



What are C.U.R.E. CLINICS?

- PROJECT C.U.R.E.'s focus is on improving healthcare infrastructure through providing desperately needed medical supplies and equipment, which the organization receives as donations in the United States. Building upon this foundation, PROJECT C.U.R.E. dispatches teams of medical professionals to provide public health education, direct care and treatment, and training in areas where it has previously delivered supplies and equipment.
- Participants work alongside in-country professionals to provide life-sustaining medical care to those in need and make a real difference for individuals and communities in the developing world. C.U.R.E. CLINICS can be life-changing experiences for both participants and patients.
- C.U.R.E. CLINICS trips last two weeks, including travel time. Program costs are paid by participants and are tax-deductible; airfare, accommodations, meals and in-country transportation are included.

What can participants expect to gain from the overall experience?

The rewards for C.U.R.E. CLINICS extend far beyond the investment and can be unexpected.

Participants:

- See extraordinary examples of human strength;
- Practice medicine in its most basic form;
- Grow and develop personally;
- Care for people facing illness under the most extreme conditions;
- Personally make a difference in the lives of hundreds of men, women and children.

How are C.U.R.E. CLINICS arranged?

- PROJECT C.U.R.E. arranges all details for C.U.R.E. CLINICS trips so that participants can focus on their service to the community. C.U.R.E. CLINICS staff attends to all logistics for the trip, including airfare, in-country travel and lodging, meals, visa and permit requirements, and travel and safety advice. PROJECT C.U.R.E. will provide the team with C.U.R.E. KIT, which contains essential supplies and medications.
- PROJECT C.U.R.E. maintains important information regarding the country, region, and community that participants visit so that the team is comfortable during the CLINICS timeframe.
- The organization's staff will do its best to match participants' interests, abilities, and availability with a compatible CLINICS trip.
- PROJECT C.U.R.E. briefs participants on the country and area they will serve.

How much does it cost to participate? What does the program fee cover?

- The individual costs for the C.U.R.E. CLINICS program range from \$2,000 to \$3,500. Volunteers are responsible to pay these costs. All program costs are tax deductible, including donations made on behalf of participants by others.
- Participants can and may seek outside sources to contribute toward their program costs. Past program participants have sought and received funding from religious organizations, service clubs, civic organizations, and friends and family.
- PROJECT C.U.R.E. works to keep costs at a minimum for all C.U.R.E. Clinics trips. Costs cover these items:
 - Round-trip airfare
 - In-country ground transportation
 - Accommodations
 - SOS medical and evacuation insurance
 - Scheduled meals and drinking water
 - Interpreters and English-speaking guides
 - C.U.R.E. KIT containing \$2,500 of medical supplies, to be carried as checked luggage
 - Short sight-seeing tour/excursion
 - Coordination of all travel logistics, including air and ground transportation
 - Obtaining required government documentation, permits, and visas
- Participants may incur additional costs for the following:
 - Obtaining or reissuing a passport
 - Immunizations required for international travel
 - Excess or overweight baggage fees
 - Local and international phone charges
 - Transportation to and from their home to the local airport
 - In-transit or unscheduled meals or snacks
 - Unscheduled sightseeing

What is the make-up of a C.U.R.E. CLINICS team?

A typical C.U.R.E. CLINICS team is comprised of six to 12 medical professionals, including a trained C.U.R.E. CLINICS team leader. Additional details about team make-up and responsibilities are as follows:

Medical volunteers:

- PROJECT C.U.R.E. accepts doctors, nurses, and biomedical technicians in all specialties. Even if a given specialty is not directly requested for a C.U.R.E. CLINICS assignment, PROJECT C.U.R.E. welcomes medical professionals of all areas of expertise to participate.
- C.U.R.E. CLINICS participants, or volunteers, provide free medical services to treat various conditions, from malnutrition and malaria to pregnancy complications and broken bones. Diseases and medical conditions differ in each country.
- C.U.R.E. CLINICS participants may treat people who have never seen a physician before. Past CLINICS participants have encountered seen before only in medical textbooks. When the CLINICS trip ends, participants do not just leave behind the treatment, education, and medical supplies – they often leave behind a piece of themselves.

- All sites have been assessed, prior to the timeframe of the CLINICS trip, by a PROJECT C.U.R.E. representative. PROJECT C.U.R.E. obtains information concerning major diseases and health conditions that require treatment from the in-country host and medical staff at facilities to be visited.
- In-country medical professionals and hospital staff advertise the dates of C.U.R.E. CLINICS to the local community.

Non-medical volunteers:

- Places for non-medical volunteers on C.U.R.E. CLINICS trips are limited. Preference is given to volunteers with medical training.
- The roles of non-medical volunteers vary widely. Non-medical participants can do triage; entertain children while their parents are waiting to see doctors; organize supplies; journalize daily activities; take pictures; and procure meals.

Team leader:

- PROJECT C.U.R.E. appoints a C.U.R.E. CLINICS team leader to facilitate daily events.

Where do C.U.R.E. CLINICS take place? How are sites selected?

- PROJECT C.U.R.E. Clinics typically occur at sites where the organization has previously delivered one or more 40-ft. containers of medical supplies and equipment. In this way, PROJECT C.U.R.E. can ensure that CLINICS trips will have appropriate materials and resources to provide medical care and treatment.
- Working with existing in-country partners, PROJECT C.U.R.E. does its own research and takes requests and recommendations in selecting potential sites for C.U.R.E. CLINICS. Consistent with its overall policy, PROJECT C.U.R.E. volunteers (C.U.R.E. CLINICS teams included) arrive as invited guests of national and regional governments.
- Depending on in-country staff and volunteer participant feedback, some C.U.R.E. CLINICS sites are visited multiple times.

What vaccinations are recommended for C.U.R.E. CLINICS participants?

PROJECT C.U.R.E. strongly recommends that participants follow the guidelines and requirements issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, available at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel>. Country-specific information is available on this website. The CDC recommends that travelers acquire their vaccinations at least six weeks prior to the trip to allow time for the shots to take effect.

Is PROJECT C.U.R.E. affiliated with any religious organization?

PROJECT C.U.R.E. has a lengthy history of working with religious groups and organizations of all types and backgrounds. The organization is not affiliated with any particular religion or denomination.

Who is the right contact person for more information?

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