

SAVE THE CHILDRENS ANTI BRIBERY & CORRUPTION POLICY

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 behave in a corrupt manner while carrying out Save the Children's work.

What we do

Save the Children is committed to preventing acts of 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 bribery and corruption.

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

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

To help you identify cases of bribery and corruption, behaviour which amounts to corruption includes but is not limited to:

- 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.

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 corruption. Furthermore, you must immediately report any suspicion of bribery or corruption to the Save the Children senior management team or Country Director and not to anyone else. 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
- encourage your own staff to report on bribery and corruption
- contact the Save the Children senior management team or Country Director with your concerns immediately (or their senior manager if necessary)
- keep any information confidential to you and the manager.

Attempted 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 Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy then please contact your Save the Children representative.



SAVE THE CHILDREN'S ANTI-HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING POLICY

1. Our values and principles

Save the Children's Anti-harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Policy expresses our commitment to maintain a workplace that is free of harassment, so that all those who work for Save the Children can feel safe and happy. We will not tolerate anyone harassing, intimidating, or bullying others in the workplace. We also prohibit wilful discrimination based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race (including colour, nationality or ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, age, disability and other aspects of identity. Save the Children expects the same standards to be applied by partners, contractors and supplier and all third parties associated with our work.

Save the Children takes a zero tolerance approach to any form of Harassment, Sexual Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (as those terms are defined in this policy) in and outside of the workplace, including sexual exploitation and abuse and any conduct that is discriminatory or disrespectful toward others. This includes on Save the Children premises, in the communities in which we work or elsewhere, and whether during or outside of working hours.

All adults have the equal right to protection regardless of any personal characteristic, including their sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race (including colour, nationality or ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, age, disability. Save the Children does not tolerate any action that violates a person's dignity or creates an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment.

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, suppliers and business partners. It applies during or outside of working hours, every day of the year.

1. What is Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying?

Definitions of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Word/Term	Definition
<i>Harassment</i>	Harassment consists of unwanted conduct, whether verbal, physical or visual, which is related to a person's sex, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, race (including colour, nationality or ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, age or disability with the purpose or effect of violating the dignity of a person or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment. Such conduct may take place on a single occasion or on several occasions.
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<i>Sexual Harassment</i>	<p>Sexual Harassment consists of unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, which has the purpose or effect of violating the dignity of a person or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment. Such conduct may take place on a single occasion or on several occasions.</p> <p>Sexual Harassment may take the form of unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct directed at a person or group of persons, which may include - but is not limited to - the following:</p>

	<p>(a) unwanted physical contact, ranging from touching to sexual assault and rape;</p> <p>(b) verbal forms of sexual harassment including unwelcome sexual innuendoes, suggestions and hints, sexual advances, comments with sexual overtones, sex-related jokes or insults, comments about a person's body or enquiries about a person's sex life or sexual orientation;</p> <p>(c) non-verbal forms of sexual harassment including unwelcome gestures, whistling, indecent exposure or the unwelcome display of sexually explicit pictures or objects;</p> <p>d) unwanted messages of a sexual nature that are sent via email, SMS, skype, voice messages and other electronic means, whether using Save the Children IT/devices or personal mobiles/equipment; or</p> <p>(e) harassment of a sexual nature that is linked to recruitment/employment opportunities, promotion, training or development opportunities or the offer of salary increments or other employee or worker benefits in exchange for sexual favours.</p>
<i>Intimidation</i>	<p>Intimidation is the unreasonable use of status or authority to require or coerce an individual to perform an action or task, which the individual knows to be inappropriate and/or disrespectful, illegal, or in direct conflict with Save the Children policy or procedure.</p>
<i>Bullying</i>	<p>Bullying is any repeated offensive, abusive, intimidating, malicious or insulting behaviour which: (i) makes the recipient feel upset, threatened, humiliated or vulnerable or undermines their self-confidence or causes them to suffer stress or feel upset; and (ii) a reasonable observer would identify as amounting to bullying behaviour.</p>
<i>Sexual Exploitation</i>	<p>Any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, trust, or dependency, for sexual or sexualised purposes. This includes the offer or promise of monetary, social, political benefits as an incentive or form of coercion.</p>
<i>Sexual Abuse</i>	<p>The threatened or actual physical intrusion of a sexual or sexualised nature, including inappropriate touching, by force or under unequal or coercive conditions, sexual assault and rape. It may also include threatened or actual non-physical intrusion (unwanted and/or uninvited exposure to pornography, texts, images, and so on, the sharing of images, texts and so on, demands for sexualised photographs etc.).</p>
<i>Discriminatory and disrespectful behaviour</i>	<p>Other forms of harassment [that] may relate to a person's gender, marital status, race (including colour, nationality or ethnic or national</p>



