

Children in Crossfire Safeguarding Statement

Children in Crossfire is committed to doing all in its power to ensure that every child and vulnerable adult associated with our partners and projects in Ireland, UK, Tanzania and Ethiopia and staff, volunteers and external bodies i.e. partners, contractors or consultants working jointly with Children in Crossfire is accessing a safe environment free from abuse and/or exploitation. We exercise our responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all those listed above through a commitment to the implementation of rigorous policies, codes of behaviour and implementation procedures. We are also committed to actively building the capacity of our international partners to develop appropriate policies and procedures to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse or sexual exploitation.

- **We are committed to placing the victim/survivor at the centre of implementing all policies, practices and procedures, ensuring the protection of victims/survivors and their families against stigmatisation and further risk.**
- **We are committed to a zero-tolerance approach to misconduct breaching our policies, codes and procedures: including abuse, sexual misconduct, intimidation and other acts.**

Our approach to Safeguarding work is guided by a number of key international principles and standards:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR);
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC);
- UN Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW);
- and in the national laws of the countries in which Children in Crossfire works.

We also aim to uphold:

- the six core principles adopted in 2002 by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Force on Prevention and Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (2002);
- the principles of the United Nations Secretary General's Bulletin on Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (2003);
- the Key Pillars of Prevention and Response outlined in the OECD DAC Recommendation on Ending Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment in Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Assistance (2019);
- the commitments outlined in the BOND UK 'Approach to tackling sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment in the aid sector' (2018);
- the principles outlined in the Dóchas Safeguarding Leadership Charter (2019).

We fully endorse all of the above principle, commitments and standards, and will continue to draw upon these to strengthen all of our policies and procedures.

