

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

At Charity Challenge, we believe that travel and tourism play an important role in protecting children's rights everywhere. It is inevitable that you will meet children when trekking or cycling through communities and certainly on a community challenge. Children are curious and will often want to with you. All of these experiences are great and can part of a cultural exchange.

To protect the rights of children we have created a code of conduct based on the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, Article 2.3. Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, adopted in 1999 by the General Assembly of the UNWTO, that explicitly states that "the exploitation of human beings in any form, particularly sexual, especially when applied to children, conflicts with the fundamental aims of tourism".

Code of conduct

We commit to across all of our activities and partnerships to:

- Condemn the exploitation of children, a fundamental abuse of a child's human rights and dignity, and we reserve the right to immediately terminate business with any person or company that is engaged or associated with any form of exploitation.

Children play an active part of the communities we will be interacting with during our challenges, although we don't include any itinerary with a direct activity involving children; we visit some local projects in some destinations likewise, children will be playing outside of their homes, walking to school and approaching to the tourist as part of the cultural exchange and aim to discover.

We have created a basic code of conduct, to outline appropriate standards of behaviours for all our participants and leaders. This will protect our participants by avoiding allegations being made, and also will protect children by reducing any opportunity for harm to appear.

Code of Conduct

DO

- Treat children and young people with respect, listening and valuing their ideas and opinion.
- Report any violation of these standards of behaviour.
- Be visible and not be or/and walk alone with the children.
- Seek informed consent from the child and his/her parents or guardian prior to recording, or a photograph being taken.
- Explain how and where this material will be used.

DO NOT

- Seek to use children in any way to meet adult needs.
- Use prejudice, oppressive behaviour or language with children.
- Give gifts or show favouritism.
- Take a child in any form of transport without agreement by their parents or guardian.
- Use the child's name on any social networking sites, webpage or printed materials. This is for the child's protection and names may be changed, this change must be indicated.
- Post or publish photographs or videos of individual children that might lead to that child being identified or put at risk.
- Take images that could be perceived as sexually provocative or degrading.



If you see it happening or find a situation uncomfortable please notify your leader, do not take any further action yourself.

What to do if you suspect of a child being sexually abused or exploited in any way:

Please report this matter immediately to your Challenge leader in destination or if unsure, to our operations team at challenges@charitychallenge.com, so we will be able to assist for this issue being reported to the relevant authorities. Alternatively, you can find a list of authorities where you can report children abuse at the following link here