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## SAVE THE CHILDREN'S CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY

### Our values and principles

Child abuse is when anyone under 18 years of age is being harmed or isn't being looked after properly. The abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional or neglect. The abuse and exploitation of children happens in all countries and societies across the world. Save the Children believes that deliberate harm such as this is not acceptable.

Save the Children is also aware that children can also be harmed through preventable accidents or incidents.

It is expected that all who work with Save the Children are committed to safeguard the children whom they are in contact with and that deliberate acts to harm as well as preventable unintended harm are not tolerated.

### What we do

Save the Children is committed to safeguard children through the following means:

**Awareness:** Ensuring that all staff and those who work with Save the Children are aware of the problem of child abuse and the risks to children.

**Prevention:** Ensuring, through awareness and good practice, that staff and those who work with Save the Children minimise the risks to children.

**Reporting:** Ensuring that you are clear on what steps to take where concerns arise regarding the safety of children.

**Responding:** Ensuring that action is taken to support and protect children where concerns arise regarding possible abuse.

To help you clarify our safeguarding approach, we list here examples of behaviour which is prohibited. These include but are not limited to:

1. Hitting or otherwise physically assaulting or physically abusing children.
2. Engaging in sexual activity or having a sexual relationship with anyone under the age of 18 years regardless of the age of majority/consent or custom locally. Mistaken belief in the age of a child is not a defence.
3. Developing relationships with children which could in any way be deemed exploitative or abusive.
4. Acting in ways that may be deliberately abusive in any way or may place a child at risk of harm or abuse.
5. Failing to take action that prevent accidents or harm.
6. Using language, making suggestions or offering advice which is inappropriate, offensive or abusive.
7. Behaving physically in a manner which is inappropriate or sexually provocative.
8. Sleeping in the same bed or same room as a child, or having a child/children with whom one is working to stay overnight at a home unsupervised.
9. Doing things for children of a personal nature that they can do themselves.

10. Condoning, or participating in, behaviour of children which is illegal, unsafe or abusive.
11. Acting in ways intended to shame, humiliate, belittle or degrade children, or otherwise perpetrate any form of emotional abuse.
12. Discriminating against, showing unfair differential treatment or favour to particular children to the exclusion of others.
13. Spending excessive time alone with children away from others.
14. Placing oneself in a position where one is made vulnerable to allegations of misconduct.

In order that the above standards of reporting and responding are met, **this is what is expected of you:**

If you are worried that a child or young person is being abused or neglected, (such as in points 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 above for example) or you are concerned about the inappropriate behaviour of an employee, or someone working with Save the Children, towards a child or young person, then you are obliged to:

- act quickly and get help
- support and respect the child
- where possible, ensure that the child is safe
- contact your Save the Children contact point (or their manager if necessary) with your concerns immediately
- keep any information confidential between you and the person you report this to.

If you want to know more about the Child Safeguarding Policy then please ask your Save the Children contact point.

# SAVE THE CHILDREN'S FRAUD, BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION POLICY

## Our values and principles

Save the Children has a "zero tolerance" policy towards fraud, bribery and corrupt practices (see definitions below).

All Save the Children employees, partners and vendors have a duty to protect the assets of Save the Children and to comply with relevant laws (including the UK Bribery Act 2010). Save the Children does not allow any partner, supplier, sub-contractor, agent or any individual engaged by Save the Children to behave in a dishonest manner while carrying out Save the Children's work.

## What we do

Save the Children is committed to preventing acts of fraud, bribery and corruption through the following means:

**Awareness:** Ensuring that all staff and those who work with Save the Children are aware of the problem of fraud, bribery and corruption.

**Prevention:** Ensuring, through awareness and good practice, that staff and those who work with Save the Children minimise the risks of fraud, bribery and corruption.

**Reporting:** Ensuring that all staff and those who work with Save the Children are clear on what steps to take where concerns arise regarding allegations of fraud, bribery and corruption.

**Responding:** Ensuring that action is taken to support and protect assets and identifying cases of fraud, bribery and corruption.

