

## 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):  
ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross

Travel Dates:  
11/08/2025 to 11/15/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

### Expenses

| Transportation Expenses | Lodging Expenses | Meals Expenses | Other Expenses (Amount & Description) |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| \$1,429.00              | \$495.19         | \$205.17       | \$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.*

12/15/25  
Date

Claudia Brady  
Printed Name of Traveler

Claudia Brady  
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.*

12/15/25  
Date

Chris Sch  
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meals          | \$205.17       | We ended up spending far less on meals. The lunch at the ILRI hotel on the first day came out to \$16 per person (instead of \$10) and the dinner on 11/9 came out to \$10 per person (instead of \$30). The lunch at the Hilton hotel on 11/14 came out to \$15 per person (instead of \$10) and we did not eat dinner on 11/14 (we budgeted for \$20). The lunches and dinners while we were in Nekemte and Shambu totaled \$27.39 per person (11/10 through 11/13), less than we originally estimated. Also, because only 3 staff ended up joining, the total estimated costs are all lower - the total meal expenses came out to \$68.39 per staffer, or a total of \$205.17. |
| Misc. Expenses | \$348.29       | For the meetings at the Hilton on 11/14, we booked a small, private conference room and provided coffee and snacks to the group. The rationale for the additional charge was to ensure a private, quiet space to meet. This room was used for the trip debriefing and feedback conversations between the Senate staff and ICRC staff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Lodging        | \$495.19       | The estimated lodging costs were consistent with actual costs per traveler; however, since only 3 of the 5 Senate staff were able to travel with us, the total is slightly lower, at \$165.06 per staffer for a total of \$495.19.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes

No

Explanation: The schedule on Thursday, November 13 changed in the morning. The Zonal Administrator had a conflict during our original meeting time, so we fit in a visit to the Shambu Civilian Prison from 8:30-9:30 and then met with the Zonal Administrator just after from 9:40-10:40. The rest of the meetings on Thursday happened as planned. 8:30-9:30: Visit to Shambu Civilian Prison led by Commander Tesema Tura. The visit will highlight ICRC's work to improve conditions of detention, including in areas of hygiene, healthcare, and nutrition. Participants will see improved kitchen equipment, provision of medical supplies/medicines, and construction of the latrines and showers. 9:30-9:40: Transfer to meeting with Zonal Administrator 09:40 – 10:40: Meeting with Miresa Fite, Zonal Administrator of Horo Guduru Wellega. The participants will gain an understanding on the conflict dynamics, security issues and humanitarian concerns.

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

☒ Yes

No

Explanation: Due to the ongoing government shutdown, only 3 of the Senate staffers were able to travel with us: Ryan Arazi (Office of Senator Tim Kaine), Claudia Brady (Office of Senator Chuck Schumer), and Hunter Koski (Office of Senator Bill Cassidy). Because our group size shrank, we ended up taking the 3 staffers on the Oromia itinerary.



Dear Claudia,

I am writing to invite you to join a Congressional staff delegation trip to Ethiopia hosted and led by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The trip will showcase the ICRC's field operations from Tigray to Oromia, in response to the country's history of conflict and political tensions. Participants will witness firsthand how the ICRC responds to urgent humanitarian needs while promoting the Law of Armed Conflict in a country critical to U.S. interests in East Africa, affecting relationships with Egypt, Somalia, Sudan, and others.

**The staff delegation trip will last one week, departing for Addis Ababa on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and returning to Washington, D.C. on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Attached are two itineraries outlining activities that will allow Congressional staff to gain a deeper understanding of conflict-affected populations and ICRC's operations in the field. Depending on the number of participants, two program itineraries may run in parallel, or with a smaller group, a single itinerary will be followed. Please note that ICRC may need to restructure the itineraries to ensure the safety and comfort of all participants. Participants will be notified of any changes as soon as possible. The ICRC will cover round-trip airfare, accommodations, meals, and in-country transportation. Our trips comply with all applicable Senate rules for privately-sponsored travel.

