

Field visits by the members of the UNICEF Executive Board

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Types of field visits

Two field visits each year:

- Members of the Executive Board
- Joint visit of the members of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN Women, and WFP

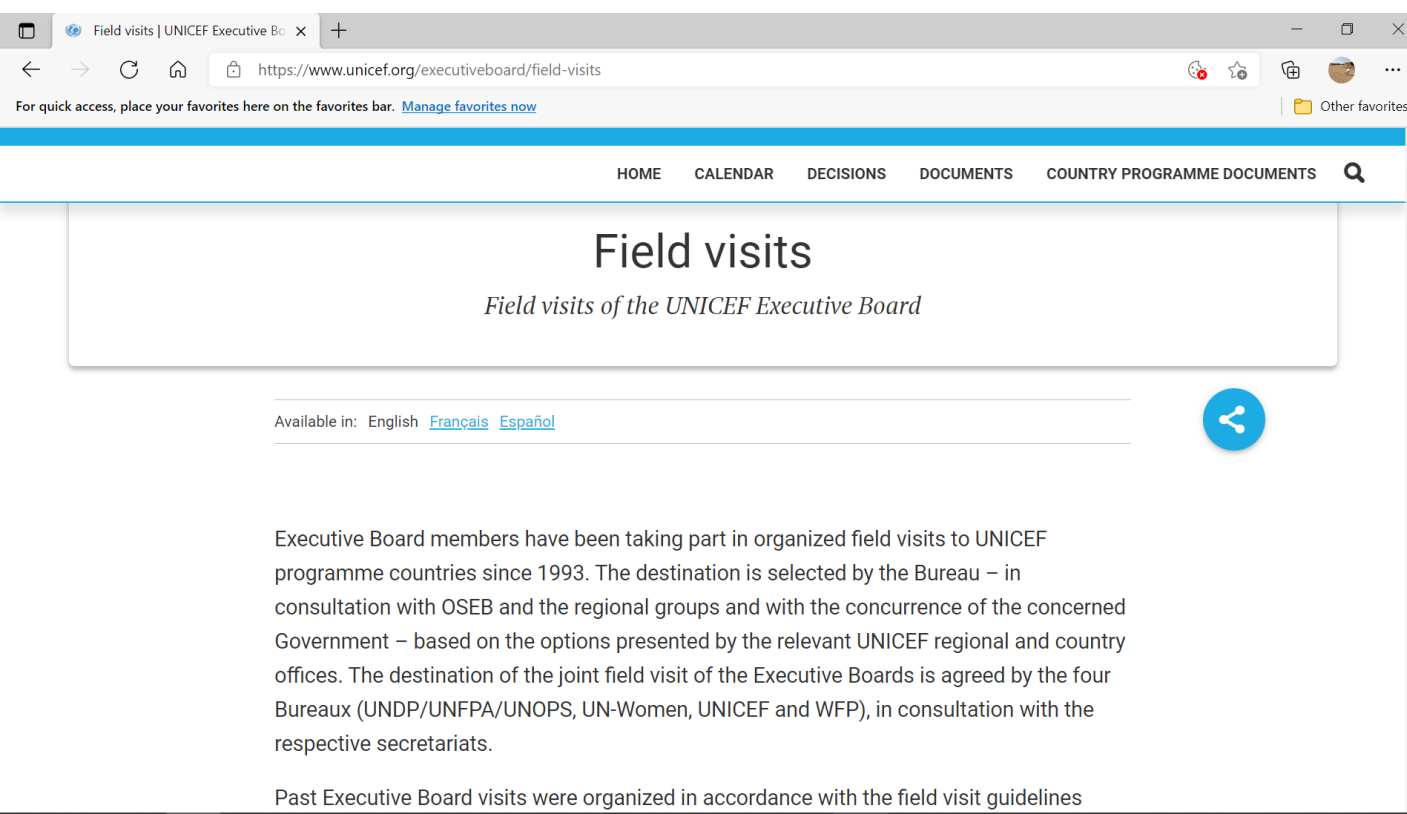
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Information on field visits

