



## CI Program Principles – February 2004

### **Principle 1: Promote Empowerment**

We stand in solidarity with poor and marginalized people, and support their efforts to take control of their own lives and fulfil their rights, responsibilities and aspirations. We ensure that key participants representing affected people are involved in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of our programmes.

### **Principle 2: Work in partnership with others**

We work with others to maximise the impact of our programs, building alliances and partnerships with those who offer complementary approaches, are able to adopt effective programming approaches on a larger scale, and/or who have responsibility to fulfil rights and alleviate poverty through policy change and enforcement.

### **Principle 3: Ensure Accountability and Promote Responsibility**

We seek ways to be held accountable to poor and marginalized people whose rights are denied. We identify those with an obligation toward poor and marginalized people, and support and encourage their efforts to fulfil their responsibilities.

### **Principle 4: Oppose Discrimination**

In our programs and offices we oppose discrimination and the denial of rights based on sex, race, nationality, ethnicity, class, religion, age, physical ability, caste, opinion or sexual orientation.

### **Principle 5: Oppose Violence**

We promote just and non-violent means for preventing and resolving conflicts, noting that such conflicts contribute to poverty and the denial of rights.

### **Principle 6: Seek Sustainable Results**

By acting to identify and address underlying causes of poverty and rights denial, we develop and use approaches that ensure our programmes result in lasting and fundamental improvements in the lives of the poor and marginalized with whom we work.