We ask participants to attend all scheduled meetings and briefings, as these are essential to the success of the visit. We further ask participants to follow all security and communication protocols set by the ICRC to ensure the smooth execution of the trip, participant and staff safety, and compliance with Congressional rules.

Please kindly confirm your participation by **12:00pm on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and indicate if you have a preferred itinerary option.** We will do our best to accommodate participant preferences, but request participants be prepared to attend either program. To confirm, please respond via email to [kclose@icrc.org](mailto:kclose@icrc.org). Following confirmation of your participation, I will reach out with a list of required information so as to meet the upcoming Senate Ethics deadline.

We are excited about the opportunity to have you join us on this unique journey to Ethiopia, and we look forward to your participation. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Kitty

Kitty Close

Congressional Affairs Advisor



ICRC

International Committee of the Red Cross  
Regional Delegation of the United States  
and Canada

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Tel./mobile +1 443 797 2869

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Its contents are confidential and may only be retained by the named recipient(s) and may only be copied or disclosed with the consent of the International Committee of the Red

Cross (ICRC). If you are not an intended recipient please delete this e-mail and notify the sender.



## 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.

Name of Traveler:

Claudia Brady

Employing Office/Committee:

SCHUMER, CHARLES E.

Private Sponsor(s):

ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross

Destination(s):

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Shire, Ethiopia Sheraro, Ethiopia Shire, Ethiopia

Travel Dates:

11/08/2025 to 11/15/2025

**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.

The trip shows staff the International Committee of the Red Cross' approach to humanitarian assistance in a conflict zone, tying in the importance of U.S. global health funding.

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.*

10/01/2025

Date

Claudia Brady

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)

I

Charles E. Schumer

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Claudia Brady

(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)

10.01.2025

Date

Charles Schumer

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

# ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross: ICRC Ethiopia Trip 2025

Claudia Brady

Title:  
Legislative Aide

Employing Office/Committee:  
SCHUMER, CHARLES E.

Duty Station:  
WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Nekemte, Ethiopia  
Shambu, Ethiopia  
Nekemte, Ethiopia

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

The trip shows staff the International Committee of the Red Cross' approach to humanitarian assistance in a conflict zone, tying in the importance of U.S. global health funding.

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:  
None

## Organization Information

**Organization Name**  
ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross

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

**§501(c)(3) Organization Type**  
Private Foundation

**Address**  
1100 Connecticut Ave NW

**Address 2 (Optional)**  
Suite 500

**City, State Zip**  
Washington, District Of Columbia 20036 United States

**Phone Number**  
4437972869

**Organization URL**

## History of Congressional Travel

ICRC's Washington office, which manages relations with the U.S. Government, has sponsored Congressional travel for over 10 years. This initiative is crucial for facilitating Congressional oversight and fostering deeper understanding of the unique humanitarian contexts in which the ICRC operates and ICRC's unique value-add in addressing the humanitarian needs in those contexts. By offering firsthand exposure to ICRC's work, these trips enable Congressional staff to witness the critical assistance provided by ICRC to vulnerable populations. These experiences underscore the ongoing importance of continued U.S. Government support for ICRC's mission and humanitarian efforts worldwide. Recent trip destinations include the Philippines, Azerbaijan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

## Educational Activities

ICRC's Washington, DC office engages U.S. Government interlocutors in confidential dialogue to discuss humanitarian contexts around the world. These briefings are held on a rolling basis with key interlocutors in both the executive and legislative branches, as well as with other relevant authorities in Washington, D.C. In addition, the ICRC organizes workshops on International Humanitarian Law (the law of armed conflict) and other events and activities to facilitate the exchange of information, particularly with armed forces. The ICRC also offers courses, both virtual and in-person, to educate the public about critical humanitarian contexts and the principles of the law of armed conflict.

## Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.*

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.

