

## CRINGO Network

# Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for a member of Caucasian NGO Network on refugees, IDPs and persons having a common status

(CRINGO Network)

### Preamble

- We, members of Caucasian NGO Network on refugees, IDPs and persons having the common status, respect merits and cultural differences of all the people and will not tolerate any discrimination based on national, racial, social, gender or religious bias and either cultural or political views.
- We are morally responsible for those whom we work for, and are accountable to those we work with. We act according to the Decree on the General Assembly of Caucasian NGOs, Decree on the Caucasian NGO Network on refugees and IDPs, and Decree on Secretariat of Caucasian NGO Network on refugees and IDPs.
- We commit ourselves to work in cooperation and partnership with persons, organizations, governments and other institutions, which are able to facilitate addressing problems of IDPs, refugees and other persons with common status, to provide assistance in prevention and solution of conflict situations
- We commit ourselves to enhance our organizational base of information, our collective knowledge and systematic experience by way of regular revisions and analysis of our activities and constant raising the level of our professional skills. Moreover, we seek for sharing our knowledge and experience with those persons and organizations it may be useful for, and, in our turn, we learn from attainments and experience of others.
- We plan, elaborate, implement, monitor and assess our activities and programs according to principle of equality
- We display and support justice and fairness in all our activities.
- We are open, transparent, responsible and accountable in our actions to our Network partners, donors and other stakeholders.
- Regularly, we provide the necessary audit and submit financial and other reports to stakeholders and institutions upon their request.
- We will only be involved in those activities which will not damage the interests of our beneficiaries and organizations.
- We encourage the atmosphere of collaboration and joint work.
- We are for harmony, cooperation and team spirit, we advocate Code of Conduct regulations, stated here, as a standard of our relations within and outside the Network.
- We share and exchange relevant to our Mission information, experience and skills.
- We respect and promote internationally approved Human Rights.
- We approve the present Code of Conduct for members of Caucasian NGOs Network on refugees, IDPs and persons with the common status.

Code of Conduct for the Network members

Code of Conduct for NGOs-members of the Network is intended for:

- I. Raising personal responsibility of the organizations which participate solving problems of IDPs, refugees and persons with equal status, during implementation of the Network program objectives,
- II. Ensuring mutual responsibility, honesty and absence of corporate interests among public organizations - members of the Network during implementation of joint projects within the framework of the Network.
- III. NGO - member of the Network commits oneself to secure interests and rights of IDPs, refugees and persons with common status, strictly within the framework of international regulations and national legislation (if the latter exists); it bears moral responsibility before members of the Network for the work being done;
- IV. NGO - member of the Network should be independent and consistent in its activities, it should not secure corporate interests;
- V. In actions under present Decree NGO - member of the Network should be guided by the criteria of justice, humanity, morality and compassion upon its beneficiaries;
- VI. NGO - member of the Network should not use the results of the activities under present Decree to accomplish political goal;
- VII. NGO - member of the Network is not allowed to use (publish) personal information of a beneficiary without written permission of the latter;
- VIII. NGO-member of the Network should develop and enhance partners relations between members of the Network;
- IX. Each NGO-member of the Network should on timely basis respond to all the requests provided by coordinating organs of the Network and its members within the framework of joint activities;
- X. NGO - member of the Network has the right not to publish or provide information about its economical and commercial activities to coordinating organs of the Network;
- XI. NGO - member of the Network has the authority to form sections based on common interests and fields of activity, within the framework of present meeting;
- XII. All the information about the activities of an NGO - member of the Network during implementation of joint projects should be open and transparent for all the Network members.

Ensure high level of integration of efforts of public organizations which address problems of refugees, IDPs and persons with common status; mutual

respect and trustful relations among public organizations participating in various Network programs; transparency and openness of the activities implemented by NGOs - members of the Network; coordination and mutual assistance on behalf of organizations participating in implementation of concrete projects aiming at solution of problems of refugees, IDPs and persons with common status; improvement of professional skills of public organizations - Network members through mutual consultations, providing information about the techniques used to solve concrete problems of refugees, IDPs and persons with common status; organizing public (via Internet) discussions of the results etc.; rendering moral and public assistance on behalf of Network members to any public organization participating in implementation of the meeting programs, regardless its location in the region; elimination of politicization of the activities implemented by public organizations - Network members, aimed at addressing problems of refugees, IDPs and persons with common status.

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