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## Working with children and youth is a responsible task

- Be care- and respectful.
- Give positive attention, but have a professional educational distance. Find your own balance between closeness and distance.
- Create an atmosphere of trust through consistent interaction with children and young people. Always try to use your authority for the benefit of children and youth instead of causing harm.
- Also, keep in mind that you are strangers in a different culture and respect that.
- The privacy of children and adolescents must be respected. Therefore, always ask for consent before taking photos and videos to publish them.
- Be responsible and reliable in your work with responsible and reliable in your work with the children.
- Use appropriate language and set a positive example in your behavior (no alcohol and no smoking in the presence of children).
- Generally have a positive attitude, be joyful and well-balanced.
- Show interest and understanding for the children and local staff. Be open to their thoughts, ideas, and feelings.
- Try to support each child according to their abilities and keep in mind that you treat every child equally/do not neglect any child.
- There are rights of children! The United Nation's children's right conversation of 1989 has definded the following 10 basic rights for children and youth:
  - 1. The right to equal treatment and protection against discrimination irrespective of race, religion, origin and sex.
  - 2. The right to a name and nationality.
  - 3. The right to health.
  - 4. The right to education and training.
  - 5. The right to leisure, play and recreation.
  - 6. The right to be informed, to communicate, to be heard and to assemble.
  - 7. The right to privacy and education in the spirit of equality and peace.
  - 8. The right to immediate assistance in the event of disasters and emergencies and to protection from cruelty, neglect, exploitation and persecution.
  - 9. The right to a family, parental care and a safe home.
  - 10. The right to care for people with disabilities.

Please ensure that these rights are respected. If you notice a violation of these rights, please contact us.

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