

# Safeguarding Policy Statement



The purpose of this policy is to set out the responsibilities of Accomplish Children's Trust CIO (ACT) and procedures in place to prevent harm and promote the safety of those with whom we have contact.

Accomplish Children's Trust CIO (ACT) is a UK-based charity (registered in England & Wales 1182573) that partners with locally run projects in rural Africa. Our mission is to transform the lives of children with disabilities in Africa, usually in poor, remote regions. We believe every child should be loved, respected and encouraged to reach their full potential.

We do this in several ways:

- UK-based fundraising
- Awarding grants
- Strategic collaborations and long-term African partnerships
- Communication of news, support actions and prayer needs to our members

ACT is committed to protecting the safety of all children (under 18 year old) and adults with which it has contact. Every child and adult at risk, without exception, has the right to protection from abuse regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality or belief.

As a grant-making organisation, we work with partners in Africa who deliver their programmes to the children. Representatives of ACT do not usually have contact with children except during field visits to our partners. The children with whom our partners work are especially vulnerable due to both their disabilities and that they are usually living in poverty.

All who represent ACT are expected to comply with this policy: trustees, volunteers and supporters who join field visits. It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of every member of our community.

We seek to protect children and adults at risk by:

- Valuing, listening to and respecting everyone
- Appointing a trustee for safeguarding and designated safeguarding lead (DSL)
- Ensuring safe recruitment of trustees, volunteers and supporter on field visits
- Following our policies and procedures and taking any breaches seriously
- Helping our partners to meet minimum child protection standards
- Reviewing this policy regularly (annually as a minimum)
- Recording, storing and using information appropriately, in line with data protection legislation and guidance (see our GDPR policy)