

Local Hope/Xela AID Information on Volunteer Service Trips

Dear Friends,

The safety of our volunteers is our top concern. We have already rescheduled our first 2020 Trip of the year for 2021. What action we will take for additional trips for the year is of yet uncertain. In each case **we are working to secure alternative dates for next year in the case that we do decide to cancel.** We will base our decision on timely data, and we will most assuredly err on the side of caution.

No-Panic Approach – When we can travel safely, *our visits will be a great blessing to those we serve, who, in the long run, will be disproportionately impacted by this crisis.* We would, therefore, aim to **wait to make our decision until 31 days prior to each slated start-date** for travel. **Based on current policies of the airlines, there is no risk in doing this, and there could be a benefit to those with great need if conditions change.**

A lot can happen between now and a month prior to the remaining scheduled trips for the year. **We will hope for good news but when the time comes, will take needed action for our volunteers' safety.**

If We Reschedule - In the case that we do reschedule a trip, it will be rescheduled for approximately one year later, with new dates announced immediately. For those already registered, there will also be an option to join a different trip.

Thank you kindly for your patience, your prayers, and your support for our San Martín community at this time. Feel free to direct any questions to me, and I will answer you as soon as possible.

Yours in loving service,

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