

# Scotland's International Development Alliance

***Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)***

***Safeguarding***

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# Overview

1. Safeguarding – setting the context,  
#ScotlandforaFairerWorld
2. Beyond Compliance
3. Resources, Tools and Support - *“Safer for All”*
4. Questions



# UK-wide update

- Safeguarding Summits – actions and commitments
- Task groups – Accountability to beneficiaries, Organisational Culture, Recruitment cycle, reporting and investigation procedures
- Progress –Interpol, Disclosure of Misconduct Scheme, Humanitarian Passport
- Outputs and resources –complaints mechanism tool, governance/transparency, leadership principles, organisational culture, case management tool
- Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub

# Scotland

- Transforming Safeguarding standards in Scotland
- Research – Safeguarding in Scotland – snapshot practice and policy
- Development of Policy Development Guide
- Malawi initiative - in country working
- Development of Safeguarding Policy Guide
- *“Safer for All”* - Safeguarding Support Package
- Focus on leadership and organisational culture
- Trustee Trainings, focal point trainings
- Resources and Tools developed/piloted

# Safeguarding - definition

*“Safeguarding promotes the safety and welfare of people involved in the delivery or receipt of humanitarian aid and development assistance, protecting them from harm, including all forms of exploitation, abuse and harassment”*

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# Aspects of the Definition

- Beyond beneficiaries – safe environment, misdemeanours not tolerated
- Beyond PSEA – includes anti bullying, harrassment etc
- Importance of a healthy safeguarding culture - link between unhealthy environment and one where safeguarding incidents more likely to occur/be tolerated or ignored
- Ongoing and iterative, to be nurtured

# Key dimensions of safeguarding

- **Mitigation** (risk assessment, vetting, training, clear and robust policies)
- **Reporting** (clearly set out process, clear roles, clarity of safeguarding issues and requirement to reporting concerns, referring to relevant authorities depending on nature of report/concern)
- **Investigation** (clearly set out roles for investigating, notifying regulator if appropriate)

Survivor Centred

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# Safeguarding and GCRF

“On Safeguarding, BEIS expects SFC to take all reasonable steps to **prevent ...** sexual exploitation, abuse or harassment ...; to adopt **robust procedures for the reporting...**

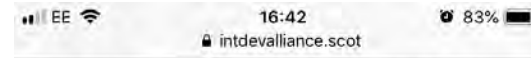
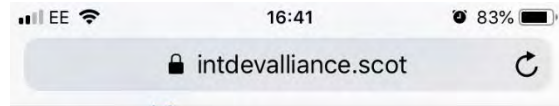
SFC shall require HEIs receiving GCRF to take all reasonable steps to **investigate** allegations or suspicions of sexual exploitation, abuse or harassment and **take appropriate corrective action...**

# Introducing “*Safer for All*” – Safeguarding Support Package

- supports organisations to strengthen their safeguarding policies, procedures and practice;
- comprises resources, templates, examples and is accompanied by a structured programme of capacity development, workshops and training.

# Safeguarding Support Package

<https://www.intdevalliance.scot/how-we-help/safeguarding>



Therefore, the Scottish Government, in collaboration with Scotland's International Development Alliance (the Alliance), has set out to ensure that organisations in Scotland which are working overseas are supported in their development and implementation of safeguarding policies and procedures. This has involved a survey and series of interviews to establish a picture of current policies in place, and what support the sector felt it needed in the development and implementation of policies. This has guided and informed the development of this "Safer for All" Safeguarding Support Package.

This is a package of resources to support organisations to strengthen their safeguarding policies, procedures and practice. The package "Safer for All" comprises references, resources, tools, templates, examples and training modules and is accompanied by a structured programme of capacity development, workshops and training. It is being developed and refined, and additional elements and content will be added as this progresses.



# Where to find more information and resources

## OSCR :

- [Top 10 Practical Safeguarding Steps](#)
- [Charity Trustees' Duties](#)
- OSCR video on Notifiable Events - <https://youtu.be/PjxAoidnjAI>
- [Protecting Vulnerable Groups \(PVG\) scheme](#)
- [Disclosure Scotland](#)

## BOND resources

- [BOND Good Governance for Safeguarding: A guide for UK NGO Boards](#)
- BOND Report Handling Toolkit - <https://www.bond.org.uk/resources/safeguarding-toolkit>
- Reporting and Case Handling Case Studies - [https://www.bond.org.uk/sites/default/files/safeguarding\\_reporting\\_case\\_studies.pdf](https://www.bond.org.uk/sites/default/files/safeguarding_reporting_case_studies.pdf)
- <https://www.bond.org.uk/resources/safeguarding-guidance-resources-and-tools>

# Where to find more information and resources

SCVO

New Good Governance & Safeguarding Guide for Trustees - just launched, available to download:

<https://scvo.org.uk/running-your-organisation/governance/scottish-governance-code-checkup>

DfID

Infrastructure and Cities for Economic Development (ICED) toolkit

DFID toolkit on safeguarding for organisations and projects working with large scale external suppliers/consultants etc.

[https://www.intdevalliance.scot/application/files/1815/6380/9575/DFID\\_ICED\\_Safeguarding\\_in\\_Infrastructure\\_Tool\\_-\\_FINAL\\_PDF\\_160419.pdf](https://www.intdevalliance.scot/application/files/1815/6380/9575/DFID_ICED_Safeguarding_in_Infrastructure_Tool_-_FINAL_PDF_160419.pdf)

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Thank you!

Questions?

