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## BE A PARTNER OF THE FRATERNITY - INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS (FIHM)

To be a partner of the Fraternity – International Humanitarian Missions (FIHM) is to be co-responsible for the achievement of its objectives, helping to ensure that humanitarian and environmental actions have a greater impact and reach more people and places, that costs are shared and reduced, and that the sum of experiences increases the efficiency and effectiveness of missions and common projects.

This is how the Fraternity - Humanitarian Missions (FIHM) dialogues with potential partners who have affinity with its principles and who are socially responsible.

The Fraternity – Humanitarian Missions (FIHM) is a non-profit civil society organization with headquarters in Brazil and units in Geneva, Portugal, and Greece, is one of twenty-six associations affiliated with the Fraternity – Humanitarian Federation International (FIHF), which has 35 years of experience in social and humanitarian service.

Its mission is to provide humanitarian aid to those in situations of risk and individual and/or social vulnerability, as well as to defend the environment, aiming at the relief of suffering, acting especially in natural or man-made emergencies and/or socio-political conflicts (refuge situations).

It operates through a global team of humanitarian volunteers, trained, and fully dedicated to serve the global humanitarian agenda, wherever the Fraternity – Humanitarian Missions (FIHM) will intervene aligned with local partners.

It develops its activities by cooperating at the international level in humanitarian response and emergency scenarios, building and strengthening links and partnerships between national and international, governmental, and non-governmental organizations, with cross-cutting values and objectives.

One of the most important activities of the Fraternity – Humanitarian Missions (FIHM) is inter-agency coordination, constructive and non-competitive dialogue, listening and building together with affected populations, seeking integrated solutions and complementary actions so that the social and humanitarian response can meet the unusual pace of emergencies with efficiency, humanity, respect for human rights and duties implicit in social integration.

Fraternity – Humanitarian Missions (FIHM) develops projects with local communities and humanitarian actors who already play a role in local, social, and humanitarian responses. It acts in different phases of humanitarian crises, focusing on negotiation and dialogue to improve minimum conditions, and assist affected populations, including durable solutions in the medium and long term.

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Its neutral, genuine, and transparent action, combined with continuous learning and sharing, based on empirical knowledge and training in international humanitarian standards (Sphere, INEE, CCCM and CCHN frontlineneegotiation) applied in humanitarian responses, social and environmental emergencies, raise commitment on the humanitarian service fronts at national and international level.

The humanitarian principles of the Fraternity – Humanitarian Missions (FIHM) are derived from the fundamental principles that, since 1987, guide its humanitarian team, namely neutrality, impartiality and independence, which are endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly and stated in the Sphere Handbook.

The FIHM seeks to build a fraternal life, prioritizes voluntary service, unity and universality, as well as the gradual construction of principles of self-sustainability, thus aiming to stimulate effective transformations in the current humanity standards of living.

Its values are expressed in service to the needs of people, the environment, and the communities with whom it works, collaborating in the reconstruction of their lives.

The FIHM practices conscious respect for all human beings and for animal, vegetable, and mineral life, manifested, among other things, by the protection of the environment, by the preservation of the genetics of seeds (pure seeds free of genetic and scientific modifications), by the organic and sustainable cultivation of food and by the promotion of vegetarianism.

It does not accumulate material goods and it applies the donations received exclusively to attend the statutory purposes of the entity.

The Fraternity – Humanitarian Missions (FIHM) is supported by private donors and resources from partnerships and relies on the budgeted portion of the resources from its projects for basic support of the logistics of its humanitarian team members.

Its activities are carried out by trained volunteer collaborators of different nationalities and experiences, who act selflessly, without seeking remuneration, profit, or any private benefit, giving themselves entirely to altruistic volunteer service, aimed at the common good.

## **Principles for Partnerships**

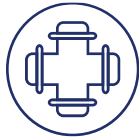
Partnerships with Fraternity – International Humanitarian Missions (FIHM) must honour the following principles:

1. Equality – requires mutual respect and equity of rights and obligations among members of the partnership, regardless of size and power.

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2. Independence – As an autonomous humanitarian organization, it is willing to provide humanitarian assistance and will act in the fulfilment of its mission, independent of the politics of governments, creeds, cultures and religions. This freedom of action is guaranteed by its financial independence since its resources come from spontaneous donations from collaborators.
3. Impartiality – Its voluntary humanitarian team members offer humanitarian aid to those in need, without discrimination of race, gender, creed, religion, nationality or political conviction, having as a criterion for action the possibility of alleviating the suffering of individuals and the other kingdoms of nature.
4. Neutrality – In the face of conflicts, neutrality is fundamental to assist people in need, regardless of which side of the conflict they are on.
5. Transparency – applied by sharing information, prior consultation and with emphasis on dialogue, in cases of divergent positions between the partnerships, including financial transparency, which increases the level of trust between the organizations.
6. Respect for the Laws – Commitment that projects and actions of a partnership are always in accordance with the relevant legal provisions, meeting the provisions contained in the Constitution of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the International Law Standards, which can be Treaties, Covenants, Agreements or similar of which Brazil is a signatory.
7. Morality – Duty to act ethically, within the standards of decorum, loyalty and good faith, among partners.
8. Attention to volunteer humanitarians – Partnerships should look after the integrity and development of all full-time servants and punctual contributors.
9. Respect for Human Rights – Partnerships must ensure that the rights and freedoms set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are guaranteed.
10. The Fraternity – Humanitarian Missions (FIHM) does not establish any type of institutional relationship, be it cooperation, partnership, or support, with companies and other institutions, manufacturers or distributors, that operate in the following fields of activity:
  - cigarette, tobacco and/or tobacco
  - alcoholic beverages
  - war (firearms / ammunition)
  - meat or other forms of exploration and/or slaughter of animals
  - games of chance
  - agrochemicals.
  - or that are involved with child labour or labour analogous to slavery; prostitution or sexual exploitation of children or adolescents; racism, terrorism, or corruption.

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The Fraternity – International Humanitarian Missions (FIHM)) invites partners, supporters and collaborators to participate in solidarity, enabling them to serve, in a simple and altruistic way, and bring the help they can provide to different places, people and kingdoms of nature.

The desired result of this union of efforts and goals will be an integrated movement for Peace and Fraternity.

For partnership proposals, contact us at [secretaria@fraterinternacional.org](mailto:secretaria@fraterinternacional.org)

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