



# Supplier Code of Conduct

In this Supplier Code of Conduct, reference to GOAL will include reference to GOAL in Ireland, GOAL (International) in the UK, GOAL US Fund in the US and all GOAL branches and/or liaison offices, as well as other entities established in programme countries from time to time (together, hereinafter referred to as “GOAL”). This Supplier Code of Conduct should be read in conjunction with the relevant contract entered into between the Supplier and GOAL (“Contract”), GOAL’s Terms and Conditions for Contracts for Procurement of Goods or Services (as applicable), and any other GOAL policy which GOAL may send the Supplier from time to time during the Contract.

Each supplier of GOAL (“Supplier”) is expected to comply with the following Supplier Code of Conduct and is responsible for requiring its employees and any subsidiary, subcontractor and any other third party that the Supplier may use to carry out its obligations under a contract entered into with GOAL (together, “Third Parties”) to abide by this Supplier Code of Conduct, and to provide a copy of this Supplier Code of Conduct to those entities and individuals.

The Supplier Code of Conduct applies to all Suppliers who are requested by GOAL to sign it and all Third Parties who must confirm that they uphold its standards as far as applicable to their status. GOAL recognises that reaching some of the standards in this Supplier Code of Conduct is a dynamic, continuous process and encourages Suppliers to continually improve their workplace conditions and ensure they have adequate systems and controls in place to monitor Third Parties to ensure compliance with this Supplier Code of Conduct. In line with the size and nature of their business, GOAL expects the Supplier to have management systems in place to support compliance with laws, regulations, and the expectations related to or addressed expressly within this Supplier Code of Conduct. GOAL encourages Suppliers to implement their own written code of conduct.

## 1. RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any Third Party violates the fundamental human rights as set out in the European Convention on Human Rights from 1950 (as may be amended from time to time) including all protocols to the convention.

The Supplier represents and warrants that it will have respect for all fundamental human rights and, in particular, it will respect the dignity and worth of all persons including respect for the equal rights of men and women.

The Supplier undertakes that it and any Third Party will not discriminate directly or indirectly on the grounds of gender, marital status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race, political affiliation, social status, or membership of an ethnic community.

## 2. ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any Third Party are engaged in any sort of illegal activities.

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any Third Party will excuse or ignore or participate in any corrupt, fraudulent, exploitative, or unethical activities. This includes but is not limited to the trafficking of people, participating in any armed, political, or religious conflict, dealing in illegal drugs, gems or arms or using the services of a sex worker.

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any Third Party will be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, which includes illegal drugs and misused prescription medication, while engaged by GOAL under a Contract and will be fit to carry out its responsibilities and obligations under that Contract.

## 3. ANTI-CORRUPTION, ANTI-BRIBERY, ANTI-FRAUD, ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING & CONFLICT OF INTEREST

GOAL has zero tolerance for corruption, bribery, fraud, and money laundering.

The Supplier and each Third Party shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes and regulations relating to anti-bribery, anti-corruption, anti-fraud and anti-money laundering including but not limited to the Irish Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Act 2010), the Irish Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018, the UK Bribery Act 2010, the UK Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, the UK Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017, the UK Terrorism Act 2000, the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act 1977 and the United States Anti-Money Laundering Act 2020, as may be amended from time to time) (together the “Relevant Requirements”).

Corruption includes benefiting from gifts, advantages, and sexual favours. Therefore, the Supplier and all its Third Parties shall not:

- Exchange money, employment, goods, or services for sexual activity. This includes any exchange of assistance that is due to beneficiaries of assistance.
- Engage in any sexual relationships with beneficiaries of assistance since they are based on inherently unequal power dynamics.

Any conflict of interest on the part of the Supplier or Third Party shall be immediately disclosed to GOAL. The Supplier affirms that it or any Third Party has no current or prior business, professional, personal, financial, political, family, or other interest, including, but not limited to, the representation of other clients, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its responsibilities and obligations under any Contract. If any such actual or potential conflict of

interest arises under any Contract, the Supplier shall immediately inform GOAL in writing of such conflict.

#### **4. TERRORISM**

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its Third Parties are engaged in any transactions with, and/or the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its Third Parties are engaged in any transactions with, and/or the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with, receiving any type of training for, or engaged in, any act or offense described in Article 2, Sections 1,3,4 and 5 of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in Resolution 54/109 of 9 December 1999.

#### **5. ENVIRONMENT**

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any Third Party are violating any international environmental agreements.

The Supplier undertakes to support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges and not in any way cause damage, destruction, or any harm to the environment. Further, the Supplier undertakes to encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies and undertake initiatives to promote environmental responsibility and sustainability.

#### **6. MINES AND WEAPONS**

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any Third Party are actively and directly or indirectly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, trade, or manufacture of mines or in such activities in respect of components primarily utilized in the manufacture of anti-personnel mines.

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any Third Party are actively and directly or indirectly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, stockpiling, trade, or manufacture of weapons including but not limited to firearms, chemical weapons, biological weapons, and nuclear weapons.

#### **7. CHILD AND ADULT SAFEGUARDING**

The Supplier represents and warrants that it and all its Third Parties are protecting all people from abuse and exploitation, meaning any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, or trust, for sexual purposes, including, but not limited to, profiting monetarily, socially, or politically from the sexual exploitation of another. Similarly, the term "sexual abuse" means the actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions.

Specifically, the Supplier and all its Third Parties will not:

- Engage in sexual activity with anyone under the age of 18, regardless of the age of consent locally (mistaken

belief of age being no defence).

