

## Statement Regarding Safeguarding Children and Young People

Name: .....

Date of birth: .....

Travel destination: .....

Travel period: .....

### **Safeguarding Children and Young People**

Plan International realizes that violence against children and young people occurs in every community throughout the world. Violence against children includes physical and psychological violence, injury and abuse, neglect or negligent behaviour, mistreatment and sexual abuse. In addition, children and young people may be particularly vulnerable and be at risk because of, for instance, their gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, disability, age or illness. Plan International is determined to end violence against children and is conscious of the obligation we have to promote gender-sensitive protection of children and young people, especially those children and young people with whom we work or have contact.

The objective of the Global Policy on Safeguarding Children and Young People is to guarantee that:

- all of the people working for and with us and on our behalf have the necessary skills, the necessary self-confidence and understanding, and the necessary support to fulfil their responsibility to protect children and young people against violence, and that they will deal with children and young people in a positive manner which helps to accomplish our objective;
- we apply the necessary procedures to prevent and monitor actions/behaviour by our employees, partners or persons travelling with or for Plan Nederland or by ourselves as an organization which may give rise to violence against a child or young person and/or which will result in children or young people being exposed to a risk of violence;
- the children and young people with whom we work are aware of our duty to prevent any wrong which might be done to them by or because of the actions or behaviour of our employees, our partners, or persons travelling with or for Plan Nederland;
- a response is provided to wrongs which do, however, occur. The children and young people must know which channels exist to report these types of incidents.

Plan applies the rules laid down in the 'Code of Conduct on Safeguarding Children and Young People', so as to prevent children and young people from becoming victims of abuse, mistreatment or improper conduct. The Code of Conduct on Safeguarding Children and Young People applies to anyone working at, with or for Plan Nederland or directly involved in it, including staff, suppliers, sponsors, donors, and members of the Supervisory Council and Advisory Council.

**Statement**

I will be travelling with Plan and will be visiting one or more Plan communities during this trip. In light of the foregoing, I hereby state the following:

- I have received and read the Code of Conduct on Safeguarding Children and Young People.
- My involvement in Plan's work is based on my/our conviction that all children and young people are entitled to protection against exploitation, abuse and mistreatment.
- My visit will not last longer than one day. If multiple Plan communities are visited during the trip, my visit to each separate Plan community will not last longer than one day.
- During the visit, I will be supervised by one or more Plan employees, to ensure that communication goes as smoothly as possible, to explain the local customs and to provide answers to my/our questions.
- I will only invite the children and young people from the Plan community to activities outside their community if I have been given explicit permission by the parents or caretakers and if this occurs under the supervision of an adult family member *and* a Plan employee.
- I will not exchange addresses (including e-mail addresses) or other contact information with children or young people from the Plan community.
- I will not invite the child or young person or his/her family members to visit the Netherlands.
- I will not offer or promise additional financial support to the child or young person that I sponsor or his/her family members.

The children and young people themselves and their parents or caretakers must give approval for the publication of visual materials relating to the visit on websites or other forms of publication.

Date: .....

Signed at: .....

Signature: .....