

GUIDELINES



**REACH OUT
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Advice to help you fit
in with the cultures
and values of the
villages we work in.



Following these few, simple guidelines should help you develop a good relationship with local villagers and get the most out of your trip.

Clothing

Most of the communities we work with are modest in their public attire and conservative in their social attitudes. We are guests in their culture and so we too dress modestly and respect their values and traditions. Avoid short skirts, singlet tops and any display of cleavage or stomach area.

Language

You will almost certainly be involved in teaching English, whether formally in a class situation or informally when speaking casually with locals. Avoid offensive language, swearing or cursing.

Social Policy

Always consider your behavior in the context of the culture you are in. Aggressive behavior is unacceptable at any time in nearly all cultures but is particularly unacceptable in Asian societies.

Cultural Sensitivity

Village culture is conservative and traditional. Inappropriate touching and flirting should always be avoided.

Child Protection Policy

ROV has a child protection policy and we ask that you familiarize yourself with it. This will assist you in your interaction with children, help you identify any untoward behavior in others and also assist you in recognizing, dealing with and reporting inappropriate behavior by children who may themselves have been the victims of child abuse.

Any questions or concerns?
Then don't hesitate to contact a Reach Out Volunteers member either by phone, email or Facebook and we will be happy to help.

Favoritism

Avoid spending a large amount of time with a small circle of children or engaging in activities that exclude others. In particular, avoid any outward displays of favoritism to any individual children. If you wish to donate clothes, toys or educational items you must discuss this with ROV so that we can maintain equity and fairness in distribution amongst the children.

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