



Solidarité's

Deontological charter

PREAMBLE

The present deontological charter is the result of discussions between Solidarité and its southern partners. It is the fruit of in-field experience and forms the guide lines that Solidarité values. These guide lines will apply in both hemispheres. Each and every member hereby commits to respecting this deontological charter and to encourage his collaborators to do so.

OUR VALUES AND CODE OF ETHICS

Solidarité bases its work around the values of integrity, social justice, the respect of cultures and populations and the equal distribution of the planet's resources.

Solidarité is eager to participate in shaping a world where human relations are such that every man can expect to live decently, while asserting his personal identity without domination or exploitation.

Based on the idea that, *“progress is not solely the capacity of one nation to master its own evolution”* and that, *“agriculture, healthcare, the craft industry and education are all part of a population's culture”*

THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR WORK

Solidarité commits to :

- Adopting a professional, yet deeply humane approach based on in field experience, in the conception, progress and the evaluation of every implemented project.
- Encouraging local initiatives, the full participation of the concerned population and promoting local know how and resources. The only way towards genuine autonomy.
- Participating in implementing long term projects; deeply rooted in a local context and established within a true partnership. This partnership is based on the desire of the local native organisations to design and establish their own economic and social models.
- Proscribing all possible actions that may lead to assistance or dependence.
- Stimulating employment; the true guarantee of a man's dignity.
- Reinforcing a civil society and the impact on underprivileged partners and groups from the south, particularly the forces of change, that women and young people represent.
- Facilitating the establishment of permanent regional, national and international networks between the organisations existing in the southern nations and their northern counterparts.
- Participating in informing and raising awareness in northern civil society about the realities of life in the southern nations.
- Promoting international solidarity by rallying the northern populations, particularly the youth, by accentuating the positives.