired car to Pre-Primary Education Center at School #50**11:00am – 11:30am Visit to Pre-Primary Education Center, Supported by UNICEF**

The delegation will visit a local pre-primary education center, which was established as a result of a 5-year UNICEF project, launched in 2024, designed to significantly improve young children's access to and participation in essential and inclusive pre-primary activities in Tajikistan.

Through this project, UNICEF and the Government are working to improve school readiness and pre-primary learning outcomes by providing play-based, inclusive, student-centered, Tajik-appropriate early childhood education. The approach is inclusive of all children, including girls, children with disabilities and developmental delays, and/or are from homes where their first language is different from the language of instruction. The projects aims to sensitize parents, caregivers, local governments, and frontline workers around the need to connect children in institutions with quality pre-primary learning opportunities and create conducive enabling environments that promote the deinstitutionalization of children with developmental difficulties and with learning, physical, psychosocial, mental, or other disabilities.

Location: School #50, Jaloliddini Balkhi, Khatlon Region

11:30am – 12:00pm Transit via hired car to Dusti District**12:00pm – 12:45pm Visit to Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) Treatment Center,**

Supported by WFP

The delegation will visit a MAM treatment center in Dusti district, which has the highest prevalence of wasting (a child who is too thin for his or her height) in Tajikistan. The project was previously funded by USAID (2017-2021) and currently funded by WFP. Through the program, children aged 6-59 months suffering from moderate acute malnutrition are identified and treated by providing them with a ready-to-use supplementary food called Acha Mum. In addition, relevant staff at Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs) counsel parents/caregivers of the targeted children on proper infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices. The success of the program is demonstrated by the fact that more than 99% of the children enrolled in the program are fully cured of MAM.

Location: Rural Health Center Markaz, Dusti District, Khatlon Region

12:45pm – 1:30pm Transit via hired car to WFP Bokhtar District Office

1:30pm – 2:00pm **Boxed Lunches at WFP District Office**

2:00pm – 2:15pm Transit via hired car to SES Building, Bokhtar

2:15pm – 2:45pm **Visit to Bokhtar Immunization and Cold Chain Systems Management Facility, Supported by WHO/UNICEF/UN Development Program (UNDP)**

The delegation will visit a local GAVI Health System Strengthening (HSS) project, implemented by WHO, UNICEF, and UNDP which focuses on strengthening Tajikistan's immunization infrastructure. This includes cold chain equipment procurement, construction of vaccine storage facilities, capacity building for health workers, and provision of immunization guidelines and SOPs.

Address: SES Building, Bokhtar City, Khatlon Region

2:45pm – 3:45pm Transit via hired car to Yovon District

3:45pm – 4:30pm **Visit to Vertical Agriculture and Riverbank Protection Projects, Supported by WFP**

The delegation will visit a residential vertical greenhouse—an activity implemented under the Tajikistan Food Security Safety Nets Activity Project. The vertical greenhouse was constructed with the aim to improve the livelihoods of vulnerable households and give an opportunity to market excessive harvest. The establishment of the vertical greenhouse

was through a cash-for-assets intervention, with community members receiving compensation for their assistance.

In the same neighborhood, the delegation will see the rehabilitation of an irrigation canal, an activity also implemented under the Tajikistan Food Security Safety Nets Activity Project. This initiative engaged 75 unemployed individuals (47 men and 28 women) in a two-month cash-for-assets program focused on cleaning and rehabilitating the canal. Participants received cash-based transfers as compensation for their labor. As a result, 50 households (approximately 250 individuals) were prevented from future erosion during flash flooding events, enhancing agricultural productivity and water resource management in the area.

Location: Pakhtakor Village, Yovon District, Khatlan Region

4:30pm – 5:15pm Transit via hired car to WFP Agroforestry Site

5:15pm – 5:45pm **Visit to Agroforestry Site, Supported by WFP**

The delegation will visit a small shareholder agroforestry farm which received support via the Tajikistan Food Security Safety Nets Activity Project. Agroforestry supports food and nutritional security through the direct provision of non-food items and support of staple crop production. The agroforestry initiative empowers smallholder farmers to fulfill their daily food needs and earn additional income through crop sales. Two local independent farmers received 200 almond trees from WFP, which were planted in 2024, benefiting approximately 100 households.

Location: Chasmasor Village, Yovon District, Khatlon Region

5:45pm – 7:00pm Transit via hired car to Hilton Dushanbe

7:00pm – 8:15pm **Working Dinner Debrief with WFP Tajikistan Team**

The delegation will have a working dinner debrief with the WFP Tajikistan Team to discuss lessons learned during the day's visits.