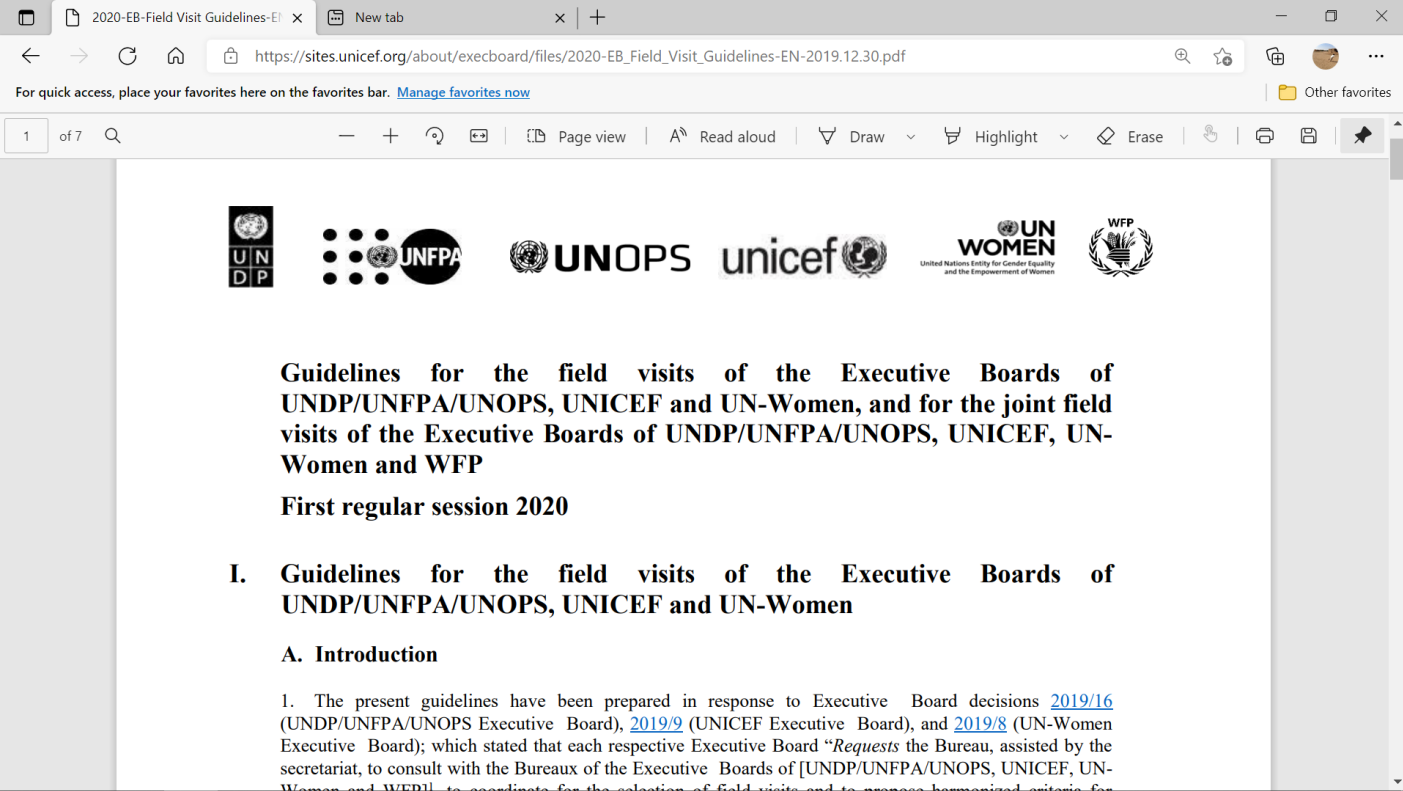
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Guidelines for field visits



Purpose and scope

- ✓ Observe UNICEF field operations and the work of the UN Country Team
- ✓ Understand the relationship of the UNICEF country programme to national development priorities, Strategic Development Cooperation Framework and SDGs
- ✓ Provide insight into the implementation of UNICEF policies and strategies at field level
- ✓ Discuss the impact and results of UNICEF programmes with government and non-government counterparts at national, local and community levels



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Selection of countries

Countries to be visited are selected by the Bureau, in consultation with regional groups, based on:

- Information provided by UNICEF Secretariat;
- Rotation between regions in terms of the countries to be visited each year.

For the Joint field visit, the destinations are agreed upon by the four Boards – UNICEF, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, WFP and UN-Women



Issues covered

- Analysis (CCA), the country programme and reviews
- Major evaluations and results achieved against objectives;
- Effectiveness of communication between UNICEF and national and local counterparts, the United Nations country team and bilateral partners;
- Comparative advantages, impact, results and sustainability;
- Emergency preparedness and response capacity;
- Decentralization;
- Relevance and impact of Executive Board decisions;
- Linkages with the UNICEF Strategic Plan, SDGs, etc

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Participation

- ❖ Based on the principles of equitable regional participation and equitable access to the field visit
- ❖ Up to **six members** of the Executive Board: up to two from the Western European and Others Group of States, and one from each of the African, Asia-Pacific, Eastern European, and Latin American and the Caribbean groups of States

In selecting the nominee, the regional groups should bear the following criteria in mind:

- Not be a national of the countries to be visited;
- Be familiar with UNICEF work
- Be reasonably certain of his/her participation in subsequent meetings of the Executive Board.



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Logistics

Timing of the visits : as early as possible in the year

Length of the visits : on average five working days, and not more than two countries per visit.

Briefing, debriefing and trip report :

- Briefing at both HQ and country office level,
- Report on the field trip

Travel arrangements : UNICEF secretariat will make necessary travel arrangements, as required, in accordance with United Nations standards.



Thank you



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