

## **FMSI STATEMENT ON THE TRANSPARENT USE OF FUNDS AND CODE OF CONDUCT DURING THE SYRIA EARTHQUAKE CAMPAIGN**

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Following the earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria on 6 February 2023, FMSI, which has been collaborating with the Blu Marists of Aleppo for years with many solidarity projects in favour of the Syrian population, is now fully committed to provide support to the mission of Aleppo during this moment of emergency.

This fundraising campaign, started on 7/02/2023, is aimed at responding quickly to the initial phase of the earthquake and the consequent state of humanitarian emergencies.

### **TYPE OF INTERVENTIONS AND CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY AND EXCLUSION**

Examples of the types of intervention that can be supported include:

- Water supply, construction and/or repair of sanitation facilities, provision of health services, medicines, construction of emergency shelters and initiation of emergency food programmes
- Distribution of emergency non-food items (such as: tents, tarpaulins, blankets, mosquito nets, buckets, jerry cans, cooking utensils);
- Protection and support activities for the local population, refugees or displaced persons.

**100% of the funds will go to humanitarian aid.**

**Management fees and expenses are not allowed.**

**Exclusion criteria are established in order not to allow the purchase of weapons, armaments and any good that may pose a threat to the protection of the individual.**

Each intervention must respond to the fundamental principles of: impartiality, nondiscrimination, dignity and safeguarding of beneficiaries; accountability and care requirements aimed at reducing vulnerability.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ifrc.org/sites/default/files/2021-07/code-of-conduct-movement-ngos-english.pdf>

Where possible, interventions will also aim at bringing medium-term benefits for building resilience in individuals and communities and strengthening capacity to respond to disasters.

## **FMSI ROLES AND RESPONSABILITIES**

In accordance with Article 2 of the Statutes, the Foundation “organizes, plans and coordinates, provides technical assistance and/or financial support (complete or partial), [...] and “promotes and protects human, social, civil and political rights of socially and economically disadvantaged children and young people and, in general, of so-called minors at risk, in underdeveloped and developing countries and/or those with a transitional economy and/or countries, in which said defense and protection are not adequately ensured”

FMSI will therefore provide support in monitoring field actions and in collecting and cataloguing all the information received from the local manager in order to guarantee transparent and effective reporting.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT DURING THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

This fundraising will be carried out by FMSI in compliance with the principles of transparency, truth and correctness sanctioned by the relevant legislation and will be subjected to the monitoring activity of the Control Body and the Supervisory Body pursuant to Legislative Decree 231 /2001. In addition to the aforementioned eligibility and exclusion criteria, and in accordance with international guidelines FMSI will apply the standards already enshrined in FMSI's Solidarity Policy:<sup>2</sup>

- a. Not engage in activities that are detrimental to the Mission, Vision and Values of the Organization
- b. Not engage in activities that conflict with its fiduciary, ethical and legal obligations.
- c. Effectively report any potential and actual conflict of interest between FMSI personnel and donors.

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<sup>2</sup> “FMSI’S SOLIDARITY POLICY AND PROJECT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA” 2021-2025 - <https://fmsi.ngo/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/FMSI-SOLIDARITY-POLICY-2021-ENG.pdf>

- d. Never take advantage of the relationship with a donor, volunteer, client or employee for the personal benefit of one of the members of the Organization or for that of the Organization as a whole.
- e. Comply with all applicable local, provincial, state and federal civil laws.
- f. Define the nature and purpose of any contractual relationship at its inception and be responsive and available to the parties.
- g. Protect the confidentiality of all donor and recipient information.
- h. Not discredit other Organizations working in the field of International Development Cooperation.
- i. Ensure that all requested documents, materials and communications are accurate and properly reflect the Organization Mission and the use of requested funds.
- j. Ensure that donors receive documented, accurate and ethical advice on the value and tax implications of contributions and to ensure that contributions are used in accordance with donor approvals.
- k. Ensure proper administration of all sources of income, including timely reporting on the use and management of funds.
- l. Obtain the explicit consent of donors before changing the terms of financial transactions.
- m. Not disclose confidential information to unauthorized parties.
- n. Use accurate and consistent accounting methods when reporting the results of fundraising, in accordance with guidelines adopted by the competent authority.

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