Location: Hilton Dushanbe

Overnight Hilton Dushanbe
Ayni Street 48, Dushanbe 734024, Tajikistan

Thursday, April 17 --- Dushanbe and Vahdat

Attire: Casual.

7:45am – 8:30am **Working Breakfast Briefing with Ivan Saleyeu, Head of the UN High**

Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) National Office in Tajikistan

The delegation will have a working breakfast with Ivan Saleyeu, Head of the UNHCR National Office in Tajikistan, to provide context on the Afghan refugee situation in Tajikistan.

Tajikistan, with a border of around 800 miles with Afghanistan—the longest in Central Asia—has been deeply affected by the instability in its neighboring country for the past 40 years. As of June 30, 2024, Tajikistan hosts over 10,000 refugees and asylum seekers, with 78% of the country's refugee population residing in Vahdat, making the city a central hub for refugee assistance and integration efforts, highlighting the city's importance in ongoing humanitarian support. UNHCR, together with IOM, advocate for non-discriminatory asylum processes, socio-economic inclusion, and sustainable solutions, with the support of expanded partnerships.

Location: Hilton Dushanbe

8:30am – 9:00am Transit via hired car to Vahdat Prison

9:00am – 9:45am **Visit to Vahdat Prison, Supported by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Counter-Terrorism Bureau of the U.S. Department of State**

The delegation will visit Vahdat prison, which houses approximately 1,000 inmates, 25% of which have been convicted of extremism and terrorism related crimes, including Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs). The prison has been a recipient of significant hard and soft contributions (CCTV cameras and prison staff training) from UNODC and the Counter-Terrorism Bureau of U.S. Department of State in coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Tajikistan to ensure prison safety and security framework while managing violent extremist and FTF prisoners in that setting.

Location: Vahdat Prison, Dushanbe Region

9:45am – 10:00am Transit via hired car to Vahdat Youth Center

10:00am – 11:15am **Visit to Vahdat Youth Centre and Meeting with Young Afghan Refugees**

Vahdat, a town in western Tajikistan near Dushanbe, is the only municipality where the Government of Tajikistan permit Afghan refugees to permanently live. As a result, approximately 90% of Vahdat's 43,200 residents are originally from Afghanistan and are living in the country on a

non-permanent basis, as Tajikistan offers no pathways to residency or citizenship to Afghan nationals.

Despite economic challenges and inadequate infrastructure, Vahdat has fostered social cohesion by providing education, healthcare, and livelihood opportunities to refugees since the enactment of Government Resolution #325 in 2000, which the restricted residence of refugees was first enacted. To support the growing refugee population, the United Nations in Tajikistan has partnered with local and international stakeholders to improve infrastructure, including schools, hospitals, and women's centers, including the Vahdat Youth Center.

In partnership with the UN and with significant support from the municipal and federal government, the Vahdat Youth Center provides free extracurricular classes and services to over 2,000 youth and children in Vahdat annually, half of whom are refugees, fostering inclusivity through volunteer engagement. Since establishing the first Computer and Technologies Center (CTA) in 2009, UNHCR has expanded educational and vocational opportunities of the Center by upgrading equipment and facilities.

Location: Youth Palace, Tugdona Street 51, Vahdat 735400

11:15am – 11:20am Transit via hired car to Auchan Supermarket

11:20am – 11:45am **Visit to Auchan Supermarket**

The delegation will visit a local branch of the Auchan Supermarket chain, which employs approximately 10 Afghan refugees, creating opportunities for self-sustaining economic mobility and community strengthening.

Location: Auchan Supermarket, Vahdat, Dushanbe Region

11:45am – 11:50am Transit via hired car to Vahdat School #3

11:50am – 12:20pm **Visit to Vahdat School #3 to Observe Water and Sanitation Renovation Project, Supported by UNICEF**

The delegation will visit a local primary school which had its sanitation, water supply, and waste disposal facilities renovated thanks to UNICEF and the U.S. Government. The renovation, which created a safer learning environment for at least 2,525 children (1,177 girls 1,348 boys) and more than 100 school staff, included water storage, connection of the school to centralized sewer network, rehabilitation/construction of indoor and outdoor toilets accessible for girls, boys; indoor and outdoor hand washing stations, menstrual hygiene management facilities.

