Policy:

The Hunger Project (THP) is committed to promote a safe and secure environment for children and youth engaged in THP programs during all times. Therefore, THP will not tolerate any physical, sexual or verbal abuse against a child or youth anywhere in our work. THP will take the appropriate measurements as determined by applicable local laws, including immediate dismissal for staff members.

We will meet our commitment to promote the safety of children through the following:

*Awareness:* we will ensure that all staff and others working with THP are aware of the problem or child abuse and the risks to children.

*Reporting:* we will ensure that staff and others working with THP are clear what steps to take where concerns arise regarding the safety of children.

*Responding:* we will ensure that action is taken to support and protect children where concerns arise regarding possible abuse.

Children and youth as used in this policy is understood to be any person under 18 years of age.

Update: This policy is currently being reviewed and updated. In the meantime, a new Safeguarding Policy in place.