## GOAL

## Safeguarding in Supply Chain

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## **SESSION OUTLINE**



- WHY DOES SAFEGUARDING MATTER IN SUPPLY CHAIN?
- INTEGRATING SAFEGUARDING IN PROCEDURES
  - I. Fleet Manual
  - II. Drivers Handbook
  - III. Stock Management Manual

#### • GOAL'S SUPPLIER CODE OF CONDUCT

- I. Journey to development
- II. Feedback survey
- III. Improvements/ next steps

#### • LEARNINGS

• Q + A

WHO WE ARE

GOAL is an international, non-governmental organisation (INGO), with a proud history spanning more than four decades of humanitarian response. Motivated by a deep commitment to support those affected by disaster, poverty, and crisis, our mission remains as clear today as at any point since our inception in 1977. The realities of our work have changed and grown immeasurably in complexity and scale, but our vision remains clear, prescient and worthy – to strive for a world without poverty.

**GOAL reached more than six million people** in its 15 countries of operation in 2021.

#### **OUR VISION**

GOAL believes in a world where poverty no longer exists, where vulnerable communities are resilient, where barriers to wellbeing are removed and where everyone has equal rights and opportunities.

#### **OUR MISSION**

GOAL works with the most vulnerable communities to help them respond to and recover from humanitarian crises, and to assist them in building transcendent solutions to mitigate poverty and vulnerability.



## WHY DOES SAFEGUARDING MATTER IN SUPPLY CHAIN?



## WHY WE INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDING IN OUR FLEET MANUAL

An allegation was made about a driver, who was contracted to GOAL. It was reported that the Driver was verbally harassing a female staff and he continuously made inappropriate comments about his sexual liaisons. On one occasion, when driving to the field, he placed his hand on her knee and asked her to sleep with him, boasting about his sexual conquests and mentioning that if she slept with him, he would surely satisfy her needs.

#### **Disclaimer:**

This example is loosely based on real reports sent to GOAL's reporting channel Speak Up. Details have been changed or removed for the purposes of confidentiality.

# ANY GOAL OPERATED VEHICLE GOAL IS ALSO A PLACE OF WORK



> DRIVERS ENGAGE WITH PROJECT PARTICIPANTS (INCLUDING CHILDREN)

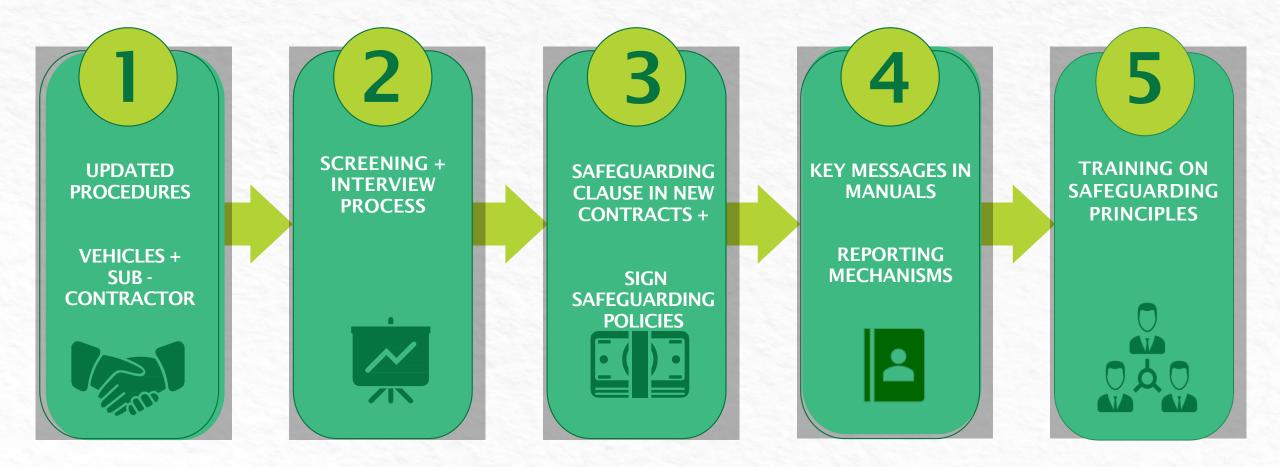
**DRIVE LONG DISTANCES, OVERNIGHT IN FIELD** 



DRIVERS OFTEN SEE + HEAR MANY THINGS THAT OTHER STAFF ARE NOT AWARE OF



#### **INTEGRATING SAFEGUARDING INTO OUR FLEET MANUAL + DRIVERS HANDBOOK**



### **STOCK MANAGEMENT MANUAL**



Warehouses are often predominantly male environments and we aim to ensure that such environments are not intimidating for women.

- GUIDELINES FOR SETTING
  UP/INSPECTING POTENTIAL
  WAREHOUSE PREMISES
- SAFEGUARDING AND GENDER ISSUES
  TO BE CONSIDERED
- SAFEGUARDING BRIEFINGS FOR ALL STAFF (warehouse staff, casual labour and GOAL staff and contracted truck drivers)
- REPORTING MECHANISMS CLEARLY
  DISPLAYED INSIDE THE WAREHOUSE





It was reported to us that an individual, sub-contracted by GOAL to do construction work, sexually assaulted a 16-year-old girl in a village.

It was discovered that families in the village open up their homes for contractors to stay in. This appears to be a common practice in the area. The alleged perpetrator has been arrested and is currently in police custody.

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#### **GOAL's SUPPLIER CODE OF CONDUCT** - OUR JOURNEY

- Coordinated effort with multiple departments
- The Code describes GOAL's minimum expectations in areas including integrity, ethics and conduct; conflict of interest, fraud prevention and management; safeguarding; labour and human rights; health and safety; and environmental management.
- Piloted the Code in Sierra Leone

2021

- Launched the Code globally held a webinar.
- The Code was translated in GOAL's working languages.



#### COMMUNICATIONS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES



## USER FEEDBACK SURVEY



> DIFFICULTIES SIGNING THE CODE AT ALL LEVELS

LANGUAGE ISSUES

**DUPLICATION BETWEEN THE CODE + T &C'S** 

CODE TO BE USED ONLY WHEN SUPPLIER HAS DIRECT ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES







#### **IMPROVEMENTS MADE**

2022

 RISK BASED APPROACH ON DEFINING THE LEVEL /VALUE / TYPE OF PROCUREMENT



- TRACKING SYSTEM IN PLACE FOR SIGNING THE CODE AND SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – ORDER TRACKING SHEET.
- UPDATED TERMS & CONDITIONS
- HOSTED ADDITIONAL WEBINARS TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS

## LEARNINGS

- CLARITY IS NEEDED AT THE START OF THE PROCESS
- CHANGING THE PROCUREMENT MANUAL STRUCTURE ALTOGETHER
- GUIDELINES ON WHEN + HOW TO TRAIN SUPPLIERS
- CONTACT PERSON AT HQ AT ALL TIMES FOR QUERIES COMING IN
- EVOLVING PROCESS OF LEARNING AND FEEDBACK FROM COUNTRY OFFICES
- ENCOURAGE TEAMS TO THINK ABOUT SAFEGUARDING RISKS

# Any questions please do contact me.

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