To help you identify cases of fraud, bribery and corruption, some examples have been set out below, however this list is not exhaustive. If in doubt, contact your Save the Children representative or email [scifraud@savethechildren.org](mailto:scifraud@savethechildren.org):

- a) Paying or Offering a Bribe – where a person improperly offers, gives or promises any form of material benefit or other advantage, whether in cash or in kind, to another in order to influence their conduct in any way.
- b) Receiving or Requesting a Bribe – where a person improperly requests, agrees to receive or accepts any form of material benefit or other advantage, whether in cash or in kind, which influences or is designed to influence the individual's conduct in any way.
- c) Receiving or Paying a so-called 'Grease' or 'Facilitation' payment – where a person improperly receives something of value from another party for performing a service or other action that they were required by their employment to do anyway.
- d) Nepotism or Patronage – where a person improperly uses their employment to favour or materially benefit friends, relatives or other associates in some way. For example, through the awarding of contracts or other material advantages.
- e) Embezzlement - where a person improperly uses funds, property, resources or other assets that belong to an organisation or individual.
- f) Receiving a so-called 'Kickback' Payment – where a person improperly receives a share of funds, a commission, material benefit or other advantage from a supplier as a result of their involvement in a corrupt bid or tender process.



g) Collusion – where a person improperly colludes with others to circumvent, undermine or otherwise ignore rules, policies or guidance.

h) Abuse of a Position of Trust – where a person improperly uses their position within their organisation to materially benefit themselves or any other party.

i) Conflict of interest - where an individual knowingly has an undisclosed business interest in an entity involved in a commercial relationship with Save the Children.

j) Procurement fraud - where an individual engages in any dishonest behaviour relating to procurement or tendering process, e.g. falsely created bids or quotes.

k) Supply chain fraud - where an individual misdirects or steals goods, forges stock records, or creates fictitious companies through which to channel payments.

In order that the above standards of reporting and responding are met, **this is what is expected of you:**

You have a duty to protect the assets of Save the Children from any form of dishonest behaviour. Furthermore, you must immediately report any suspicion of fraud, bribery or corruption to Save the Children. Failure to report will be treated as serious and may result in termination of any agreement with Save the Children.

You are obliged to:-

- act quickly and get help through the channels mentioned below
- encourage your own staff to report on fraud, bribery and corruption
- contact a member of the Save the Children senior management team, (which includes the Country Director) and/or the Save the Children Head of Fraud Management at [scifraud@savethechildren.org](mailto:scifraud@savethechildren.org) with the concerns immediately
- keep any information confidential between you and the person you report this to.

Attempted fraud, bribery and corruption is as serious as the actual acts and will be treated in the same way under this policy.

If you want to know more about the Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy then please ask your Save the Children contact point.

# SAVE THE CHILDREN'S HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY POLICY

## 1. Our values and principles

Save the Children does not allow any partner, supplier, sub-contractor, agent or any individual engaged by Save the Children to engage in human trafficking or modern slavery.

This policy applies to all persons working for us or on our behalf in any capacity, including employees at all levels, directors, officers, agency workers, seconded workers, volunteers, interns, agents, contractors, external consultants, third-party representatives and business partners.

## 2. What is human trafficking and modern slavery?

The Modern Slavery Act (MSA) 2015 covers four activities:

<b>Slavery</b>	Exercising powers of ownership over a person
<b>Servitude</b>	The obligation to provide services is imposed by the use of coercion
<b>Forced or compulsory labour</b>	Work or services are exacted from a person under the menace of any penalty and for which the person has not offered themselves voluntarily
<b>Human trafficking</b>	Arranging or facilitating the travel of another person with a view to their exploitation

Modern slavery, including human trafficking, is a crime and a violation of fundamental human rights. It takes various forms, such as slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking, all of which have in common the deprivation of a person's liberty by another in order to exploit them for personal or commercial gain. We have a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and we are committed to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure modern slavery is not taking place anywhere in our own business or in any of our supply chains.

We are also committed to ensuring there is transparency in our own business and in our approach to tackling modern slavery throughout our supply chains, consistent with our national and international disclosure obligations, and shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and codes from time to time in force, including:

- UK Modern Slavery Act 2015 (see above);
- US Trafficking Victims Protection Act 2000;
- USAID ADS 303 Mandatory Standard Provision, Trafficking in Persons (July 2015); and
- International Labour Standards on Child Labour and Forced Labour.

