As FAO ambassadors, we aim to uphold FAO’s mission and values at all times.

What is sexual exploitation?
Abusing a position of power or trust to demand sexual favours from others in return for financial, social or political gain.

What is sexual abuse?
Actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions.

All FAO personnel and implementing partners must:

- Know and comply with FAO’s Policy on the protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and FAO’s Code of Ethical Conduct.
- Treat our beneficiaries, partners, and colleagues with respect and dignity.
- Report any SEA that we witness, or become aware of, to the FAO Hotline.
- Cooperate with any investigations into SEA led by the Office of the Inspector General.

We say NO to sexual exploitation and abuse:

- No holding back on aid (food, clothes, shelter, money) if beneficiaries don’t provide sexual favours.
- No sexual acts of any kind with boys or girls under the age of 18.
- No sexual relationship with beneficiaries that involves improper use of position.
- No buying sex from sex workers - even in countries where it is legal.
- No trafficking people for sex work.
- No exchanging money, employment or gifts in return for sex or a date.

Report any incidents of sexual exploitation and abuse to the FAO Hotline or scan the QR code to get in touch or visit www.fao.ethicspoint.com for more information.