

Combating Trafficking in Persons

DAAS is opposed to all forms of trafficking in persons and is committed to reducing the risk of trafficking in its programs and activities. All DAAS contractors, subcontractors, subrecipients and their employees must comply with DAAS Policy on Combating Trafficking in Persons.

This policy applies to all DAAS staff worldwide, and to Contractors, Subcontracts Personnel, Suppliers and Supplier Personnel to the extent set out below.

DEFINITIONS:

- 1. Commercial Sex Act Any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person.
- DAAS Personnel DAAS employees, officers, members of its Board of Directors, interns, and fellows (paid or unpaid), volunteers, agents, and other individuals authorized to act on behalf of DAAS.
- 3. Forced Labor Knowingly providing or obtaining the labor or services of a person by express or implied threats of serious harm to, or physical restraint against, that person or another person.
- 4. Supplier Any DAAS contractor, consultant, vendor, supplier, subcontractor or subrecipient.
- 5. Supplier Personnel A Supplier's employees, consultants, interns, and fellows (paid or unpaid) volunteers, agents and other individuals authorized to act on Supplier's behalf.
- 6. Trafficking in Persons (TIP)
 - a. The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, or receipt of a person through using force, fraud, coercion, or abuse of power for purposes of commercial sex acts, prostitution, or other forms of sexual exploitation.
 - b. The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, or receipt of a person using force, fraud, coercion, or abuse of power for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery.
 - c. The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, or receipt of a person who has not yet attained the age of 18 for any of the purposes listed above, whether or not through the use of force, fraud, coercion, or abuse of power.

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1. Statement of Policy

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1.1. DAAS is opposed to all forms of TIP and is committed to mitigating the risk of TIP in connection with its operations and programs.

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1.2. It is the policy of DAAS to comply fully with the U.S. government's laws, regulations and policies prohibiting Trafficking in Persons by government contractors and award recipients, including, but not limited to, FAR Subpart 22.17; FAR § 52.222-50 – Combating Trafficking in Persons; FAR § 52.222- 56 – Certification Regarding Trafficking in Persons Compliance Plan; and USAID's Standard Provisions regarding Trafficking In Persons, as more fully set forth in this policy.

2. Prohibited Activities

- 2.1. In accordance with U.S. government policy, all DAAS Personnel, Suppliers and Supplier Personnel are strictly prohibited from:
 - 2.1.1. Engaging in any form of Trafficking in Persons (as defined above);
 - 2.1.2. Procuring a Commercial Sex Act during the period of a U.S. government contract, cooperative agreement, or award;
 - 2.1.3. Using Forced Labor in the performance of any U.S. government contract, cooperative agreement or award;
 - 2.1.4. Destroying, concealing, confiscating, or otherwise denying any employee access to his or her identity or immigration documents, such as passports or drivers' licenses;
 - 2.1.5. Using misleading or fraudulent recruiting practices during the recruitment of employees or offering of employment to employees, such as failing to disclose (in a format and language accessible to the employee) or making material misrepresentations about the key terms and conditions of employment, including wage and benefits, work location, living conditions, housing and associated costs (if provided or arranged by DAAS or the Supplier), significant costs to be charged to the employee, and the hazardous nature of the work (where applicable);
 - 2.1.6. Using recruiters that do not comply with the labor laws of the country where recruiting takes place;
 - 2.1.7. Charging recruitment fees to employees;
 - 2.1.8. Failing to provide or pay the cost of return transportation at the end of employment for an employee who is not a national of the country where the work took

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place and was brought into that country for purposes of working on a U.S. government contract or award performed outside the U.S.; 2.1.9. Failing to provide or pay the cost of return transportation at the end of employment for a employee who is not a U.S. national and was brought into the U.S. for the purpose of working on a U.S. government contract or award, if payment of such costs is required under existing temporary work programs or pursuant to a written agreement with the employee for portions of contracts and awards performed outside the U.S.;

2.1.10. Providing or arranging housing that fails to meet the host country housing and safety standards; 2.1.11. If required by law or contract, failing to provide an employment contract, recruitment agreement or other required work document, written in a language the employee understands, that includes details about work description, wages, prohibition on charging recruitment fees, work location, living accommodations and associated costs, time off, roundtrip transportation arrangements, grievance process, and the content of applicable laws and regulations that prohibit trafficking in persons. If the employee must relocate to perform the work, the work document must be provided to the employee at least five days prior to relocation.

3. Compliance Plans and Certifications Required for Certain Projects

- 3.1. DAAS will maintain written anti-trafficking compliance plans for all U.S. government contracts and subcontracts and all USAID awards and subawards that: (a) are for supplies to be acquired or services to be performed outside the U.S., and (b) have an estimated value that exceeds \$500,000 (referred to collectively in this policy as "CPR Projects"). Compliance plans must include all elements required by the applicable regulation or standard provision and must be appropriate to the size and complexity of the contract or award, and to the nature and scope of the activities to be performed, including the number of non-U.S. citizens expected to be employed and the risk that the CPR project will involve services or supplies susceptible to Trafficking in Persons.
- 3.2. Compliance plans will be posted on DAAS's Enterprise Document Management System (EDMS), at all relevant CPR Project worksites, and on www.daasus.com
- 3.3. DAAS will submit certifications for CPR Projects as required by applicable regulations and contractual provisions.

