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## Volunteer Travel Restriction for Kenya

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In accordance with MS 220, Section 3.3.2 (c), the Country Director of PC/Kenya is restricting Volunteer travel to Kenya until further notice.

The Peace Corps program in Kenya was suspended in July 2014 and there are currently no Volunteers in country. Volunteers are prohibited from visiting Kenya but are permitted to transit through Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi as long as they do not leave the airport.

In June 2014, the US Department of State renewed the [Travel Warning for Kenya](#). Key excerpts from that document include:

*The U.S. government continues to receive information about potential terrorist threats aimed at U.S., Western, and Kenyan interests in Kenya, including the Nairobi area and the coastal cities of Mombasa and Diani. Terrorist acts can include suicide operations, bombings – to include car bombings - kidnappings, attacks on civil aviation, and attacks on maritime vessels in or near Kenyan ports.*

*In the past year and a half, there have been numerous attacks involving shootings, grenades, or other explosive devices in Kenya in addition to the attacks described above. In total, over 100 people have been killed in these attacks and hundreds have been injured. Approximately 53 of these attacks occurred in northeastern Kenya, mainly in Dadaab, Wajir, Garissa, and Mandera counties. Several attacks also occurred along the Kenyan coast. Twenty grenade and improvised explosive device (IED) attacks have occurred in Nairobi, illustrating an increase in the number and an advance in the sophistication of these attacks.*

*As a result of these recent events and threats, the U.S. Embassy has restrictions on travel for U.S. government personnel to the Nairobi neighborhood of Eastleigh and to all coastal counties – Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, Lamu, and the coastal portion only of Tana River County...Although these restrictions do not apply to travelers not associated with the U.S. government, U.S. citizens in Kenya should take these restrictions into account when planning travel.*

Any exceptions to this restriction must be approved by the PC/Kenya Country Director.

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