	origin), religion or belief, age or disability and may involve bullying or intimidation or both.
Zero Tolerance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Save the Children, we have a culture of <u>zero tolerance</u> for all forms of abuse and mistreatment, including Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. • This means that every single concern is fully responded to and where necessary prompt action (including conducting an investigation and taking disciplinary action, if applicable) is taken. • It means that we will hold our people to account against the same standards and subject them to the same processes, as everyone else regardless of their position or reputation within the organization.

Save the Children is committed to ensuring there is transparency in our own business and in our approach to preventing and responding to any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying against adults throughout our supply chains, and relationship with third parties. In addition we are committed to ensuring our approach is 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 all relevant UK laws related to protection from harassment, intimidation, bullying, and applicable laws in the countries where Save the Children operates

Where the guidance in this policy conflicts with any applicable laws or regulations, the higher standard must be observed at all times.

3. ***Our approach to anti-harassment, intimidation and bullying***

Save the Children is committed to preventing all forms of harassment, intimidation and bullying through the following means:

Awareness: Ensuring that all staff, representatives and third parties connected to Save the Children are aware of the high standards of behaviour and conduct expected of them to prevent any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying in the workplace.

Prevention: Promoting a safe and healthy working environment by applying all relevant policies and mechanisms to ensure that staff and those who work with Save the Children understand and minimise the risks of any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying.

Reporting: Ensuring that all staff and those who work with Save the Children are clear on what steps to take where suspicions or concerns arise regarding allegations of any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying in the workplace.

Responding: Ensuring that immediate action is taken to identify and address reports of any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying in the workplace and ensure the safety and well-being of the survivor/victim.

4. ***The commitment we expect from you***

Save the Children expects the same high standards from all of our partners, contractors, suppliers and all third parties working with or for Save the Children, including taking measures to provide a safe and healthy working environment including protection from bullying and harassment at work.

You must have a zero-tolerance policy on any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying in the workplace and take all measures available to you to prevent and respond to any actual, attempted or threatened harassment, intimidation and bullying involving Save the Children staff or representatives, or your organisation's employees or representatives that arises during performance of the terms of this Agreement.

- a) You must ensure that your staff members and those working with Save the Children under your control are fully aware of this policy and encourage them to report incidents of suspected, or actual, harassment, intimidation or bullying involving Save the Children staff or representatives, or your organisation's employees or representatives that arises during performance of the terms of this Agreement.
- b) You must **immediately report** any suspicion or incident of harassment, intimidation or bullying occurring in Save the Children, your organisation or sub-contractor in relation to your business partnership with Save the Children. Failure to report will be treated as serious and may result in termination of any agreement with Save the Children.
- c) When you or any staff working for Save the Children under your control suspect or become aware of a harassment, intimidation or bullying concern in relation to work for Save the Children, you are obliged to:-
 - Act quickly and immediately report suspicions or knowledge of any harassment, intimidation or bullying concern or incident to a relevant contact at Save the Children (which could include the Save the Children Country Director / Regional Director).
 - Keep any information confidential between you and the person you report this to.
- d) You will cooperate with Save the Children in any investigations of concerns reported under this Agreement, and keep Save the Children promptly updated on any concerns reported under this Agreement, including but not limited to actions taken by you in response.

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



SAVE THE CHILDRENS 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. Child abuse is never acceptable.

It is expected that all who work with Save the Children are committed to safeguard children whom they are in contact with.

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 the behaviour by a representative of Save the Children which are 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 abusive in any way or may place a child at risk of abuse.
5. Using language, making suggestions or offering advice which is inappropriate, offensive or abusive.
6. Behaving physically in a manner which is inappropriate or sexually provocative.
7. 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.
8. Doing things for children of a personal nature that they can do themselves.
9. Condoning, or participating in, behaviour of children which is illegal, unsafe or abusive.
10. Acting in ways intended to shame, humiliate, belittle or degrade children, or otherwise perpetrate any form of emotional abuse.

11. Discriminating against, showing unfair differential treatment or favour to particular children to the exclusion of others.
12. Spending excessive time alone with children away from others.
13. 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 manager with your concerns immediately (or their senior manager if necessary)
- keep any information confidential to you and the manager.