The week-long visit to Ethiopia will allow Congressional staff to witness the humanitarian impacts of armed conflict and the ICRC's ongoing response to provide assistance and protection to the affected population. Staffers will arrive together to Addis Ababa, and split into two groups with parallel itineraries to Tigray or Oromia. In Tigray, staffers will see ICRC operations in a post-conflict environment focusing on improving health outcomes, especially for the weapon wounded, access to clean water and sanitation, improving livelihoods, particularly to improve food security, and how the ICRC coordinates with the Ethiopian Red Cross. In Oromia, the participants will see consequences of armed conflict between the government and non-state armed groups. Participants will see ICRC-supported health facilities and expertise for war wounded patients, improved water and sanitation, and agricultural support to improve food production, as well as people affected by displacement and separation.

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

The ICRC's Mission, as mandated by the Geneva Conventions, is to provide protection and assistance to populations affected by armed conflict and to relieve their suffering. As a party to the Geneva Conventions, and contributor the ICRC, the United States government enables the ICRC's work in conflict context like Ethiopia. By participating in this visit, Congressional staff will gain a better understanding of how International Humanitarian Law is applied in the field, and how the United States supports the ICRC's humanitarian response as foreseen in the Geneva Conventions.

## Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

Yes

No

## Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

## 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

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

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

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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 not** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

## Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:  
11/08/2025 @ 10:00 AM

Trip End Date/Time:  
11/15/2025 @ 08:00 AM

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: \$1,429.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

| Transportation Type | Class | Amount     |
|---------------------|-------|------------|
| Airfare             | Coach | \$1,217.00 |

### Note

Round trip air: Washington Dulles to Addis Ababa and return. Depart Washington Dulles November 8 via ET 100. Depart Addis Ababa (return flight) November 14 via ET 500, arrive November 15 Washington Dulles.

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| Airfare | Coach | \$106.00 |
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### Note

One-way flight Addis Ababa to Uke. Depart November 10 from Addis via ET 255.

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|---------|-------|----------|
| Airfare | Coach | \$106.00 |
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### Note

one way flight from Uke to Addis Ababa. Depart November 15 from Uke to Addis via ET 254.

## Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$166.52 )

| Check-In   | Check-Out  | Facility                 | City        | State | Country  | Nights | Cost/Night | Cost Exceed Per Diem |
|------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------|----------|--------|------------|----------------------|
| 11/09/2025 | 11/10/2025 | ILRI Hotel Addis Ababa   | Addis Ababa | None  | Ethiopia | 1      | \$65.00    | No                   |
| 11/10/2025 | 11/11/2025 | Milkomi Hotel            | Nekemte     | None  | Ethiopia | 1      | \$19.30    | No                   |
| 11/11/2025 | 11/13/2025 | Kayyo Hotel              | Shambu      | None  | Ethiopia | 2      | \$8.96     | No                   |
| 11/13/2025 | 11/14/2025 | Milkomi Hotel            | Nekemte     | None  | Ethiopia | 1      | \$19.30    | No                   |
| 11/14/2025 | 11/15/2025 | Hilton Hotel Addis Ababa | Addis Ababa | None  | Ethiopia | 1      | \$45.00    | No                   |

## Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$118.24 )

| Date       | Breakfast | Lunch   | Dinner  | Incidentals | Total          | City                | State | Country  | Cost Exceeds Per Diem |
|------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|-------|----------|-----------------------|
| 11/09/2025 | \$0.00    | \$10.00 | \$30.00 | \$0.00      | <b>\$40.00</b> | Addis Ababa         | None  | Ethiopia | No                    |
| 11/10/2025 | \$0.00    | \$2.07  | \$10.34 | \$0.00      | <b>\$12.41</b> | Nekemte             | None  | Ethiopia | No                    |
| 11/11/2025 | \$0.00    | \$4.82  | \$6.89  | \$0.00      | <b>\$11.71</b> | Nekemte/Shambu      | None  | Ethiopia | No                    |
| 11/12/2025 | \$0.00    | \$4.82  | \$6.89  | \$0.00      | <b>\$11.71</b> | Shambu              | None  | Ethiopia | No                    |
| 11/13/2025 | \$0.00    | \$2.07  | \$10.34 | \$0.00      | <b>\$12.41</b> | Shambu/Nekemte      | None  | Ethiopia | No                    |
| 11/14/2025 | \$0.00    | \$10.00 | \$20.00 | \$0.00      | <b>\$30.00</b> | Nekemte/Addis Ababa | None  | Ethiopia | No                    |