Location: School #3, Vahdat District, Dushanbe Region

12:20pm – 12:30pm Transit via hired car to Ariana Learning Centre

12:30pm – 1:00pm **Visit to Ariana Learning Centre**

The Ariana Learning Center (ALC) was established in August 2020 by an Afghan female refugee and DAFI graduate residing in Vahdat. The Center, serves approximately 1,200 children and youth, including around 800 Afghan nationals and 400 local Tajik children. The ALC operates solely for educational purposes and maintains a strict policy of no religious affiliations. The educational programs at ALC include a wide range of subjects, including literacy, math, science, languages and arts, designed to bridge the educational gaps experienced by refugee children.

To leverage the resources, expertise, and opportunities of the private sector to advance socio-economic inclusion of refugees through skills learning, apprenticeship and employment, LoUs have been signed with such renowned companies as Hilton hotel, Dushanbe Serena hotel, Auchan and Coca Cola.

Location: Ariana Learning Center, Rudaki Ave 735400, Vahdat

1:00pm – 1:15pm Transit via hired car to Dunyoi Osh Restaurant

1:15pm – 2:15pm **Lunch and Focus Group Discussion with Afghan Refugees**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Afghan refugees living in Vahdat to learn about their experiences in Tajikistan and how UNHCR, the UN International Organization for Migration (IOM), UNICEF, and other UN agencies are supporting livelihood, education, and protection efforts throughout the community.

Location: Dunyoi Osh Restaurant

2:15pm – 3:45pm Transit via hired car to Dushanbe Hotline Facility

3:45pm – 4:30pm **Visit to Countering Trafficking in Persons Hotline Facility, Supported by the UN International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

The delegation will visit the IOM-supported hotline center, which was established under USAID's "Safe Migration and CTIP" project and designed to protect potential migrants from becoming victims of human trafficking. This hotline serves as a lifeline for individuals in crisis,

offering essential consultations on legal migration practices and human trafficking prevention both within Tajikistan and abroad.

By witnessing its operations firsthand, the delegation will see how trained specialists identify and refer at-risk individuals to necessary support services, ensuring timely assistance. Additionally, a visit highlights the hotline's impact in providing legal guidance, emergency response, and reintegration support, reinforcing the importance of sustained investment in such protective mechanisms.

A direct engagement with hotline staff and case studies of beneficiaries will showcase the real-life challenges faced by migrants, the effectiveness of the hotline's intervention, and how it contributes to safer migration outcomes.

5:00pm – 5:30pm	Transit via hired car to Hyatt Regency Dushanbe
5:30pm – 6:45pm	Executive Time
6:45pm – 7:00pm	Transit via hired car to CZN BURAK Restaurant
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Working Dinner with Victor Olsavszky, WHO Representative in Tajikistan; Nargis Rakhimova, UN Population Fund (UNFPA) Head of Tajikistan Office; and Aziza Hamidova, UNAIDS Country Director in Tajikistan

The delegation will have a working dinner with the heads of WHO, UNFPA, and UNAIDS in Tajikistan to learn how the UN is working collaboratively to enhance health and well-being of the Tajik people, including through an ongoing EU-supported development program (running from 2021 to 2025) that is helping the government progress toward Universal Health Coverage.

Location: CZN BURAK, Rudaki Avenue 119, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Overnight	Hilton Dushanbe Ayni Street 48, Dushanbe 734024, Tajikistan
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Friday, April 18 --- Dushanbe and Hisor

Attire: Casual.

8:30am – 9:00am	Breakfast at hotel
9:00am – 9:30am	Transit via hired car to Rudaki district
9:30am – 10:15am	Visit to the Republican Center of Livestock Biotechnology

Institute for Livestock Production and Pastures (RCLB), Supported by FAO

The delegation will visit the Livestock Biotechnology Institute, which aims to preserve and strengthen the national genetic diversity of farm animals in Tajikistan through the development, improvement and implementation of modern biotechnology advances in livestock breeding, dissemination of the best fodder production practices for small ruminants, as well as to improve pasture management systems.

During the visit, the delegation will learn about RCLB's artificial insemination program, which collects, stores, and distributes semen from pedigree animals to help local farmers improve their livestock genetics, thereby increasing productivity and resilience. The delegation will also gain insights into farmer field schools, which educate farmers on best feeding practices, sustainable pasture management, climate adaptation, and GHG emission reduction strategies.

Location: Hazora village, Sarikishti jamoat, Rudaki district, Tajikistan

10:15am – 10:30am Transit via hired car to Hisor School #3

10:30am – 11:15am **Visit to Hisor School #3, Supported by UNICEF**

The delegation will visit a local middle school to learn about UNICEF's work implementing an adolescent competency framework and promotic Socratic learning methods that emphasizes the importance of critical thinking lessons for girls and boys.

