**VISITOR CHILD PROTECTION FORM**

To be read and signed by all visitors going to a site:

General information:

* A child refers to every young person under the age of 18 years old
* Connect Network takes responsibility for promoting the protection of the children who are on the site visit. If under any circumstance the Connect staff present do not approve of your behaviour they hold the right to address this and to take the appropriate action.

Visitors should:

* Avoid inappropriate dress and be culturally sensitive to the environment in which the project is based
* Avoid questionable behaviour, which could be offensive or misinterpreted
* Be visible to other adults at all times
* Respect each child’s boundaries, and their right to privacy and confidentiality
* Be culturally sensitive to the attitude of physical contact. Touch should only be initiated by the child and should be age appropriate.

It is not appropriate to:

* Spend time alone with children
* Invite children to meet with you, or to come to your house
* Give children your email address, cell phone number or any contact details
* Use discriminative or suggestive language or behaviour

With regards to taking photographs, the following must be considered:

* **No photographs may be taken without the permission** of the child, consent of the parent/guardian, consent of Connect Network staff member and participating organisation.
* No visitor is allowed to **create or use** any visual image that:
  1. Does not respect the dignity and self-worth of the child
  2. Is exploitative or manipulative as far as the subject is concerned *(e.g.* asking the child to cry for the photograph)
  3. Misleads the viewer as to the actual situation of the subject of the image (*e.g.* labelling children as HIV orphans)
  4. Distorts reality or does not accurately reflect reality
* No photographs of children’s profiles or in swimming costumes may be published or used in electronic media

By signing this form I declare that I have read the code of conduct, and agree to abide by it.

Signed………………………….. Location ………………………… Date………………………..

Connect Representative Signature: ………………………….