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

| Expense Type                         | Amount | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| There are no miscellaneous expenses. |        |       |

## Additional Attachments

| Document Name                        |
|--------------------------------------|
| There are no additional attachments. |



## PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

## 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: ICRC Ethiopia Trip 2025  
Travel Date(s): November 8-15, 2025  
Travel Destination(s): Ethiopia  
Sponsor: International Committee of the Red Cross

Andrea Joy Harrison  
*(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Head of Operations  
*(title)*

  
*(signature of sponsor representative)*

9.26.2025  
*(date)*

## Senate Invitee List (to be updated on a rolling basis):

- Hunter Koski, Senior AI and Tech Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Bill Cassidy ([hunter\\_koski@cassidy.senate.gov](mailto:hunter_koski@cassidy.senate.gov))
- Katie Isaacson, Defense Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Patty Murray ([katie\\_isaacson@murray.senate.gov](mailto:katie_isaacson@murray.senate.gov))
- Ryan Arazi, Legislative Correspondent, Office of Senator Tim Kaine ([ryan\\_arazi@kaine.senate.gov](mailto:ryan_arazi@kaine.senate.gov))
- Lauren Blanchard, Specialist in African Affairs, Congressional Research Service ([lploch@crs.loc.gov](mailto:lploch@crs.loc.gov))
- Claudia Brady, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Chuck Schumer ([claudia\\_brady@schumer.senate.gov](mailto:claudia_brady@schumer.senate.gov))
- Laura Titus, Senior Health Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Jerry Moran ([laura\\_titus@moran.senate.gov](mailto:laura_titus@moran.senate.gov))
- Sophia Lalani, Senior Professional Staff Member, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Minority ([sophia\\_lalani@foreign.senate.gov](mailto:sophia_lalani@foreign.senate.gov))

# U.S. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF FIELD TRIP ETHIOPIA



ICRC

## Oromia Itinerary

### 8 - 15 November 2025: ICRC's Operations in Ethiopia

**Important note:** This program overview provides an outline of the destinations during the Congressional field trip. It remains subject to change until – and during – the field trip, in line with security and accessibility considerations, availability of interlocutors, etc.

| <u>Name/Title</u>                               | <u>Office</u>              | <u>Itinerary Preference</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hunter Koski, Senior Tech and AI Policy Advisor | Bill Cassidy (R-Louisiana) | Oromia                      |
| Claudia Brady, Health Legislative Aide          | Chuck Schumer (D-New York) | Oromia                      |
| Ryan Arazi, Legislative Correspondent           | Tim Kaine (D-Virginia)     | Oromia                      |

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| <b><u>Saturday</u></b><br><b><u>8/Nov/2025</u></b> | <b>10:00:</b> Departure from Washington-Dulles via ET 501 (tbc) to Addis Ababa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b><u>Sunday</u></b><br><b><u>9/Nov/2025</u></b>   | <p><b>07:15-13:00:</b> Participants arrive in Addis Ababa at Bole International Airport. Transfer to ILRI hotel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check in</li> <li>- Breakfast available at ILRI hotel restaurant</li> <li>- Rest time</li> </ul> <p><b>13:00-14:30:</b> Lunch with members of ICRC Addis Ababa Delegation staff (see final page of document) – Location: ILRI</p> <p><b>14:45-15:00:</b> Depart (short walk) to ICRC Delegation</p> <p><b>15:00-16:30:</b> Introductions and Orientation Briefing by ICRC Addis Delegation. Short overview of IHL and ICRC mandate. Familiarize participants with the context, priority areas of focus for ICRC's humanitarian response</p> <p><b>16:30-17:30:</b> US Embassy presentation and Q/A</p> <p><b>17:30-18:00:</b> Rest time</p> <p><b>18:00-18:30:</b> Transfer to restaurant for dinner – Hilton Hotel</p> <p><b>18:30-20:00:</b> Dinner at Hilton Hotel</p> <p><b>20:00-20:30:</b> Transfer to ILRI Hotel</p> <p><b>Overnight stay in Addis Ababa at the ILRI hotel and conference center.</b></p> |
| <b><u>Monday</u></b><br><b><u>10/Nov/2025</u></b>  | <p><b><u>Group 2: Oromia – East Wellega (Addis Ababa – Uke Airport – Nekemte)</u></b></p> <p><b>06:45:</b> Departure from ILRI Hotel (check out done and breakfast taken before departure)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



