

Child Protection: Standards for Project Partners

The highest child protection risks in Childaid Network's work are for the children in our projects. Therefore, Childaid Network requires all local project partners to have their own child protection strategy by contract. If the local partners do not have a strategy or do not have a complete one, Childaid Network supports them in developing and implementing their child protection strategy, e.g. with advice from external specialists and training for staff.

The Child Protection Strategy

1. The project partners are requested to develop and implement a viable child protection strategy with all necessary instruments (at least: risk analysis, voluntary commitment for employees, volunteers and contractual partners (Code of Conduct, CoC), case management) within the project period or to present the existing child protection strategy with the above-mentioned elements and their implementation, and to supplement it if necessary.
2. The partners ensure that the Code of Conduct (CoC) is known, understood and signed by all employees, volunteers, consultants and visitors who have or may have contact with children in the projects.
3. In addition, reporting options for suspected cases must be available and made available to all target group members, especially children and all project participants.
4. The status of the development and implementation of such a strategy is regularly communicated to Childaid Network in the annual reports. If the partners do not have a child protection strategy with all the necessary tools by the end of the project, Childaid Network will not conclude any further project agreement with this partner.
5. A budget for training or consulting to develop such a strategy is provided by Childaid Network.
6. Any changes to the child protection strategy already submitted must be made available to Childaid Network.

Procedure in case of rule violations and in suspected cases (case management)

The principle applies: the dignity, protection and well-being of the child or children concerned are the focus. If any kind of violence against children is suspected, the partners take the following measures:

0. Contact between the potential victim and the suspected person is immediately stopped.
0. Any suspicion will be investigated and clarified as quickly and thoroughly as possible in accordance with the guidelines of our own child protection strategy.
0. If necessary, support can be requested from Childaid Network, e.g. covering the costs of counseling by a regional specialist.
0. All those directly involved in the case and its processing are regularly, transparently and objectively informed about the status of case management.
0. Childaid Network's Child Protection Officer will be informed about an investigation before any information is made public, e.g. before publication in the media, so that the partner can receive support.
0. Once the investigation is complete, Childaid Network will be informed of the results anonymously.

violations of rules by Childaid Network representatives

0. The partners are hereby informed that all employees, visitors and contractual partners of Childaid Network have signed the Childaid Network Commitment.
0. Violations of these rules by employees, visitors or contractual partners of Childaid Network that are observed by employees of the project partner or by target group members must be reported immediately to Childaid's child protection officer at childprotection@childaid.net.

duration of the agreement

0. This Agreement is effective from the date of signature by the parties and will remain in effect until Childaid Network confirms that all obligations of the Project Partners to Childaid Network have been fulfilled and all invoices with Childaid Network and between the parties related to the Project have been settled.

