



Infirmières et Infirmiers Sans Frontières (IISF)
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IISF CHARITY CHARTER FOR ALL ITS MEMBERS

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PHILOSOPHY

1. Defines itself as a non-political, non-religious and non-partisan organization;
2. Adheres to the principle of equity, diversity, inclusion and decolonization;
3. Integrates eco-responsible actions into its operations;
4. Supports initiatives that specifically promote mutual capacity improvements, sustainable development, global citizenship education, international cooperation and solidarity;
5. Defines "initiative" as any project carried out with disadvantaged communities in partnership with local individuals and organizations with the goal of contributing to their individual or collective development in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) put into effect by the [United Nations](#);
6. Believes in the importance of structured pre-departure training that meets the needs of the development workers and the host communities;
7. Values interdisciplinarity in health services;
8. Adheres to the principles promoted by the codes of ethics in effect for all health professions in Quebec and the Code of Ethics of the Association Québécoise des Organismes de Coopération Internationale (AQOCI);
9. Associates itself with the values proclaimed by the [Quebec](#) and [Canadian](#) charters of human rights and freedoms and the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#);
10. Expects, in return, to respect the laws and regulations of the countries in which it operates directly or indirectly and to adapt to the customs and practices as far as possible;
11. Adheres to the Guidelines for Drug Donations published by the World Health Organization;
12. Adheres to the [Donor Bill of Rights](#), published by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP).

MISSION

1. Regroups, in a legal entity, nurses and any other health professional or person interested in initiatives in harmony with the philosophy described in the IISF Charter;
2. Promotes practices of excellence and quality in the exercise of international cooperation, solidarity, mutual capacity and sustainable development, especially through training, teaching and research;



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3. Is a non-profit organization (NPO) and a charitable organization duly registered with the [Registre des entreprises du Québec](#) (REQ) and [the Canada Revenue Agency](#) (CRA). As such, IISF receives donations, bequests and other contributions of the same nature in money, securities and/or real estate;
4. Administers donations, bequests and contributions directed to general funds or funds earmarked for sustainable development projects in the countries where it operates;
5. Organizes and supports fundraising campaigns to raise funds to support its activities for charitable purposes;
6. Evaluates, advises and accompanies IISF development workers in the development and implementation of international cooperation and solidarity initiatives;
7. Establishes partnership agreements with local organizations selected according to high standards of logistical organization, safety and quality clinical services;
8. Establishes collaborative framework agreements with individuals, groups or educational institutions to outline the roles, responsibilities and obligations of each party.

COMMITMENTS

1. Generally, intervenes in situations of cooperation or solidarity. In the case of humanitarian emergencies, IISF will work with recognized organizations and institutions competent in this field;
2. Provides a mandatory pre-departure training program for IISF-supported development workers that includes, whenever possible, the possibility of a destination-specific consultation with a travel health professional;
3. Undertakes to take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of its development workers to the extent possible;
4. Offers structuring support to assist the cooperant, the group and the educational institution in all the steps inherent in the development of an initiative or a project in harmony with the IISF philosophy;
5. Is committed to transparent management towards its members and any person who expressly requests it;
6. Is formally committed to redistributing, in the form of directed donations or sustainable project development, all of its funds raised for this explicit purpose, while maintaining a prudent administrative margin of maneuver to meet its financial needs for internal management.

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