## U.S. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF TRIP ETHIOPIA: PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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|                                                            | <p><b>08:15 - 09:20:</b> Flight from Bole Airport in Addis Ababa to Uke (ET 153 dep. 08:15, arr. 09:20).</p> <p><b>09:40 - 11:00:</b> Pick-up at Uke airport in ICRC Land Cruisers conducted by ICRC drivers and transfer to ICRC Nekemte Sub-Delegation located in Kasso sub-city, 05 Kebele, Nekemte town.</p> <p><b>11:00 - 12:00:</b> Coffee break and security / operational briefings with the ICRC Sub-Delegation management and field staff (Stéphane Solère, Head of Sub-Delegation, Endalew Habte, Political Adviser to the Head of Sub-Delegation, and Erali Paiziev, Generalist Delegate).</p> <p><b>12:00 - 12:45:</b> Meeting with Firew Hailu, Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) branch manager for East Wellega. The meeting will focus on Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement coordination and protection issues. Participants will gain an understanding of coordination between the ICRC and the local Red Cross Society in the humanitarian response, respective roles and efficient deployment of resources.</p> <p><b>13:00 - 14:00:</b> Lunch at ICRC Residence 1 in Nekemte.</p> <p><b>14:00 - 16:00:</b> Visit to the Physical Rehabilitation Centre in Nekemte supported by the ICRC. Meeting with Alemu Wakuma, Director of the Centre, together with Simone Aeschlimann, Stéphane Solère and Misile Mulugeta, ICRC Physiotherapist. This site visit will allow participants to see how ICRC supports patients recovering from war wounds or health effects of prolonged conflict, allowing them to rebuild their lives and return to their livelihoods.</p> <p><b>16:30 - 18:30:</b> Check in at Milkomi hotel in Nekemte and rest.</p> <p><b>18:30 - 20:00:</b> Dinner at Legaa restaurant in Nekemte town.</p> <p><b>Overnight stay in Nekemte at Milkomi Hotel.</b></p> |
| <p><b><u>Tuesday</u></b><br/><b><u>11/Nov/2025</u></b></p> | <p><b><u>Group 2: Oromia – East and Horo Guduru Wellega (Nekemte – Gudeya Bila – Shambu)</u></b></p> <p><b>07:00 - 08:00:</b> Breakfast at Milkomi Hotel.</p> <p><b>08:00 - 08:30:</b> Transfer to the ICRC's Sub-Delegation in Nekemte town in ICRC vehicles and meeting with the Sub-Delegation staff.</p> <p><b>08:30 - 11:00:</b> Departure from Nekemte to Gudeya Bila in ICRC Land Cruisers. Travel time will include preparatory briefings about the sites to be visited on that day.</p> <p><b>11:00 - 13:30:</b> Visit to Gudeya Bila Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) and meeting with Edosa Jibat, PHC Director. The visit will provide the participants an overview of the multi-disciplinary support done by the ICRC to the PHC, where the Water and Habitat, Health and Protection Departments are intervening.</p> <p><b>13:30 - 14:30:</b> Road transfer to Shambu in ICRC Land Cruisers (snacks and water will be provided).</p> <p><b>14:30 - 15:30:</b> Check-in at Kayyoo Hotel and lunch in the hotel.</p> <p><b>15:30 - 17:00:</b> Meeting with Tadele Deresa, ERCS branch manager for Horo Guduru Wellega. The aim of the meeting will be the same as with Firew Hailu (see above) with a focus on Horo Guduru Wellega.</p> <p><b>17:30 - 18:30:</b> Return to hotel Kayyoo Hotel and rest.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



