

Core Humanitarian Standards Endorsement



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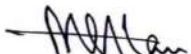
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Introduction

The ARS-BANGLADESH Trust (Center for Law and Policy Affairs) is dedicated to advocating for policies that enhance healthy diets, physical activity, road safety, and air pollution protection. As part of our commitment to ensuring the well-being and development of communities, we have become a signatory to the Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) on Quality and Accountability. This endorsement signifies our dedication to upholding the highest standards in all our operations and advocacy efforts.

Preamble

The Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) provide a framework for humanitarian actors to ensure quality and accountability in their work. By endorsing the CHS, ARS-BANGLADESH Trust commits to integrating these principles into all aspects of our work, thereby enhancing the impact and effectiveness of our efforts to improve public health and safety.

Our endorsement reflects a pledge to adhere to the nine commitments outlined in the CHS. These commitments guide our actions and decisions, ensuring that we remain accountable to the communities we serve and uphold the highest standards of humanitarian practice.

Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) Commitments

1. Humanitarian Assistance is Appropriate and Relevant

ARS-BANGLADESH Trust is committed to providing humanitarian assistance that is based on impartial assessments of needs and context. We ensure that our interventions are tailored to the specific needs of affected populations, taking into account cultural, social, and economic factors. This commitment involves:

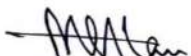
- Conducting thorough needs assessments to identify the most pressing issues in the communities we serve.
- Designing programs that are culturally sensitive and appropriate for the local context.
- Continuously monitoring and evaluating our interventions to ensure they remain relevant and effective.

2. Humanitarian Response is Effective and Timely

Timeliness and effectiveness are crucial in humanitarian response. ARS-BANGLADESH Trust aims to deliver assistance that meets the needs of affected populations promptly. To achieve this, we:

- Develop and implement efficient response plans that prioritize the most urgent needs.
- Allocate resources strategically to maximize impact and reach.
- Establish partnerships with local organizations and stakeholders to enhance the speed and effectiveness of our interventions.

3. Humanitarian Response Strengthens Local Capacities and Avoids Negative Effects


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ARS-BANGLADESH Trust is dedicated to building the capacities of local communities and avoiding any negative impacts of our interventions. We focus on:

- Empowering local organizations and community members through training and capacity-building initiatives.
- Promoting sustainable practices that ensure long-term benefits for the community.
- Conducting regular impact assessments to identify and mitigate any potential negative effects of our programs.

4. Humanitarian Response is Based on Communication, Participation, and Feedback

Effective communication and active participation are essential for successful humanitarian interventions. ARS-BANGLADESH Trust commits to:

- Engaging communities in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of our programs.
- Establishing transparent communication channels to keep communities informed about our activities and progress.
- Soliciting and incorporating feedback from community members to improve our interventions.

5. Complaints are Welcomed and Addressed

A robust complaints mechanism is vital for accountability and continuous improvement. ARS-BANGLADESH Trust ensures that:

- Accessible and confidential channels are available for community members to report complaints.
- All complaints are addressed promptly and thoroughly, with appropriate actions taken.
- The complaints process is transparent, and complainants are kept informed about the progress and outcomes of their cases.

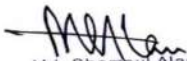
6. Humanitarian Response is Coordinated and Complementary

Coordination with other humanitarian actors and stakeholders is essential to optimize resources and avoid duplication. ARS-BANGLADESH Trust commits to:

- Collaborating with local, national, and international organizations to enhance the effectiveness of our interventions.
- Participating in coordination forums and networks to share information and best practices.
- Ensuring that our activities complement those of other organizations, creating a cohesive and integrated response.

7. Humanitarian Actors Continuously Learn and Improve

Continuous learning and improvement are key to maintaining high standards of humanitarian practice. ARS-BANGLADESH Trust commits to:


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- Investing in ongoing training and professional development for our staff and partners.
- Conducting regular monitoring and evaluation of our programs to identify areas for improvement.
- Implementing lessons learned from past experiences to enhance future interventions.

8. Staff are Supported to Do Their Job Effectively and Treated Fairly and Equitably

The well-being and professional development of our staff are crucial to our success. ARS-BANGLADESH Trust ensures that:

- Staff receive the support and resources they need to perform their roles effectively.
- Fair and equitable treatment is upheld for all employees, regardless of their role or position.
- Opportunities for career growth and development are provided to all staff members.

9. Resources are Managed and Used Responsibly for Their Intended Purpose

Responsible management of resources is fundamental to our accountability and effectiveness. ARS-BANGLADESH Trust commits to:

- Implementing robust financial policies and internal controls to ensure transparency and accountability.
- Conducting regular audits and reviews to monitor the use of resources.
- Ensuring that all resources are used efficiently and for their intended purposes, maximizing their impact.

Implementation and Monitoring

To ensure the effective implementation of the CHS, ARS-BANGLADESH Trust will integrate the CHS principles into our organizational policies, procedures, and practices. Our approach includes the following key elements:

1. Integration into Policies and Procedures

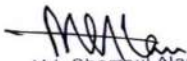
ARS-BANGLADESH Trust will review and update our policies and procedures to align with the CHS commitments. This includes:

- Incorporating CHS principles into our strategic planning and program design processes.
- Revising our code of conduct to reflect our commitment to the CHS.
- Ensuring that all staff, volunteers, and partners are familiar with and adhere to the CHS principles.

2. Training and Capacity Building

Continuous training and capacity building are essential for effective implementation. ARS-BANGLADESH Trust will:

- Provide regular training sessions on the CHS for all staff, volunteers, and partners.


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- Develop training materials and resources that are easily accessible and user-friendly.
- Encourage a culture of continuous learning and professional development.

3. Monitoring and Evaluation

Regular monitoring and evaluation are crucial for assessing our adherence to the CHS and identifying areas for improvement. ARS-BANGLADESH Trust will:

- Establish robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track our progress.
- Conduct regular reviews of our programs and interventions to ensure they align with the CHS commitments.
- Use feedback from community members, staff, and stakeholders to inform our monitoring and evaluation processes.

4. Reporting and Accountability

Transparency and accountability are fundamental to our commitment to the CHS. ARS-BANGLADESH Trust will:

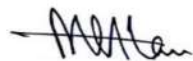
- Report annually on our progress in implementing the CHS commitments.
- Provide regular updates to our stakeholders on our activities and achievements.
- Maintain open and transparent communication channels with our partners and community members.

Conclusion

By endorsing the Core Humanitarian Standards, ARS-BANGLADESH Trust reaffirms its commitment to quality, accountability, and continuous improvement in all our activities. This endorsement will guide our actions and decisions, ensuring that we remain accountable to the communities we serve and uphold the highest standards of humanitarian practice.

Our dedication to the CHS principles will enhance the effectiveness and impact of our efforts to improve public health and safety. By working together with our partners, stakeholders, and communities, we will continue to strive for excellence in all our endeavors, making a positive and lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

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