## 3. Our approach to preventing human trafficking and modern slavery

Save the Children is committed to preventing human trafficking and modern slavery, including through the following means:

**Awareness:** Ensuring that all staff and those who work with Save the Children are aware of the problem of human trafficking and modern slavery.

**Prevention:** Ensuring, through awareness and good practice, that staff and those who work with Save the Children minimise the risks of human trafficking and modern slavery.

**Reporting:** Ensuring that all staff and those who work with Save the Children are clear on what steps to take where concerns arise regarding allegations of human trafficking and modern slavery.

**Responding:** Ensuring that action is taken to identify and address cases of human trafficking and modern slavery.

To help you identify cases of human trafficking and modern slavery, the following are examples of prohibited categories of behaviour:

- a. **'chattel slavery'**, in which one person owns another person.
- b. **'Bonded labour' or 'debt bondage'**, which is when a person's work is the security for a debt – effectively the person is on 'a long lease' which they cannot bring to an end, and so cannot leave their 'employer'. Often the conditions of employment can be such that the labourer can't pay off their debt and is stuck for life, because of low wages, deductions for food and lodging, and high interest rates.
- c. **'Serfdom'**, which is when a person has to live and work for another on the other's land.
- d. **Other forms of forced labour**, such as when passports are confiscated (sometimes by unscrupulous recruitment agencies) from migrant workers to keep them in bondage, or when a worker is 'kept in captivity' as a domestic servant. If a supplier or contractor appears to impose excessively harsh working conditions, or excessively poor wages, then you should always be alive to the possibility that a form of forced labour is occurring, and take care with your due diligence.
- e. **'Child slavery'**, which is the transfer of a young person (under 18) to another person so that the young person can be exploited. Child labour may, in fact, be a form of child slavery, and should not be tolerated. See the Save the Children Child Safeguarding Policy for further details.
- f. **'Marital and sexual slavery'**, including forced marriage, the purchase of women for marriage, forced prostitution, or other sexual exploitation of individuals through the use or threat of force or other penalty.

#### 4. The commitment we expect from commercial partners

We expect the same high standards from all of our contractors, suppliers and other business partners, and as part of our contracting processes, we may include specific prohibitions against the use of forced, compulsory or trafficked labour, or anyone held in slavery or servitude, whether adults or children, and we expect that our suppliers will hold their own suppliers to the same high standards.

*Please contact your Save the Children representative if you have further questions.*

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR IAPG AGENCIES AND SUPPLIERS

Suppliers and manufacturers to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) should be aware of the Code of Conduct initiatives that the Inter-Agency Procurement Group (IAPG) support. This information is to advise you, our suppliers, of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) element in our supplier relationships.

- Goods and services purchased are produced and developed under conditions that do not involve the abuse or exploitation of any persons.
- Goods produced and delivered by organisations subscribe to no exploitation of children
- Goods produced and manufactured have the least impact on the environment

### Code of Conduct for Suppliers:

Goods and services are produced and delivered under conditions where:

- Employment is freely chosen
- The rights of staff to freedom of association and collective bargaining are respected.
- Living wages are paid
- There is no exploitation of children
- Working conditions are safe and hygienic
- Working hours are not excessive
- No discrimination is practiced
- Regular employment is provided
- No harsh or inhumane treatment of staff is allowed.

### Environmental Standards:

Suppliers should as a minimum comply with all statutory and other legal requirements relating to environmental impacts of their business. Areas to be considered are:

- Waste Management
- Packaging and Paper
- Conservation
- Energy Use
- Sustainability

### Business Behaviour:

IAPG members will seek alternative sources where the conduct of suppliers demonstrably violates anyone's basic human rights, and there is no willingness to address the situation within a reasonable timeframe.

IAPG members will seek alternative sources where companies in the supply chain are involved in the manufacture of arms or the sale of arms to governments which systematically violate the human rights of their citizens.

### Qualifications to the statement

Where speed of deployment is essential in saving lives, IAPG members will purchase necessary goods and services from the most appropriate available source.

### Disclaimer

This Code of Conduct does not supersede IAPG Members' individual Codes of Conduct. Suppliers are recommended to check the Agencies' own websites.