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

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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 the behaviour by a representative of Save the Children which are prohibited. These include but are not limited to:

14. Hitting or otherwise physically assaulting or physically abusing children.
15. 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.
16. Developing relationships with children which could in any way be deemed exploitative or abusive.
17. Acting in ways that may be abusive in any way or may place a child at risk of abuse.
18. Using language, making suggestions or offering advice which is inappropriate, offensive or abusive.
19. Behaving physically in a manner which is inappropriate or sexually provocative.
20. 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.
21. Doing things for children of a personal nature that they can do themselves.
22. Condoning, or participating in, behaviour of children which is illegal, unsafe or abusive.
23. Acting in ways intended to shame, humiliate, belittle or degrade children, or otherwise perpetrate any form of emotional abuse.
24. Discriminating against, showing unfair differential treatment or favour to particular children to the exclusion of others.
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- act quickly and get help
- support and respect the child
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- contact your Save the Children manager with your concerns immediately (or their senior manager if necessary)
- keep any information confidential to you and the manager.



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



SAVE THE CHILDRENS HUMAN TRAFFICKING & 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:

Slavery	Exercising powers of ownership over a person
Servitude	The obligation to provide services is imposed by the use of coercion
Forced or compulsory labour	Work or services are exacted from a person under the menace of any penalty and for which the person has not offered themselves voluntarily
Human trafficking	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 & 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.

APPENDIX 5 - SAVE THE CHILDREN'S PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (PSEA) POLICY

1. Our values and principles

This policy is concerned with the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) of adults (anyone over the age of 18). This includes direct or indirect beneficiaries of our programming, adults in the wider communities in which we work and those who come into contact with Save the Children or our representatives.

Save the Children has a “Zero Tolerance” approach to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and does not allow any partner, supplier, sub-contractor, agent or any individual engaged by Save the Children to engage in any form of sexual abuse or exploitation against vulnerable or other adults associated with its work. All adults have the equal right to protection regardless of any personal characteristic, including their age, gender, ability, culture, racial origin, religious belief and sexual identity.

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, suppliers and business partners. It applies during or outside of working hours, every day of the year.

2. What is Sexual Exploitation and Abuse?

Sexual Exploitation and Abuse refers to all forms of inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Exchanging money, employment, goods or services for sex, including sexual favours or other forms of humiliating, degrading, or exploitative behaviour;
- Sexual activity with commercial sex workers in countries where Save the Children is delivering programming whether or not prostitution is legal in the host country; and
- Use of a child or adult to procure sex for others.

Definitions of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse:

Sexual Abuse	The threatened or actual physical intrusion of a sexual or sexualised nature, including inappropriate touching, by force or under unequal or coercive conditions, sexual assault and rape. It may also include threatened or actual non-physical intrusion (unwanted and/or uninvited exposure to pornography, texts, images, and so on, the sharing of images, texts and so on, demands for sexualised photographs etc.).
Sexual Exploitation	Any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, trust, or dependency, for sexual or sexualised purposes. This includes the offer or promise of monetary, social, political benefits as an incentive or form of coercion.
Sexual favours	Any sexual or sexualised acts, in exchange for something such as money, goods, services, opportunities and so on. Also includes demands for inappropriate photographs, filming, and exposure to pornography and so on.
Grooming	The cultivation of emotional relationships with those in positions of vulnerability or inequitable power, with the intention of manipulating these relationships into sexualised dynamics in the future

Zero Tolerance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Save the Children, we have a culture of <u>zero tolerance</u> for all forms of abuse and mistreatment, including Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. • This means that every single concern is fully responded to and where necessary prompt action (including conducting an investigation and taking disciplinary action, if applicable) is taken. • It means that we will hold our people to account against the same standards and subject them to the same processes, as everyone else regardless of their position or reputation within the organization.
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Sexual exploitation and abuse are a violation of fundamental human rights. It can also be a criminal act. Save the Children is 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 the exploitation and abuse of adults is not taking place anywhere in our own business or in any of our supply chains or partnerships. Save the Children is committed to ensuring there is transparency in our own business and in our approach to preventing and responding to any safeguarding violations against adults throughout our supply chains, and relationship with third parties. In addition we are committed to ensuring our approach is 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:

- All relevant UK laws related to protection from sexual abuse, violence and harm, and those outlining measures for reporting known or alleged cases of abuse;
- Applicable laws in the countries where Save the Children operates; and
- UN Secretary General's Bulletin: Special Measures for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

Where the guidance in this policy conflicts with any applicable laws or regulations, the higher standard must be observed at all times.

