

Responses in Remote Areas

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Practical management for potential risks (Documentary movie)

- Security awareness booklet published by UNHCR (e.g. hijack accidents → necessary to hold radio receivers; at check points → giving good feelings, like offering cigarettes to the soldiers)
- Specific security for women will be significant in wild areas



1.5 Area Operations

OBJECTIVES:

- Review the need for threat assessment and risk management associated with travel.
- Review trip planning and protocols
- Emergency procedures

Let's go.....

- You are going on a field trips.

- Chad
- Afghanistan
- Nepal
- Myanmar

3 questions only...

1 – What are the threats?

2 – How do you prepare to travel within the next 24 hours?

3 – What will you take in the vehicle?

Chad

1. Threats: Extraordinary heat/cold in desert, shortage of water, bad road condition, ambush, bad sanitation
2. Preparation: Travel plan, communication plan, evacuation plan, getting the security measure
3. What to take in the vehicle: Water, food, blanket, extra fuel, medication (first-aid), radio, spare tires, logo, flash lights, cash, toilet paper

Afghanistan

1. Threats: Ambush, kidnapping, landmines, falling rocks, narrow roads, vehicle accident, harsh weather during the winter
2. Preparation: Armed escort, GPS etc.
3. What to take in the vehicle: food, water, blanket, first-aid, radio, spare tires etc.

Nepal

1. Threats: Road block, landmines, getting involved in crimes, fire, traffic accidents, strikes, bombs, flight cancellation, landslide
2. Preparation: Local information, confirm communication point, check automobile condition
3. What to take in the vehicle: Torch lights, first-aid, food, water, sleeping bag, blanket, cash (\$US and Nepal), spare tires, satellite phones

Myanmar

1. Threats: Transportation, drugs, lack of communication, intervention by government, limitation in traveling (permission/visa), natural disaster (flood)
2. Preparation: Water, blanket, vehicle permit, radio, food, medicine, planning, spare tires, map
3. What to take in the vehicle: the list above + local driver

Travel Considerations

- Is it essential ?
- Has it been approved?
- Are staff trained?
- Briefing?

Preparations

- Vehicle
- Personnel
- Contingencies



Security Clearance Permission

General Security Situation

Communications.

- Cellular network/HF/VHF
- Handheld Satphone. Check it !
- Telephone
- Telephone voice messages and SMS.

Driver

- Known to be reliable
- Is he trained
- Is he familiar with the situation ?

Vehicle Recovery

- On call
- Self Recovery
- Ad hoc recovery

Vehicle Equipment

Spare Wheel(s) + tools	Food and Water
Spare parts, Flashlight	Shovel
First Aid Kit	Winch + ropes
Fire extinguisher	Chains



Feeding

- Reliance on what is locally available
- Carry own food and water
- Hope to get to the destination OK !

All Emergencies

- Get staff to safety
- First Aid
- Assess the Situation
- Get casualty to expert immediately.
- Inform base
- Inform local authorities if required



Checkpoint ahead.
Your response ? Let's go see...

DEALING WITH CHECKPOINTS

- Reduce speed
- Dim headlights & turn on interior lights (at night)
- Don't stop unless requested
- Window down - be courteous
- Show ID card if asked - remain in vehicle
- Observe any vehicle searching
- Protest but do not resist removal of items

CARJACKING PREVENTION Before travel

- You and your car are the targets
- Vehicle maintenance
- Know local techniques – get briefed.
- Plan ahead – Avoid travel after nightfall.
- Avoid setting a pattern.
- Avoid traveling alone.
- More than one vehicle

Carjacking Prevention During Travel

- Lock doors and windows
- Leave space between you and others
- Adjust speed
- Heightened alert near to the office, residence, traffic lights and intersections.
- Don't play loud music (or use earphones)!

Be Aware of Indicators !

- Unexpected detour
- Road obstacle
- Bumping or ramming
- Being followed closely (2 or more male occupants in the car)

CARJACKING! What do you do?



Responses During Carjacking

- Evasive driving..... your call.....if alone !
- No escape... – **Stop !**
- Set brake, leave keys in ignition, motor running, in park or neutral
- Do not resist. Avoid eye contact.
- Hands in view. No Provocation.
- Obey instructions / demands
- Your aim is to survive - not save the car!

Response in vehicle under fire

- All passengers get down (driver must be able to see)
- Drive through if at all possible
- If you cannot drive through, get way from vehicle
 - Vehicle attracts fire
 - Your chance is better on foot than in vehicle (but you've lost your car)
- Grab bag should be handy with basic survival gear

Summary

- Conduct threat and risk assessment before each trip
- Review trip planning and protocols for security - ask questions
- Train staff in behavior at checkpoints
- Mitigate carjacking - planning, response.
- Your response to fear.....!!!!
- **Your life is more important than the car !**