



CHILD PROTECTION CHARTER

HOPE DAY CAMEROON ORGANIZATION



Preamble

Hope Day Cameroon places the child at the center of all its actions. We recognize that every child has the right to protection, respect for their dignity, and active participation in the programs that concern them. This charter formalizes the commitments of all members, employees, volunteers, and partners of the association to guarantee the well-being, safety, and confidentiality of the beneficiary children.

Article 1 : Fundamental Principle – Best Interests of the Child

Paragraph 1.1 – All decisions and actions carried out by Hope Day Cameroon must prioritize the best interests of the child, in accordance with international standards.

Paragraph 1.2 – Activities, projects, and interventions must aim for the harmonious development, fulfillment, and safety of children.

Article 2 : Definition

Paragraph 2.1 – Child: Any human being under the age of eighteen (18) is considered a child, unless majority is reached earlier under applicable national legislation.

Paragraph 2.2 – Member: Any person who has formally joined the association and participates in its activities under its statutes and regulations.

Paragraph 2.3 – Partner: Any organization or public, private, or associative institution collaborating with the association within the framework of specific projects, actions, or support.

Paragraph 2.4 – Volunteer: Any person who freely commits, without financial compensation, to provide their time, skills, or energy to support the activities of the association.

Paragraph 2.5 – Collaborator: Any person working with or for the association, in a paid or contractual manner, in the execution of specific missions.

Paragraph 2.6 – Beneficiary: Any person or organization that directly or indirectly receives the services, support, programs, or protection implemented by the association.

Article 3 : Respect for the Dignity and Rights of the Child

Paragraph 3.1 – Every child is recognized as a person in their own right, with rights and opinions to be respected.

Paragraph 3.2 – No discrimination based on age, gender, religion, social origin, or disability is tolerated.

Paragraph 3.3 – Any act of abuse, exploitation, violence, or harassment towards a child is strictly prohibited and will be sanctioned

Article 4 : Confidentiality, Data Protection, and Use of Images

Paragraph 4.1 – Personal and sensitive information concerning child beneficiaries must be strictly confidential and protected.

Paragraph 4.2 – Any collection, storage, or sharing of data must respect the principles of security and confidentiality, and only take place with the informed consent of the child or their legal representative.

Paragraph 4.3 – Images and photos of children must only be used in the specific context for which they were taken.

Paragraph 4.4 – The association and its partners may only use images of children in their communications with the explicit authorization of the children's legal guardians.

Paragraph 4.5 – The use of images showing children individually is discouraged for protection reasons ; it is recommended to prioritize group photos or anonymized representations.

Article 5 : Active Participation of Children

Paragraph 5.1 – Children must be involved in the design and evaluation of programs that concern them, in respect of their age and their capacity to express themselves.

Paragraph 5.2 – Their opinion must be taken into account in decisions that affect their education, well-being, and environment.

Article 6 : Vigilance and Reporting

Paragraph 6.1 – Every member, employee, volunteer, or partner must immediately prevent and report any situation of risk or violation of the rights of the child.

Paragraph 6.2 – Hope Day Cameroon provides a secure and confidential reporting channel to protect children and whistleblowers. (on the contact page of the website www.hope-day.com)

Paragraph 6.3 – Each report received must be the subject of an internal investigation, conducted with impartiality and in respect of the rights of all parties concerned.

Paragraph 6.5 – No form of retaliation will be tolerated against a whistleblower, regardless of their status within or outside the association.

Article 7 : Stakeholder Engagement and Responsibility

Paragraph 7.1 – Every member, employee, volunteer, and partner undertakes to respect this charter and to actively promote the values of protection, dignity, and safety of the child.

Paragraph 7.2 – External partners and donors are also encouraged to integrate these principles into their actions and collaborations with the association.