SAFER ACCESS

Increasing acceptance, security and access to people and communities in need

PRACTICAL RESOURCE PACK
What is the Safer Access Framework (SAF)?

Do you know the gaps, barriers, risks and challenges affecting your National Society’s acceptance, security and access to people and communities in need and how you will overcome them?
SAF features

- Operational approach towards NS development
- Context-specific
- Pragmatic
- Structured, measurable
In what contexts does the SAF apply?

The SAF applies in all situations, but particularly in sensitive and insecure contexts, including armed conflict and internal disturbances and tensions.
Who it is for

WHY THE SAFER ACCESS FRAMEWORK IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL NATIONAL SOCIETIES

1. Increase your ability to address the humanitarian needs of more people
2. Prevent, reduce and avoid security incidents which cause harm to your staff and volunteers
3. Better meet the challenges of today’s complicated and evolving humanitarian environments
4. Fulfil your mandate and roles in sensitive and insecure contexts
5. Adopt a more structured approach to increasing your security and access
Areas in which the SAF is most relevant

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The cycle underpinning the SAF

**THE SAFER ACCESS CYCLE**

**Aim**
To increase acceptance, security and access to people and communities in need by providing relevant and effective humanitarian services in accordance with the Fundamental Principles and other Movement policies and practice.

- **Access**
- **Security**
- **Perception**
- **Acceptance**
“How to use the Fundamental Principles is to live them”
# The 8 elements of the SAF

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How the elements link together

Chain Reaction

- Context and risk assessment
- Legal and policy base
- Acceptance of the organization
- Acceptance of the individual
- Internal communication and coordination
- External communication and coordination
- Operational security risk management
- Identification

Aim
To increase acceptance, security and access to people and communities in need

VALUES
- Universality
- Humanity
- Impartiality
- Neutrality
- Unity
- Voluntary service
- Independence
A structured approach to application of the SAF

THE WAY TO SAFER ACCESS

- Assess gaps, barriers, risks and challenges to security and access
- Develop an action plan
- Integrate outcomes
- Take action
- Monitor progress

Safer Access steering group
TAKE ACTION AND INTEGRATE

POSSIBLE AREAS FOR THE INTEGRATION OF OUTCOMES

Policy Guidelines LEGISLATION
Strategy STATUTES Support Services
Programmes VISION Tools and Training
Systems
SAF Tools

- SAF Chart
- SAF Assessment and Planning Tool
- SAF Benchmarking and Monitoring Tool
- Facilitator’s Guide
- PowerPoint presentation
- Graphics package
Strength and greater reach through Movement coordination