3. Our approach to preventing the abuse and exploitation of adults

Save the Children is committed to preventing the sexual exploitation and abuse of adults, including through the following means:

Awareness: Ensuring that all staff, representatives and third parties connected to Save the Children are aware of the high standards of behaviour and conduct expected of them to protect adults from any form of sexual abuse and exploitation in their private and working lives.

Prevention: Ensuring, through awareness and good practice, that staff and those who work with Save the Children minimise the risks of any form of sexual exploitation and abuse, including but by no means limited to conducting relevant vetting and background checks of staff as part of their recruitment process.

Reporting: Ensuring that all staff and those who work with Save the Children are clear on what steps to take where suspicions or concerns arise regarding allegations of sexual exploitation or abuse of adults in vulnerable populations where we work.

Responding: Ensuring that immediate action is taken to identify and address reports of sexual exploitation and abuse and ensure the safety and well-being of the person being sexually exploited or abused.

To help you identify SEA incidents the following are examples of prohibited behaviour:

- a. Engaging in relationships, which could be an abuse of trust, are abusive and/or exploitative.
- b. Your employees engaging in commercial sexual exploitation of a person, for example a hotel employee facilitating sexual abuse by hotel guests.
- c. Sexual assault.
- d. Forcing sex or someone to have sex with anyone.
- e. Forcing a person to engage in prostitution or production of pornography.
- f. Unwanted touching of a sexual nature.

4. The commitment we expect from you

Save the Children expects the same high standards from all of our partners, contractors, suppliers and all third parties working with or for Save the Children, including taking measures to prohibit their staff and representatives from engaging in any sexual exploitation and abuse in their working and person lives.

- a) You must have a zero-tolerance policy on SEA and take all measures available to you to prevent and respond to any actual, attempted or threatened of sexual exploitation or abuse involving Save the Children staff or representatives, or your organisation's employees or representatives that arises during performance of the terms of this Agreement.
- b) You must ensure that your staff members and those working with Save the Children under your control are fully aware of this policy and encourage them to report incidents of suspected, or actual, concerns of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse involving Save the Children staff or representatives, or your organisation's employees or representatives that arises during performance of the terms of this Agreement.
- c) You must **immediately report** any suspicion or incident of sexual exploitation or abuse occurring in Save the Children, your organisation or sub-contractor in relation to your business partnership with Save the Children. Failure to report will be treated as serious and may result in termination of any agreement with Save the Children.
- d) When you or any staff working for Save the Children under your control suspect or become aware of a safeguarding concern in relation to work for Save the Children, you are obliged to:-
 - o Act quickly and immediately report suspicions or knowledge of a safeguarding concern or incident to a relevant contact at Save the Children (which could include the PSEA Focal Point, the Save the Children Country Director / Regional Director).
 - o Keep any information confidential between you and the person you report this to.
- e) You will cooperate with Save the Children in any investigations of concerns reported under this Agreement, and keep Save the Children promptly updated on any concerns reported under this Agreement, including but not limited to actions taken by you in response.



SAVE THE CHILDREN SUPPLIER SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

PART 1 - INTRODUCTION

SAVE THE CHILDREN'S VALUES: Save the Children's vision is a "world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation". Our values are *creativity, accountability, integrity, collaboration and ambition*. These serve as overarching values to which suppliers of goods and services to Save the Children are expected to adhere.

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- 7.1.6 *Should* respect the rights and title to property / land of the individual, indigenous people and local communities. All negotiations regarding their property or land must adhere to the principles of free, prior and informed consent, contract transparency and disclosure.

7.2 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

- 7.2.1 *Should* respect the rights, cultures, and beliefs of indigenous people, and treat them in a culturally appropriate manner.
- 7.2.2 *Should* avoid activity that may have an adverse impact on the indigenous population.

7.3 CULTURAL HERITAGE

- 7.3.1 *Should* recognise and respect the importance of physical and non-physical cultural heritage in the community.

PART 6 – WHISTLEBLOWING / CONTACT US

- Save the Children commits to fair and transparent processes. Concerns should be submitted using the email addresses listed below. All issues will be reviewed and investigated discretely and appropriately.
 - Safeguarding: safeguarding@savethechildren.org
 - Whistleblowing: whistleblowing@savethechildren.org
 - Fraud: scifraud@savethechildren.org
 - Procurement Process / General: procurement@savethechildren.org