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|                                                | <p><b>18:30 - 19:00:</b> Debriefing to review the day's events, take questions and review the upcoming program day following by a dinner at Kayyoo Hotel.</p> <p><b>Overnight stay in Shambu at Kayyoo hotel.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/><b>12/Nov/2025</b></p> | <p><b>Group 2: Oromia – Horo Guduru Wellega (Shambu – Kare Watiyo – Kombolcha – Shambu)</b></p> <p><b>07:00 - 08:30:</b> Breakfast at Kayyoo Hotel.</p> <p><b>08:30 - 10:45:</b> Road transfer from Shambu to Kare Watiyo in ICRC Land Cruisers. Briefing on ICRC's work and humanitarian needs in Shambu, Kare Watiyo, Kombolcha, and Shambu will be provided during the drive.</p> <p><b>10:45 - 13:00:</b> In Kare Watiyo, exploration of protection and displacement challenges among conflict-affected population via meetings with community representatives, religious leaders and beneficiaries of ICRC economic security activities. Visit to the Primary Healthcare Center supported by ICRC and meeting with its Director, Bikila Tilahun, to understand the community's healthcare needs, available resources, and ICRC's impact.</p> <p><b>13:00 - 14:00:</b> Departure to Kombolcha in ICRC Land Cruisers (snacks and water will be provided).</p> <p><b>14:00 - 14:45:</b> Lunch in Kombolcha in a local restaurant.</p> <p><b>14:45 - 15:30:</b> Visit to Guduru Primary Hospital supported regularly by the ICRC. Meeting with Dhaba Hirpha, Hospital CEO, to gain understanding of the needs of the hospital's patient population, healthcare in a conflict setting and how ICRC provides support.</p> <p><b>15:30 - 17:00:</b> Road transfer from Kombolcha to Shambu. Debrief on the day's meetings during the drive.</p> <p><b>17:00 - 18:00:</b> Check-in at Kayyoo Hotel and rest.</p> <p><b>18:00 - 18:30:</b> Group debriefing to review the day's events, take questions and review the upcoming program day following by a dinner at Kayyoo Hotel.</p> <p><b>Overnight stay in Shambu at Kayyoo Hotel.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/><b>13/Nov/2025</b></p>  | <p><b>Group 2: Oromia – East and Horo Guduru Wellega (Shambu – Nekemte)</b></p> <p><b>07:00 - 08:15:</b> Breakfast at Kayyoo Hotel</p> <p><b>08:30 - 10:00:</b> Meeting with Miresa Fite, Zonal Administrator of Horo Guduru Wellega. The participants will gain an understanding on the conflict dynamics, security issues and humanitarian concerns.</p> <p><b>10:00 - 13:30:</b> Transfer by road from Shambu to Nekemte (snacks and water will be provided).</p> <p><b>13:30 - 14:30:</b> Working lunch in Nekemte town at ICRC Residence 1; ICRC staff will provide a background briefing to Senate staff regarding the visit to the water-sanitation site later that afternoon.</p> <p><b>14:30 - 16:30:</b> Visit to Chanco dam and Belam water plant where the ICRC is implementing an urban water project for Nekemte town. Gelena Mekonnen, Nekemte Town Water Utility Branch Head, will participate, such as Islam Al Boji, ICRC Water and Habitat Delegate, and Yisehak Dagne, Water and Habitat Engineer in charge of the project. The participants will</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