Location: Hisor District

11:15am – 11:30am Transit via hired car to Hisor Fortress

11:30am – 12:15pm **Expert Guided Visit to Hisor Fortress**

The delegation will visit Hisor Fortress—one of the best-preserved archaeological sites in Tajikistan and a nearly unrivaled example of Tajikistan's history dating back to approximately 500 BC. This visit will help the delegation better contextualize Tajikistan's culture and characteristics—particularly its unique ethno-linguistic attributes—and provide them with an opportunity to interact with local residents, who will discuss tourism's impact on the surrounding economy.

Location: Hisor Fortress, Hisor District

12:15pm – 1:00pm Transit via hired car to Serena Hotel

1:00pm – 1:45pm **Buffet Lunch**

Location: Serena Hotel, Rudaki Avenue 14, Dushanbe 734013, Tajikistan

1:45pm – 2:15pm Transit via hired car to Dushanbe

2:15pm – 3:00pm **Expert Guided Visit to National Museum of Antiquities of Tajikistan, led by A. Donish Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan Personnel**

The delegation will visit the National Museum of Antiquities of Tajikistan to learn more about the formation and development of Zoroastrian, Buddhist, Hellenistic, and Islamic cultures and the role different faiths and religious practices played in shaping Tajik identity and political history.

Among its many offerings, the museum displays culturally significant artifacts of the Eneolithic and Bronze Age from the agricultural settlement of Sarazm, a site included in the UNESCO World heritage list. However, the most famous of the museum's holdings is the "Buddha in Nirvana," an almost 40-foot-long statue made of clay, which is today one of the largest ancient monuments of Buddhism in the world. The statute was uncovered in 1959 in the Buddhist monastery of Ajinateppa, which was active about 1500 years ago and located near Qurghonteppa in southern Tajikistan. The statue holds immense cultural and religious significance to Buddhists across Central Asia.

In 2001, on the eve of the tenth anniversary of Tajikistan's independence, U.S. Embassy Dushanbe sponsored a project to restore the ancient statue at a cost of \$30,000. The Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation also provided assistance to construct safe display cases for the museum's other exhibits.

Location: Academics Rajabov Street 7, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

3:00pm – 3:45pm **Visit to Tsum Central Market**

The delegation will have an opportunity to peruse the multi-floor market where a wide variety of locally made arts and crafts are sold.

Location: Tsum Central Department Store, Rudaki Avenue 83, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

3:45pm – 4:00pm Transit via hired car to Hilton Dushanbe

4:00pm – 5:00pm Executive Time

5:00pm – 5:30pm Transit via hired car to Istiqlol Park

5:30pm – 6:30pm **Expert Guided Visit to Istiqlol Museum and Independence Monument**

The delegation will visit Istiqlol Museum, located in Independence Monument, and be instructed by a Tajik museum academic on the ancient history of Dushanbe and the development of the Tajik capital. The delegation will learn about the stage-by-stage growth of the city, the first modern buildings, its proclamation as the capital of an autonomous republic and then a union republic, and the first industrial and cultural institutions. They will additionally be instructed on the history of Tajikistan's independence from the USSR, the nation's political structure, and guiding ideological principles.

Opened in 2022, the 121-meter height of the Istiqlol complex is a symbol of the 30th anniversary of state independence, with a primary goal to protect the historical and cultural values of the Tajik people, embody important pillars of statehood, further enhance the sense of national identity and strengthen the ideas of independence and freedom among the Tajik people.

Location: Rudaki Avenue 100, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

6:30pm – 7:00pm Transit via hired car to Plov

7:00pm – 9:15pm **Working Dinner Debrief with UN and U.S. Colleagues**

The delegation will have a working dinner debrief with UN and U.S. 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 Tajikistan.

Location: Plov, Markazi Osh, HQ72+GQ9, Dushanbe

9:00pm – 9:15pm Transit via hired car to Hilton Dushanbe

Half-night Hilton Dushanbe
Ayni Street 48, Dushanbe 734024, Tajikistan

Saturday, April 19 --- Dushanbe/Travel/Istanbul/Washington, DC

12:30am – 12:45am Check out of hotel

12:45am – 1:00am Transit via hired car to Dushanbe International Airport (DYU)

3:00am Depart DYU via Turkish Airlines flight #255
Flight time 5h 25m

6:25am Arrive Istanbul (IST) for connection
Layover 9h 15m

3:40pm Depart IST via Turkish Airlines flight #7
Flight time 11h 5m

7:45pm Arrive IAD