

OUR ETHICS

Below is a list of core ethics and best practices we believe are essential to the operation of high quality, ethical volunteer and sustainable development programs. We believe that all responsible volunteer and sustainable development operations should focus upon these principles. If you are considering volunteering, these are some of the key considerations you should question, to ensure that your time and money contributes towards positive change.

We want to constantly develop our own understanding of ethical best practice. In so doing, we aim to provide an exemplary industry standard for other education institutions, international development organizations, and social enterprises. Our Badge of Ethics stands for the drive to always do good, better. Find out more, click on the Badge below.

OUR 10 ETHICAL COMMITMENTS

LOCALLY DRIVEN, COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

We aim to design all our projects in collaboration with local organizations and communities and ensure that they are locally driven.

CLEAR OBJECTIVES & SUSTAINABLE OUTCOMES

We aim to clearly define short-, mid-, and long-term objectives with sustainable outcomes for all our projects.

IMPACT REPORTING

We aim to track, record, and publish the impact of each of our projects.

WORKING AGAINST DEPENDENCY

We aim to build in-country capacity by assisting local organizations in becoming self-sustaining.

RESPONSIBLE EXIT STRATEGIES

For each local organization we work with, we aim to have a plan in place for withdrawing support responsibly.

CLEAR ROLES & SPECIALIZED TRAINING

We aim to ensure that every participant is assigned a clear role and that they are fully trained and supported to carry out their work by specialized staff.

RESPECT FOR ALL

In all our actions we aim to respect the skills and efforts of all and seek to protect the rights, culture and dignity of everyone who engages with GVI.

LOCAL OWNERSHIP

We work to ensure that credit for the results of any project, along with any data collected, research conducted, or Intellectual Property developed, remains the property of local organizations.

TRANSITIONING FROM THE ORPHANAGE MODEL

We do not condone and aim to withdraw support of orphanages and residential care centers.

CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT POLICIES

We will live by our Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult policies.