

Foundation module 3

Programme design

Section 3 Child rights situation analysis

Handout 1



The Red Cross and NGO code of conduct

The key document that all staff working on humanitarian issues should be familiar with is the **Red Cross and NGO code of conduct**. The code of conduct lists 10 principles that apply to all aspects of our work.

The 10 principles are:

- 1 The humanitarian imperative comes first.
- 2 Aid is given regardless of the race, creed or nationality of the recipients and without adverse distinction of any kind. Aid priorities are calculated on the basis of need alone.
- 3 Aid will not be used to further a particular political or religious standpoint.
- 4 We shall endeavour not to act as instruments of government foreign policy.
- 5 We shall respect culture and custom.
- 6 We shall attempt to build disaster response on local capacities.
- 7 Ways shall be found to involve programme beneficiaries in the management of relief aid.
- 8 Relief aid must strive to reduce future vulnerabilities to disaster as well as meeting basic needs.
- 9 We hold ourselves accountable to both those we seek to assist and those from whom we accept resources.
- 10 In our information, publicity and advertising activities, we shall recognise disaster victims as dignified humans, not hopeless objects.

More detailed information and translations are available on this link:

<http://www.icrc.org/web/eng/siteeng0.nsf/htmlall/code-of-conduct-290296>

