

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

As a short-term mission trip participant serving alongside All God's Children International (AGCI), I understand and agree to the following guidelines for the duration of the mission trip:

1. Do not touch children, including holding or hugging them, without permission. Always obtain instruction from staff on how to touch and interact with children. AGCI wants our groups and visitors to express Christ's love, kindness and compassion to children in culturally and socially acceptable ways.
2. Always ask permission of AGCI staff before taking pictures and videos of others, especially children. Be conscious of taking compromising photographs and videos. Photography of children is not allowed inside Hannah's Hope homes or AGCI partner homes.
3. Never be alone with children. Interact with children only when and where other team members or associates/partners can observe you. Be in the open when with children. Never invite children into your room or into a room alone with you.
4. Our AGCI Vision Trip staff and ministry partners that you will be working with have been instructed not to expose you to situations in which you could be compromised, exploited or open to false accusation. Please give them your full cooperation. Please hold to the same guidelines with people accompanying you.
5. Always report to your leader or a mission representative any discovered, actual or alleged cases of abuse. The source of information may come from children or other workers. Because of the nature of such allegations, share this information only with appropriate persons and no other individuals. Never try to address situations personally but always get an AGCI leader to follow up on any allegations.
6. Do not engage in child disciplinary measures, unless instructed to do so by AGCI staff, and always follow orphanage guidelines and policies regarding interacting with the children.
7. AGCI provides adoption services that at all times keep paramount the best interests of children. AGCI strictly forbids and discourages any practice or procedure related to the sale, exploitation, abduction or trafficking of children. AGCI will not work knowingly with any agency or person whom AGCI has reason to suspect has engaged in or is associated with the exploitation, sale, abduction or trafficking of children. AGCI will make all reasonable inquiries regarding partner agencies and persons. AGCI strictly forbids its own directors, employees and volunteers from engaging in activities that may be construed as connected with child sale or trafficking. If any illegal activity is observed during your time volunteering overseas, please report this to your trip leader immediately.

AGCI requires a CPS (Child Protective Services) check be completed prior to application acceptance. I acknowledge this and allow AGCI to do this background check. AGCI reserves the right to not allow persons to travel on Vision Trips that have a criminal history background.

I agree with the child protection preventive measures stated above. By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that violation of any of these guidelines may result in my being sent home immediately.

PRINTED NAME OF VOLUNTEER

SIGNATURE OF VOLUNTEER

DATE