

FPCT Child Rights & Safeguarding Policy (Generic)

Purpose

Ensure every FPCT ministry is a safe, child-honouring environment that prevents harm, responds appropriately, and promotes dignity, participation, and protection.

Principles

- Best interests of the child are paramount.
- Zero tolerance for abuse, exploitation, neglect, or discrimination.
- Prevention, inclusion, and participation guide all activities.
- Listen to children and take concerns seriously.
- Follow national laws and cooperate with authorities.
- Confidentiality and safe record-keeping.

Standards

- Safe recruitment & Police Clearance Certificate where applicable.
- Code of conduct & boundaries, including two-adult rule and safe online behaviour.
- Safe programmes: risk assessment, ratios, hygiene, accessibility.
- Reporting: clear pathways; immediate escalation; no retaliation.
- Media & consent: written guardian consent; protect identity when needed.
- Training & review: onboarding and annual refreshers.

Emergency? Call the National Child Helpline: 116. Also alert FPCT safeguarding focal persons.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____