4. Reporting Requirements and Procedure

4.1. All DAAS Personnel, Suppliers and Supplier Personnel who observe, suspect, or receive allegations of trafficking-related activity, or any other conduct prohibited by Title

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this policy, are required to report the conduct immediately, either orally or in writing, by contacting one of the following:

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- 4.1.1. Their immediate supervisor, or, if the conduct involves the immediate supervisor, any other supervisor within their department.
- 4.1.2. Their local Human Resources (HR) representative or regional or departmental HR Partner;
- 4.1.3. The General Counsel on DAAS Board https://html.nc.nih.gov/ or daasuscompliance@outlook.com_compliance@daasus.com
- 4.1.4. The Office of Compliance and Internal Audit (OCIA) via email at daasuscompliance@outlook.com_compliance@daasus.com
- **4.**1.6. OCIA's reporting website either with your name or anonymously (https://www.daasus.com/compliance-office).
 - 4.1.6.1. Anonymous reports are generally more difficult to investigate due to limited information. DAAS Personnel are urged to provide as much detailed information as possible about the conduct, including, if possible, identifying people who were involved or who witnessed the conduct, so long as this will not put the persons identified at risk of immediate harm.
- 4.2 DAAS Personnel who are supervisors or hold a position at Team Leader, director level or above are required to promptly, within 24 hours, notify Office of General Counsel, of any actual or suspected Trafficking in Persons or other violation of this policy that is reported to them, or that they observe or otherwise become aware of. Failure to do so is a violation of this policy and could lead to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate separation of employment.
- 4.3. DAAS Personnel and Supplier Personnel who believe they or others have been subjected to prohibited trafficking-related activities may report the activity as outlined above, or may contact:
 - The National Human Trafficking Hotline In the U.S. 1-888-373-7888 or by texting HELP to 233733 (BEFREE)
 - Outside the U.S. +001-202-745-0190 or by text 202-657-4006
- 4.4. OCIA will investigate all reports of prohibited trafficking-related activity or violations of this policy, take appropriate action, and make any required notifications to government agencies.

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5. Non-Retaliation

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5.1. DAAS has a separate policy prohibiting retaliation (Open Door and Non-Retaliation POL 201909120003). DAAS strictly prohibits any retaliation against DAAS Personnel who complain about TIP, trafficking related activity, or other violations of this policy or related procedures, or who participate in any internal or government TIP investigation.

- 5.2. Retaliation occurs when someone penalizes or threatens to penalize another person for reporting or expressing an intent to report what they believe in good faith to be TIP or any other violation of this policy, assisting others in reporting TIP or policy violations, or participating in investigations under this policy.
- 5.3. Non-retaliation protection includes all Program Participants. No Program Participant or community member will be denied participation in a program or access to aid for reporting suspected or known trafficking-related activity or participating in a TIP investigation.
- 5.4. Suspected retaliation should be promptly reported via the reporting mechanisms set out in Section 4. 5.5. DAAS Personnel who engage in retaliation will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including separation of employment or other relationship with DAAS.

6. Supplier Obligations and Agreements

- 6.1. All Suppliers and Supplier Personnel must refrain from any conduct that violates this policy. DAAS requires that Suppliers uphold the principles of this policy and take steps to prevent Trafficking in Persons or any of the trafficking-related activities prohibited in Section 2 above by Supplier Personnel. Failure to do so may result in termination of Supplier's contractual relationship with DAAS.
- 6.2. DAAS requires that all Suppliers and Supplier Personnel cooperate fully with investigations of policy violations and provide truthful information to investigators.
- 6.3. For Supplier contracts and subcontracts subject to the requirements of FAR § 52.222-50 that: (a) are for goods to be acquired or services to be performed outside the U.S., and (b) have an estimated value exceeding \$500,000, DAAS will require Suppliers to maintain a written compliance plan and submit periodic certifications in accordance with such requirements, and include appropriate language to that effect in all such Supplier contracts.

7. Consequences of Violations

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7.1. DAAS Personnel who engage in any of the prohibited activities listed above, fail to comply with any applicable compliance plan, fail to report suspected trafficking-related activity or forward a report of suspected trafficking-related activity, or otherwise violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination of employment or other relationship with DAAS. 7.1.1. DAAS may take legal action when required, against DAAS Personnel who have been found to commit trafficking-related violations, including referral to the relevant authorities for appropriate action, including criminal prosecution, in all relevant jurisdictions.

7.2. If any Suppliers or Supplier Personnel engage in any of the prohibited activities listed above, fail to comply with any applicable contractual language or compliance plan, fail to report suspected trafficking-related activity, or otherwise violate this policy, DAAS will take corrective action, up to and including immediate termination of any Supplier contract with DAAS. Further, DAAS may pursue any contractual or other legal or equitable remedies that may be available.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

- 1. Policies
 - POL 201909140004 Open Door and Non-Retaliation
- 2. Standard Operating Procedures
 - N/A

REFERENCES:

- 1. FAR Subpart 22.17 Combating Trafficking in Persons (Jan 2015)
- 2. FAR 52.222-50 Combating Trafficking in Persons (Mar 2015)
- 3. FAR 52.222-56 Certification Regarding Trafficking In Persons Compliance Plan (Mar 2015)
- 4. USAID's Standard Provision M.20 regarding Trafficking In Persons US Nongovernmental Organizations (April 2016)
- 5. USAID's Standard Provision M.15 regarding Trafficking In Persons Non-US Nongovernmental Organizations (April 2016)

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