About Learning Tours

CARE knows that the best way to understand the power and potential of the United States to eradicate global poverty is to witness it with your own eyes. To that end, our Learning Tours are carefully mapped out to take delegates to the villages and communities where development programs are saving lives.

Tour-by-tour, delegate-by-delegate, we put names and faces behind the statistics and stories, because that’s how personal, sustainable and effective change happens. CARE knows that when leaders witness the best that U.S. foreign assistance has to offer, up close and in person, they go home inspired, motivated and challenged to make change happen back in the U.S.

Our Delegates:
Each Learning Tour includes a small group of carefully selected delegates who represent a wide range of perspectives, experiences and backgrounds. CARE’s high-level, bipartisan delegations include members of Congress, U.S. Administration officials, corporate partners and influential change-makers who all have prospective roles to play in creating effective, sustainable change in the world’s poorest countries.

To date, each delegate has returned home with a greater understanding of the people U.S. foreign assistance serves and the work we must do together to:

- Lift entire communities out of poverty;
- Create global security; and
- Promote greater equity among all people

“It was one of the best trips I’ve ever been on. We were in a very, very rural area. I talked with a woman who said her life has completely changed. That’s a huge thing. In Congress we often see a budget. I wanted to see how it worked on the ground.”

Representative Kay Granger (R-TX-12)
Learning Tours Participant to Peru
The Bottom Line:
WHAT TO EXPECT
Expect the most enlightening travel of your life. We travel off the beaten path to speak directly with community members and see U.S. investments in action. We talk with local leaders to see how progress is being lead from the ground up.

CARE handles all arrangements, including flights, hotels, meals and transportation, in compliance with Congressional and Administration ethics rules. A photographer and videographer capture the entire experience to make sure you can reflect back on this experience and share with others.

Agenda:
Each Learning Tour is carefully mapped out to meet our delegates’ needs and to provide a deep understanding of important development topics, such as:

- Foreign Assistance
- Food Security
- Humanitarian Assistance
- Gender and Empowerment
- Maternal and Child Health
- Economic Empowerment

“Having the opportunity to speak to beneficiaries was the highlight for me. Each stop was comprehensive and we got a lot of time there. The delegation was a great mix of people. We all learned from each other.”

Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA)

Here’s what a Learning Tour itinerary looks like:

DAY1: THE BIG PICTURE
Arrive in the bustling city center and immerse yourself in the history and geo-political context of the country. Hear from local experts, meet U.S. Mission staff and CARE partners who are leading development efforts in-country.

DAY2: THE PEOPLE
Engage directly with the people who benefit from U.S. investments. Visit communities, tour clinics and hospitals, walk through farms and talk to children about their hopes for the future.

DAY3: THE IMPACT
Meet government officials who are eager to hear about your impressions from the trip and discuss how we can continue working together.

Building Relationships:
After every trip, our delegates report that they developed lasting relationships with other delegates that changed their perspectives and influenced their personal and professional goals. The terms they use to describe their trips are, “life changing, incredible, relatable and empowering.”

Are you ready to join us?