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Cell Phone Policies for Participants of Carleton Global Engagement Programs

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As part of our commitment to health and safety, all students on Carleton Global Engagement Programs are required to have a working cell phone. The phone must be capable of making and receiving both local and international calls throughout the duration of the program. While we recognize that alternative communication methods can be free or cheaper than cell service i.e. Facetime, Skype, WhatsApp, etc., those do not satisfy our need for regular local communication with staff and partners nor do they meet our emergency communication needs. Therefore, local cellular capacity on each student's phone is required for the duration of the program. Students are required to provide the phone number at which they can be reached during the program to the program staff.

Students participating in a Carleton Global Engagement Program can choose one of the following options:

- 1. Use current cell phone with a foreign SIM card**
Program staff will assist students during on-site orientation in purchasing an appropriate local SIM card. With foreign SIM cards, you purchase credit and must "top up" when you run out. Ask your service provider if your phone can be used abroad. If it is, request they unlock it for you. You must complete this step before you travel.
- 2. Obtain a pay-as-you-go phone upon arriving**
Program staff will assist students during on-site orientation in purchasing an appropriate phone. Pay-as-you-go phones are widely used abroad and can be purchased inexpensively in many stores.
- 3. Use your regular phone on an international cell phone plan**
This is convenient, but depending on your cellular carrier, may be quite expensive if you depend on it for everyday use. Contact your cell phone provider to discuss this option.