

Bridge To Africa (BTA) – Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct of the Organisation

1. The humanitarian imperative comes first;
2. Aid is given regardless of the race, creed or nationality of the recipients and without adverse distinction of any kind. Aid priorities are calculated on the basis of need alone;
3. Aid will not be used to further a particular political or religious standpoint;
4. We shall endeavour not to be used as an instrument of government foreign policy;
5. We shall respect culture and custom;
6. We shall attempt to build disaster response on local capacities;
7. Ways shall be found to involve program beneficiaries in the management of relief aid;
8. Relief aid must strive to reduce vulnerabilities to future disaster as well as meeting basic needs;
9. We hold ourselves accountable to both those we seek to assist and those from whom we accept resources;
10. In our information, publicity and advertising activities, we shall recognize disaster victims as dignified human beings, not hopeless objects.

The Code of Conduct of the Members

I have read and understood the code of conduct of BTA. Being a member of BTA, I agree to conduct myself in a manner that honors the aims and objectives of the organisation. The essential elements in my membership are honesty and integrity. Thus, I will abide myself to the following essential elements of the code:

1. I believe in the goals and objectives of BTA.
2. I solemnly pledge to respect my membership in BTA, with conscience and dignity, and to the achievement of the goals and objectives stated in the organisation's constitution and code of conduct.
3. I will maintain, by all the means in my power, respect for those in need who will be helped by BTA.
4. I will not permit considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene with my actions as member of BTA.
5. I will maintain the utmost respect for human life, human possessions, and human cultures and believes.

I make these promises solemnly, freely and upon my honor.