

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

EWB-DK and its members commits themselves to a policy of zero tolerance with regard to any abuse of children and or vulnerable adults, including sexual abuse. All EWB-DK activities and projects will adhere to this policy.

Children due to their vulnerable situation (age and social vulnerability/poverty) who come into contact with our organization must be safeguarded to the maximum possible extent from deliberate or inadvertent actions and lack of due care and diligence that place them at risk of child abuse, sexual exploitation, injury and any other harm. This responsibility falls upon all EWB-DK's volunteers, staff and representatives crosscutting all of EWB-DK activities. This duty of care is enshrined in our Child Safeguarding Policy.

Recruitment and selection procedures include systematic statutory checks for candidate volunteers or staff to work with children and/or vulnerable adults. If the position includes participation in a EWB-DK activity directed specifically at an activity targeting children a personal child certificate will be a requisite for project participation.

Child safeguarding is a term, which is broader than 'child protection' and relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and is encompassing:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's health and development
- ensuring children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children have the best outcomes in the circumstances available

When EWB-DK works together with partners working with children or other vulnerable groups, we commit ourselves to always act in the best interests of the children and ensure partners take all reasonable steps to prevent harm to them. (Partners are, e.g., NGOs, authorities, private sector, charities and public-sector providers of rehabilitation, education, daycare and other services. The list is not exhaustive).

When our representatives, volunteers, staffs etc. meet with children and other vulnerable groups the principles always apply including with regard to the use of images, interviews, video and other recording materials.

Safeguarding procedures are to be applied for all activities involving vulnerable groups - including use of images, interviews, video and other recording materials whilst with our organization and our partners.

Having safeguards in place are not always enough to protect and promote the welfare

of children but need be combined with reporting procedures.

Reporting procedure: If actions of child abuse or endangerment are committed or detected within any EWB-DK activity the event must be reported as soon as possible to EWB-DK secretariat, which will inform the EWB-DK Board of directors accordingly.

Procedure for helping victims: According to EWB-DKs professional liability insurance, EWB-DK holds the responsibility of correcting and assisting any victims of any wrongdoing, which EWB DK can be held juridical accountable of.

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