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## Drone Code of Conduct for Social Good

Ethical, Inclusive, Safe and Effective Use of Civilian Drones  
for Social Good Projects

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## Fly Responsibly

Familiarise yourself with local laws regulating drone use, and coordinate your actions with the local Civil Aviation Authority.

Be sure to operate with the relevant permissions and be extra cautious when deploying in conflict zones due to their sensitive nature.

Demonstrate training and practical experience with your drone equipment before deploying in the field.

## Engage With Communities

Share flight activities as widely as possible, ideally publicly, and engage with local communities before deploying.

Seek informed participation from communities, engaging in an accessible manner, and where possible in the local language.

## Do No Harm

Respect the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence.

Take responsibility for your actions and be liable for any issues involving harm to people, nature, wildlife and property.

Respect the right to privacy.

## Data is Power

With power comes responsibility. Collect, use, manage, share, store and retain data responsibly securely and ethically. Only collect information that is needed, applying informed consent where possible and employing mitigation measures where it is not.

When possible, share your data openly to increase the impact of your work but protect Personally Identifiable Information (PII), Community Identifiable Information (CII) and Demographically Identifiable Information (DII).

## Be Open

Coordinate and create partnerships with other vetted organizations working in the area to increase effectiveness.

Share lessons learned.

Integrate feedback loops and adapt your approach.

## Be Prepared

Create and manage contingency plans for unintended consequences such as the crash or loss of a drone. Report incidents. Have adequate insurance.

Define the drone mission scope prior to engagement and based on a thorough needs assessment; humanitarian, environmental, and any other benefits should clearly outweigh the risks to persons, wildlife, nature, or properties.