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|                                       | <p>learn about water and sanitation needs in an urban, conflict-affected setting, and ICRC intervention/expertise to increase population's access to clean water. Urban water systems are critical for protecting life and health of conflict affected populations and for rebuilding livelihoods.</p> <p><b>16:30 - 17:00:</b> Return to Nekemte town, check-in at Milkomi hotel and rest.</p> <p><b>18:00 - 20:00:</b> Dinner at Leqaa restaurant or Boku hotel in Nekemte town with Simone Aeschlimann, Stéphane Solère and Jennifer Donnelly.</p> <p><b>Overnight stay in Nekemte at Milkomi hotel.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>14/Nov/2025</b>   | <p><b>Group 2: Oromia (Nekemte – Uke airport – Addis Ababa)</b></p> <p><b>07:00 - 07:30:</b> Breakfast at Milkomi hotel and check-out.</p> <p><b>07:30 - 08:15:</b> Transfer to Uke airport in ICRC Land Cruisers.</p> <p><b>09:50 - 12:35:</b> Flight from Uke to Addis Ababa via Dembidollo (ET 153 dep. 09:50, arr. 12h35).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Depart Nekemte 09:50</li> <li>- Arrive Addis 12:35.</li> </ul> <p><b>13:00:</b> Transfer from airport to Addis Hilton hotel; check-in available</p> <p><b>13:15-14:15:</b> Lunch in hotel restaurant/Hilton</p> <p><b>14:30-15:30:</b> Groups reunite in Hilton Hotel. Senate staff and ICRC WAS staff will debrief on the trip and Senate staff will prepare preliminary feedback to share with ICRC on their experience in Ethiopia and recommendations. (ICRC team will also meet separately during this time)</p> <p><b>15:30-17:30:</b> Collective debriefing with Congressional staff and ICRC management. Hilton Hotel conference room. Refreshments provided.</p> <p><b>17:30-19:45:</b> Rest time / Dinner at the hotel (charge to your rooms)</p> <p><b>19:45-20:00:</b> Check-out from hotel</p> <p><b>20:00:</b> Transfer to Bole Airport for departure.</p> <p><b>22:50</b> Depart Addis Ababa to Washington-Dulles (fuel stop FCO) via ET 500</p> |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>15/Nov/2025</b> | <p><b>08:00</b> Arrive Washington-Dulles via ET 500</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## List of participants

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|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Simone Aeschlimann | Head of Delegation                                      |
| 2 | Stéphane Solère    | Head of Sub-Delegation                                  |
| 3 | Erali Paiziev      | Generalist Delegate                                     |
| 4 | Wondu Firdissa     | Generalist Field Officer                                |
| 5 | Segni Beyene       | Protection Field Officer                                |
| 6 | Berhanu Endeshaw   | Health Field Officer                                    |
| 7 | Misile Mulugeta    | Physiotherapist                                         |
| 8 | Islam Al Boji      | Water and Habitat Delegate (only on Thursday afternoon) |
| 7 | Yisehak Dagne      | Water and Habitat Engineer (only on Thursday afternoon) |

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| 8  | Daniel Dugasa   | Driver |
| 9  | Bikila Mekonnen | Driver |
| 10 | Temesgen Bekele | Driver |
| 11 | Moti Bekele     | Driver |

## ICRC delegation – presence for lunch and briefing on Sunday

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| 1  | Simone Aeschlimann | Head of Delegation                                       |
| 2  | Mulan Giovannini   | Head of Operations                                       |
| 3  | Martin Thalmann    | Head of Programs                                         |
| 4  | Christoph Kohler   | Head of Support                                          |
| 5  | Corina Eggenberger | Protection program Coordinator                           |
| 6  | Margarita Iglesias | Health program coordinator                               |
| 7  | Nick Rowe          | Water program Coordinator                                |
| 8  | Pietro Orlandi     | Economic Security program Coordinator                    |
| 9  | Eyerusalem Teshome | Cooperation with Ethiopian Red Cross program Coordinator |
| 10 | Steven Anderson    | Communication program coordinator                        |
| 11 | Snowy Lintern      | Armed Forces program coordinator                         |
| 12 | Zewdu Ayalew       | Political advisor to Head of Delegation                  |