A Human Rights-Based Approach

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Recognize affected individuals and communities as rights holders.

Duty-bearers identify as such embrace their duties and responsibilities.

Commit to international human rights norms as the true north.

Ensure that any and all efforts align with international human rights norms.

Put dual emphasis on process and outcomes.

Focus on the most marginalized, at-risk, and affected rights-holders (accounting for discrimination and other dynamics).

Identify sources of harm and salient risks and issues.

Consult with affected rights-holders and human rights defenders to understand areas of concern from their perspective.

Give due consideration to unforeseen and unintended consequences.

Facilitate process that allows rights-holders to inform responsibilities and strategies (let them guide duty-bearers).

Build concerted responses to human rights risks and challenges and tailor the context and circumstances of rights-holders.

Embed policies and processes to ensure that rights-holders can exercise their rights.

Monitor performance through meaningful engagement with affected rights-holders.

Adapt, improve, and seek opportunities to progressively realize better human rights outcomes.