We want to emphasize that this is not a group of individual volunteers; it is a team doing volunteer service. Despite the difficulties potentially faced with international travel, working with those whom we are not familiar or other obstacles in this volunteer effort, we want to support, uplift, and watch out for each other. To accomplish this, it will be paramount to renew and refresh ourselves spiritually by gathering together. For as Christ taught, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).

It is important that we are aware of the responsibility we have in relation to any partnership organization. If there is any suggestion of a problem or if we don’t follow our obligations, we may be asked to leave or we may not be invited to participate in future projects.

Below is a review of some of the rules and standards which are required by LDS Charities. You will be expected to adhere to all agreed-upon rules and regulations.

1) **Temple Standard**: All team members are expected to abide by temple-recommend worthiness standards in all aspects of behavior and dress.

2) **Safety**: All team members are to observe recommended safety and security measures.

3) **Curfew**: Activities after dark should always be in pairs or teams and governed by security recommendations in the country.

4) **Meetings**: All participants will make an effort to attend the scheduled team or planning meetings before and during the volunteer project.

5) **Church Leadership**: All team members are under the leadership of the designated team coordinator(s).

6) **Representative of the Church**: Remember that at all times you are a representative of the Church and that your behavior affects how others perceive the entire membership of the Church. Let there be no room for misinterpretation.

7) **Personal Requests for Assistance**: We ask that you not give your address or phone number to people in the area you are serving, as this can lead to those individuals contacting you with requests for welfare assistance. Because you are traveling as a Church representative, you should not provide financial assistance from your own resources to members, other individuals, or organizations, either during the project or afterward. Please refer individuals to their local bishop. If they do not know who their bishop is, have them contact the local area welfare manager (AWM) who is responsible for all welfare projects within the Area.
8) **Project Requests:** While on this trip, you may notice local needs, such as hospitals needing equipment or renovations and people in need of food, clothing, or other assistance. These types of projects are handled by the AWM. The person(s) requesting such a project may contact the AWM in that area.

9 **Proselytizing:** The primary focus of this project is humanitarian work. Because we do not want a perception of any ulterior motives, there will be no proselytizing by any Church member on or off the ship. No pass-along cards or copies of the Book of Mormon are to be given out. If someone asks you a direct question about the Church, state that you are here focused on humanitarian work, answer the question briefly, and then refer him or her to [www.mormon.org](http://www.mormon.org) for further information.

10) **Public Affairs:** All requests for Public Affairs information or similar topics will be coordinated with Matt Heaps, welfare director of Public Affairs. His email is heapsma@ldschurch.org. Do not give interviews, request press coverage, or share any other related information without clearing it first with Matt Heaps. Any presentations, firesides, or similar talks you may give upon your return will need to follow a prescribed format, which will be provided for you.

11) **Consequences:** Any breaches of these rules may lead to the immediate end of project participation. The offending person will be brought home from the closest airport at his or her own expense.

We are grateful for your time, talents, sacrifice, and service. These rules and regulations are for the protection and safety of all and for the general success of the project.

I acknowledge and agree to abide by these rules and regulations:

Signature

P lease attach the completed form to your profile in our database of volunteers as follows: Lastname.First name.rules.pdf or doc. If you have any questions send an email to humanitarianproject@ldschurch.org.