Drone Code of Conduct for Social Good

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

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The following organisations have contributed to the Humanitarian Code of Conduct:

- ICRC
- OCHA
- UNDRR
- UAVFOR
- WeRobotics
- Flying Labs
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.

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).

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

Integrate feedback loops and adapt your approach.

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.