



CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY

HOW TO PROTECT CHILDREN'S DIGNITY AND PRIVACY ON MEDIA CHANNELS BASIC GUIDELINES

As an interfaith and child rights-based organisation, we have a moral and legal responsibility to ensure the safety and protection of children, especially those with whom we work or are in contact. This document will guide you on how to keep children safe when using their image, stories or audio in any of the initiatives of Arigatou International.

This document is extracted from the Arigatou International Child Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct and aligned

with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international treaties that aim to protect children.

WHO NEEDS TO APPLY THESE GUIDELINES?

Any person – staff, partner, or volunteer - in any of the Arigatou International Initiatives, that is implementing activities with children or that may share, publish, or produce any photo, audio, video, or message made by children or that depicts children.

WHEN TO USE THESE GUIDELINES?

When implementing and reporting any activity in any of the Arigatou International Initiatives for which a video, photo, or audio of a child is used and where a child appears alone or in a group and their face can be identified.



CONSIDERATIONS, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

When Sharing Images, Audio And Messages

When taking pictures, collecting stories, audios or videos of children and young people below 18 associated with Arigatou International and its initiatives you must:

ALWAYS:

1. **Request permission from the child/ children and from their parents** or legal guardians (check and use the form below) and inform both about the purpose of taking these images and where they will be published. The information can be used only after you have their agreement and they have signed the form.
2. **Ensure** that the use of the images, stories, audios, videos, etc. **does not put the child at risk of being identified or located**. Use the child's first name ONLY. Never share their full name or address and advice children to take the same precautions when they produce resources.
3. **Make sure that the images are respectful** and do not negatively impact the child's dignity and/or privacy

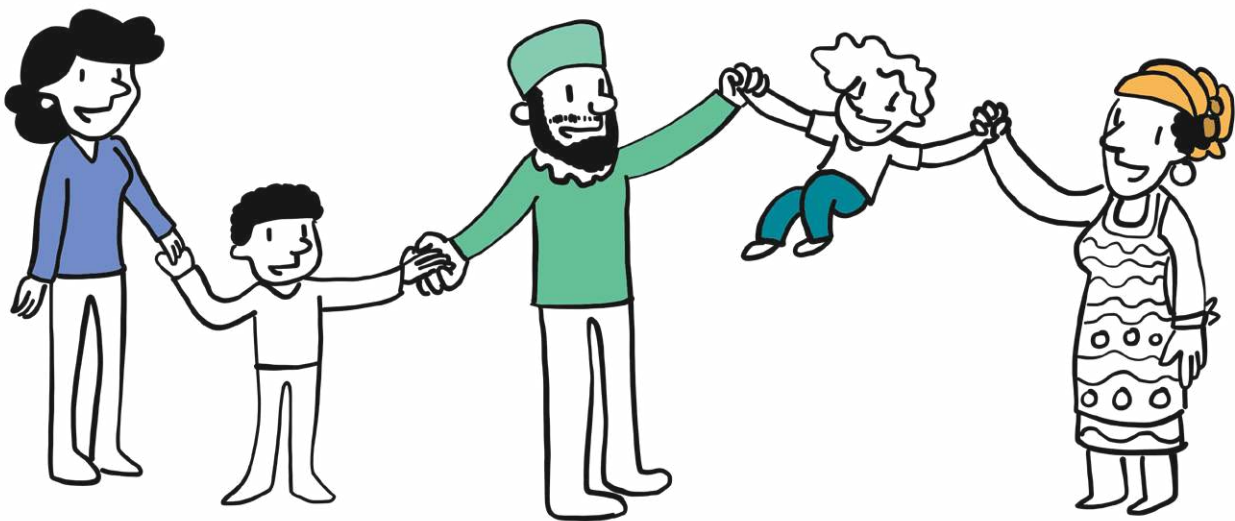


NEVER:

1. **Upload** images, audios, videos, etc. of children associated with Arigatou International or its initiatives **to private social media channels**, documents or presentations.
2. **By signing the Consent Form**, the children and their legal guarding are agreeing that the information can be used **EXCLUSIVELY** within Arigatou International channels.

All necessary steps and actions will be taken to protect children from the misuse of their name, images, messages, and stories in publications, social media or any other channels.

Contact any of the Arigatou International offices or the Child Safeguarding Focal Point for guidance regarding any questions or concerns.



VISIT:

<https://arigatouinternational.org/all-with-children>

To read and download the complete Arigatou International Child Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct and to access the child-friendly version of this policy.

[Or click here](#)



I, _____ (parent/legal guardian), in the quality of parent/legal guardian of _____ (child's name), give my permission for photos, videos, and/or interviews to be recorded of _____ (child's name) during the activities and projects implemented as part of the _____ initiative of Arigatou International.

I, _____ (child's name), am ____ years old and give my permission for photos, videos, and/or interviews to be recorded during the activities and projects implemented as part of the _____ initiative of Arigatou International.

The photos, videos, and/or interviews will be conducted in accordance with UNICEF guidelines for ethical reporting on children and young people under the age of 18 years old. These materials will be the property of Arigatou International and will be used as inputs for the website and social media channels of Arigatou International and its initiatives.

The interviews will always be conducted under adult supervision, and the best interests of the child will be protected above all other considerations, including advocacy for children's issues and the promotion of child rights.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of the child: _____

Date: _____