BUP Services for External Visitors

This document summarizes what services BUP can offer external visitors.

External Visitors

External visitors are individuals who are not students or employees of Penn or CHOP. Refer to the Protocol for External Visitors form if you wish to utilize any of the services listed below. Fees apply to each of the offered services for external visitors.

1. Permit and Visa Assistance - fees vary

The government of Botswana has specific requirements for visitors who carry out work in country. These requirements apply to most of Penn’s visitors coming to Botswana. BUP can help to guide you through the requirements to enter and work in Botswana. Refer to this guidance document for more information.

2. BHPC Application Assistance - 1,000 BWP ($100)/ application

BUP can provide administrative support to register with the Botswana Health Professions Council (BHPC), which is required for all those who are practicing medicine in Botswana. BUP will explain the necessary documentation needed to complete the BHPC application and assist with its submission. You must bring with you all the documentation required to Botswana. Refer to the requirements for the BHPC application here.

3. Airport Transfer – 315 BWP ($25) each way

BUP can provide airport pick-up and drop off services to/from the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone. This service is reserved for BUP work-related travel to/from the airport (i.e. your initial arrival and final departure). It is not intended for any personal travel to/from the airport during your time in Botswana. BUP does NOT provide visitor car or driving services. BUP can provide car rental and driver service recommendations upon request.

4. Accommodations at Village View – 650 BWP ($60)/ night

Village View is a gated residential complex, of which 3 units are leased by the University of Pennsylvania and provided to support the mission of the BUP. Bedrooms, bathrooms, and kitchens are intended to be shared similar to a hostel. Guests stay at Village View at the discretion of BUP. Reservations are required. More information on nightly rates and how to make a reservation can be found on the BUP website.

BUP/ Penn does NOT provide the following to external visitors:

- Travel health/ evacuation assistance insurance
- Post exposure prophylaxis
- Medical Professional Liability Insurance
- Coordination of global health experiences, research, or rotations for non-Penn individuals
- Car rental or driver services (other than the airport transfer)