



**THE MESERANI PROJECT**  
EDUCATING THE CHILDREN OF MESERANI, TANZANIA.

## **Safeguarding Policy**

Safeguarding vulnerable adults and children is a part of the wider role of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity which is undertaken to protect specific vulnerable adults and children who are suffering or are at risk of suffering significant harm. As adults and/or professionals or volunteers, everyone involved with The Meserani Project has a responsibility to safeguard vulnerable adults and children, and promote their welfare.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of vulnerable adults and children - and in particular protecting them from significant harm - depends upon effective joint working between Meserani Project volunteers and the relevant officials/agencies in Tanzania.

For those vulnerable adults and children who are believed to be suffering, or at risk of suffering significant harm, joint working is essential, to safeguard and promote their welfare and - where necessary - to help bring to justice the perpetrators of crimes against them. All volunteers, both from outside Tanzania, and living in Tanzania should:

- be alert to potential indicators of abuse or neglect;
- be alert to the risks which individual abusers, or potential abusers, may pose to vulnerable adults and children;
- share and help to analyse information so that an assessment can be made of the individual's needs and circumstances;
- contribute to whatever actions are needed to safeguard and promote the individual's welfare;

- work co-operatively with parents and/or other carers in Tanzania unless this is inconsistent with ensuring the individual's safety.

The Meserani Project takes seriously the welfare of all vulnerable adults and children who are supported by the charity in Tanzania.

The Meserani Project recognises that it is the responsibility of each one of its volunteers to prevent the neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse of vulnerable adults and children, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.

The Meserani Project recognises its responsibility to implement, maintain and regularly review procedures, which are designed to prevent and to be alert to such abuse.

The Meserani Project is committed to maintaining good links with the relevant officials and persons in responsible positions in Tanzania.

There may be occasions when there is an allegation against a Meserani Project volunteer. All allegations of abuse must be taken seriously, and must be reported to a senior representative of The Meserani Project.