- Sexually abuse or exploit children.
- Subject a child to physical, emotional, or psychological abuse, or neglect.
- Engage in any commercially exploitative activities with children including child labour or trafficking.
- Sexually abuse or exploit vulnerable adults.
- Subject a vulnerable adult to physical, emotional, or psychological abuse, or neglect.

#### **8. CHILD PROTECTION**

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it, nor any Third Party are engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development.

The Supplier represents and warrants that it and all its Third Parties will comply with this requirement, and that it will raise any concerns or suspicions they have, actual or perceived, of any breach of this clause directly to GOAL.

#### **9. FORCED LABOUR**

The Supplier represents and warrants that employment is freely chosen and neither it nor any Third Party are using any form of forced, bonded or compulsory labour.

#### **10. WORKING CONDITIONS**

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any Third Parties are allowing working conditions that violate the Convention on Occupational Safety and Health from 1981 including the Protocol from 2002, the Convention on Minimum Wage Fixing from 1970 and the Conventions on Hours of Work of the International Labour Organization (ILO) (as may be amended from time to time).

The Supplier represents and warrants that it and all its Third Parties are protecting workers from any acts of physical, verbal, sexual or psychological harassment abuse or threats in the workplace by either their fellow workers or their managers, and that the rights of staff to freedom of association and collective bargaining are respected.

#### **11. DISCRIMINATION IN WORKING CONDITIONS**

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any Third Party are discriminating any of its workers regarding race, colour, gender, language, political or other opinion, caste, national or social origin, property, birth, union affiliation, sexual orientation, health status, age, disability, or other distinguishing characteristics.

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any Third Party are making employment-related decisions, from hiring to termination and retirement which are not based only on relevant and objective criteria.

#### **12. TRANSPARENCY, HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**



The Supplier represents and warrants that it and any Third Party shall uphold the highest standards of integrity, honesty and transparency.

The Supplier undertakes a duty of full disclosure of any relevant material at any time and at the sole discretion of GOAL for GOAL to examine any alleged breach of this Supplier Code of Conduct.

**13. HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY**

The Supplier and each Third Party shall comply with all applicable human trafficking and anti-slavery laws, statutes, regulations, and conventions in force and the Supplier warrants that it has instructed its named personnel, staff, employees, and all its Third Parties to refrain from engaging in human trafficking and/or forced labour. The failure of the Supplier to investigate allegations of human trafficking for whatever purpose, including forced labour, against its staff or related to its activities or to take corrective action when any allegations have been proven to have occurred shall entitle GOAL to end the Contract immediately and without penalty upon notice to the Supplier, at no cost to GOAL.

Suppliers and their employees, and Third Parties (including labour recruiters, brokers, and agents) shall not:

- Engage in trafficking in persons during the period of performance of the contract.
- Procure commercial sex acts during the period of performance of the contract.
- Use forced labour in the performance of the Contract.
- Destroy, conceal, confiscate, or otherwise deny access by an employee to the employee’s identity or immigration documents, regardless of issuing authority.
- Use misleading or fraudulent practices during the recruitment of employees or offering of employment, such as failing to disclose, in a format and language accessible to the worker, basic information; or making material misrepresentations during the recruitment of employees regarding the key terms and conditions of employment; or use recruiters who do not comply with local labour law
- Charge recruitment fees to employees or potential employees
- Fail to provide or pay for return transportation at the end of employment for employees who are not nationals of the country and were brought into the country for the express purpose of working on a GOAL contract or subcontract, unless that individual is legally permitted to and chooses to remain, or the employer is exempted from this requirement in writing by GOAL
- Where applicable, fail to provide or arrange housing that fails to meet national standards for housing and safety
- Fail to provide an employment contract, recruitment agreement or other required work document in writing, in a language the employee understands, as required by law.

Should the Supplier become aware of, or suspect, human trafficking activities during the execution of the contract the

Contractor must immediately inform GOAL to enable appropriate action to be taken.

**14. WHISTLEBLOWING AND REPORTING**

The Supplier represents and warrants that it and any Third Party shall raise any genuine concerns about actual or perceived wrongdoing by GOAL staff members, board members, partners of GOAL, other suppliers, contractors, volunteers, and communities.

GOAL also expects each Supplier to provide their own employees with avenues for raising legal or ethical issues or concerns without fear of retaliation. We expect each supplier to take action to prevent, detect, and correct any retaliatory actions. If the Supplier does not have its own reporting mechanism then it should provide their employees with GOAL’s email address: [speakup@goal.ie](mailto:speakup@goal.ie) to raise any legal or ethical issues or concerns; or through the externally managed hotline, **Safecall:** [www.safecall.co.uk/report\\_goal@safecall.co.uk](http://www.safecall.co.uk/report_goal@safecall.co.uk).

**15. BREACH**

Any breach of the representations and warranties of this Supplier Code of Conduct will be considered as gross misconduct and abusive behavior, which cannot be tolerated. As such, GOAL will have the right to withhold payment and postpone the goods or services (as applicable) to be provided under the Contract to enable GOAL to undertake a thorough investigation of any alleged breach of any representation, warranty or undertaking given by the Supplier or Third Party of this Supplier Code of Conduct. Upon the outcome of the investigation, GOAL will inform the relevant Supplier of its findings and will either (i) continue the Contract making such necessary amendments to the Contract as may be required to strengthen the terms of the Contract; or (ii) terminate the Contract with the Supplier immediately at no cost to GOAL. Upon such termination, GOAL reserves the right to make no payment of remaining sums due under the Contract (even when goods or services have been supplied), in instances where GOAL has found that the Supplier or Third Party has breached a representation, warranty or undertaking under this Supplier Code of Conduct.

This Supplier Code of Conduct is hereby acknowledged and agreed by:

Name	
Signature	
Date	