

Checklist for Remote Trial Locations

How to prepare for trial support when violence, and kidnapping are common...



After interviewing two of Modality Solutions' top engineers on their experiences in remote trials (and several life-or-death situations), a few insights stand out. These preparations allowed Modality Solutions to be ready to deploy into remote regions (in less than a week) to provide equipment, shipping and clinical engineering services to dangerous remote locations. This is the caliber of expertise which elevates Modality Solutions.

1 Emergency Response Training

You can't just hire an engineer out of college and expect them to be successful. Cross-training or life experience in military, security, or police roles can provide intuitive expertise in life-or-death situations where split-second decisions count.

** Several of our senior engineers/leaders are cross-trained in emergency preparedness and even have additional roles as law enforcement officers.*

2 Travel Vaccinations

Keeping up to date with travel vaccinations is critical in this line of work – different countries and regions have different requirements, and immunity can take time.

** Modality Solutions staff is up to date on international vaccines in many geographic locations, making it easy for staff to deploy with little notice.*

3 Passport Ready

Essential documentation is key to traveling fast, keeping passports and fast track statuses aligned is essential to offering international engineering services.

** Modality Solutions enforces an internal policy to ensure all relevant staff members have proper citizenship, passport and other essential documentation in validated status at all times.*

4 Training on International Readiness

It's essential to know local culture, procedures, as well as safety measures when traveling to difficult remote trial locations. Such things as style of dress can make or break a new relationship with a local. It's critical for staff to be trained on cultural, social and safety elements of the international trial locations.

** Modality Solutions ensures that staff are trained in essential elements of cultural traditions, local political sensitivities, communication styles and safety. Several of Modality Solutions' staff are also multilingual to languages that align with the local dialect for many preferred remote trial regions.*

5 Grab-bag Preparedness

Traveling to areas where safety is a concern, and trial locations might have armed guards to protect against kidnappings. It's critical to know how to get out fast. A 'grab-bag' backpack is essential for critical items such as bottled water, important paperwork, money, an emergency blanket, and other critical work items such as a flashlight and minimal tools. This ensures the ability to work in tight locations and leave quickly if needed.

** Modality Solutions' team is trained on critical readiness to ensure that these preparations are neither a distraction nor oversight within the critical engineering tasks at hand.*

At the end of the day, Modality Solutions staff is able to conduct top-tier engineering and logistics in the most difficult (and stressful) conditions, while upholding the highest quality of work possible – all to ensure the clinical trial is successful in reaching its goals. This is because Modality Solutions engineers are elite scientists who have broad experience in clinical validation in a variety of settings, as well as cross-training for critical situations as mentioned above. It's this kind of experience that sets Modality Solutions apart – whether in remote Congo locations, or in hometown, USA.

Check out our articles for details on remote trial locations, such as "Guns, Kidnapping, Ebola and Vials," our premier article on the real stories behind remote trial management.