



## **Appendix 9 Partnership Agreement with Moldovan partners**

### **Background and expectations of volunteers/visitors**

Breadline is a small Christian charity working in partnership with churches in Moldova. We also work in partnership with other churches and organisations in the UK who want to support our work. These relationships are very valuable to us. We believe that we are all part of the body of Christ, working together for his glory in Moldova.

Breadline does not identify itself as a sending organisation. However, there are times when our partners in the UK want to support our work by sending teams or individuals to Moldova. This might be to engage in a particular project such as mission or summer camps, to act as consultants or simply to observe the work our partners are doing. In these situations, the church or organisation concerned is considered the “sending” organisation.

Volunteers/visitors may not always be working directly with children/young people or vulnerable adults. Nonetheless, the majority of them will be hosted in households where there are children present. We have a duty of due diligence in partnership with these sending organisations to ensure that we are safeguarding both our partners and the volunteers to the best of our ability. To this end, it is necessary to have a partnership agreement with the sending organisations identifying our expectations and to bring clarity of responsibility.

These are our expectations -

- 1) that the volunteers have undergone a safer recruitment process
- 2) that all volunteers have the relevant DBS certificate or equivalent
- 3) that all volunteers have read Breadline’s safeguarding policy and agree to abide by it
- 4) that they have read Breadline’s Essential Information and signed the code of conduct for safeguarding children, as recommended by the Charities Commission, Thirtyone:eight ( formerly The Churches Child Protection and Advisory Service) and Global Connections. This is in line with new guidelines following the high profile alleged child abuse cases perpetrated by charities that have been in the news recently.
- 5) That volunteers will inform Breadline’s Safeguarding Lead (Assistant Director, Di Acaster, [diacaster@breadlinemoldova.org](mailto:diacaster@breadlinemoldova.org) ) of the dates you intend to be with our partners in Moldova either by returning the attached form or by email

Under GDPR, we do not necessarily need to see the certificates or the signed codes of conduct. However, we do need reassurance that the sending organisations have taken these actions. Therefore, we ask the group leader or individual to sign an agreement and return it to us.

Breadline takes its responsibility to safeguard our partners both in the UK and Moldova seriously. We want the experience to be successful for everyone concerned, and remain available to offer as much help, advice and support as we can during the planning of the visit, and whilst the volunteers/visitors are there and welcome feedback in order to improve our practice.



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Any volunteers/visitors going abroad have to abide by UK law and advice, even if the country they are visiting does not have these same laws. We ask you, our partners in Moldova, to help visitors/ volunteers associated with Breadline to comply with these recommendations by doing the following

- 1) having an appointed safeguarding coordinator and a deputy safeguarding coordinator that people can report concerns to
- 2) Ensuring that visitors/volunteers/Breadline staff and trustees are not left on their own to supervise children/young people/vulnerable adults
- 3) Ensuring that visitors/volunteers/Breadline staff and trustees are not asked to undertake personal care duties with children/young people/vulnerable adults
- 4) Ensuring that Breadline’s Safeguarding lead is aware of the dates when UK partners are visiting

**Partnership Agreement between Breadline and .....**

Our safeguarding coordinator is. ....

Our deputy safeguarding coordinator is. ....

We have read your safeguarding policy, understand it and wish to support it.

We agree to support all visitors/volunteers/Breadline staff and trustees to comply with UK law and advice by ensuring that they are not left unsupervised with any child/young person/vulnerable adult, and they would not be asked to undertake any personal care duties for them.

Signed. ....

Date. ....

