

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY SDIA MEMBERS AUGUST 25, 2007

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the SDIA\* is to relieve human suffering and promote just and sustainable development through:

- partnerships and support for grassroots, participatory development and humanitarian initiatives;
- empowering individuals and communities to engage in positive human, social and economic change;
- raising awareness of global issues and inter-dependence

*\*SDIA is an affiliate of the World Subud Association.*

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

#### A Vision of Development

- We give priority to the needs, aspirations and participation of the individuals and communities on whose behalf we are working.
- We recognise the importance of fundamental human rights, and environmental sustainability
- We work to advance the UN Millennium Development Goals.
- We understand development as a positive process of human, social, cultural, environmental, economic and political transformation.
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#### Community Participation and Knowledge Sharing

- We are committed to participatory and inclusive approaches to development.
- As a network we freely share our information and knowledge, continuously learning from each other and from the communities we are trying to assist.
- We base our decisions on mutual understanding and respect.
- We aim to learn from our mistakes and value our success, no matter how small.
- We are committed to monitoring and evaluating our activities in order to continually improve our development practices.

#### Partnerships

- Partnerships form the basis for trust and sound development practice.
- Our partnerships respect one another's autonomy and constraints and are built on honesty, accountability and transparency.
- All partners strive for better understanding and appreciation of one another.
- We reach out to and work in collaboration with institutions that share our aims and objectives.

#### Transparent and Accountable Management and Reporting

- We are committed to transparent and accountable reporting, both between members of the network, and towards beneficiaries, donors and the general public.
- We seek to identify the appropriate scale and terms of financial support on a case by case basis.

## **Personal Responsibility**

- In addition to being well-informed and learning from others, we strive to trust our own perceptions and follow our inner feelings as development practitioners.

## **DONOR BILL OF RIGHTS**

To ensure that the actions of our SD International Association merit the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in our non-profit organizations and the projects they are asked to support, we are committed to providing all donors with these rights:

- I. To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- II. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- III. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
- IV. To be assured their gifts will be directed for the purposes for which they were given.
- V. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition (or alternatively, respect for their confidentiality and wish to remain anonymous).
- VI. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- VII. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
- VIII. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
- IX. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.