

Code of Ethics

ASED implements its mission in compliance with the fundamental principles enshrined in its Code of Ethics.

This Code defines the rules according to which ASED will operate and is intended to guarantee that the organization's activities in favour of children and their relatives are conducted to the highest ethical standards, and to ensure that the organization is deserving of the confidence bestowed upon it by private and institutional donors, and its partners.

Founding principles

Art. 1. ASED is a not-for-profit Swiss association for cooperation and development.

Its goal is to offer deprived children and adolescents the means to take responsibility for their own destiny, by facilitating their access to education and high quality training tailored to their environment.

Art. 2. ASED is committed to conducting its activities in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Millennium Development Goals and to promoting them in all its field-based activities.

Art. 3. ASED comes to the assistance of all deprived children and adolescents regardless of religion, ethnicity, race or gender; it is universal, apolitical and secular.

Art. 4. ASED selects its partner organizations in accordance with the current Code.

In the field

Art. 5. ASED requires all its partners to adhere to the current Code.

Art. 6. ASED is committed to implementing projects by local actors that respond to needs in the field.

Art. 7. ASED is committed to collaborating closely with local partners, learning from their expertise and participating in efforts to strengthen their capacity.

Art. 8. ASED is committed to respecting the livelihoods and cultures of the local communities among whom it intervenes, in the spirit of long-term development.

Art. 9. ASED is committed to making every effort to avoid corruption during the conception, implementation and follow-up of its projects.

Finances

Art. 10. ASED is committed to transparency in its management, and to using clear and concrete guidelines and actions.

Art. 11. ASED is committed to putting in place administration that is as light and efficient as possible.

Art. 12. ASED undertakes to maintain proper accounts and to establish annual accounting documents as required by the law, and in compliance with the ZEWO directives.

Art. 13. ASED undertakes to not accept any financial assistance from physical or legal persons whose activities might be in contradiction with the principles contained in the current Code.

Implementation of projects

Art. 14. ASED undertakes to respect the conditions included in the agreements or contracts signed with its donors, and to do the necessary to ensure that its projects are executed in compliance with these agreements, and within the approved budgets.

Art. 15. ASED guarantees to donors to use their funds and to implement projects as far as possible in compliance with the project conditions agreed between the two parties. Any changes resulting from the evolution of the situation will be subject to systematic agreement between the two parties.

Members and donors

Art. 16. ASED undertakes to keep its members, partners and donors regularly apprised of the progress of its projects.

Art. 17. ASED undertakes to ensure the strictest confidentiality of all information relating to its members and donors.

Art.18. ASED undertakes to respect national laws governing the administrative and/or fiscal treatment of donations.

Art. 19. ASED agrees to respect the wishes of those donors who do not wish to receive mail or information relating to ASED activities.