

Project Standards

Through its projects and activities, CRISP makes an impact in peaceful conflict resolution, the strengthening of pluralism and critical thinking, the creation of civil society structures and the promotion of democratic rights of co-determination.

To achieve the biggest possible impact, we orient ourselves toward the development and execution of the following standards.

Cooperation with local partners

- 1) The foundation of successful project implementation is trustworthy and close cooperation with local partners, in which all strategic decisions are made together.
- 2) The project objectives must be aligned with the local needs. This requires:
 - a) The development of a long-lasting vision in cooperation with local partners.
 - b) The joint development of project activities, including the corresponding impact criteria. (e.g. through the joint creation of log frames)
 - c) Creation of a joint risk and conflict analysis with local partners.
 - d) The joint decision on the criteria for the selection of participants.
- 3) The extent to which the values of CRISP and its employees align with the achievable project goals and the working methods of the project partners must be reviewed consistently.

Basic values

- 1) The foundation of every project is the “Do-No-Harm” approach. The assumptions made in this context should be confirmed by the local partner.
- 2) An open, close and equal cooperation with local partners is necessary.
- 3) CRISP and its employees must be impartial. This includes a categorical openness towards different ways of thinking.
- 4) During, as well as at the end of the project, the effect will be observed, measured, recorded and compared with the project goals.

Sustainability

- 1) The effect beyond the duration of the project and how it can be achieved must be taken into consideration for every project. Examples include multiplier approaches and the construction of (permanent) structures.
- 2) People (Partner, Participants etc.) with heightened interest and motivation should be integrated long term, also beyond the duration of the project.
- 3) If possible, the results of the projects should be multipliable.

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Outreach/ Accessibility

- 1) Beyond the circle of direct participants, as many people as possible should be reached.
- 2) During all projects, provided it is conducive to the project objectives, the involvement of as many different stakeholder groups as well as various social sectors and levels as possible will be strived for.
- 3) People from disadvantaged, marginalized groups should be especially included in the project implementation. We are therefore committed to a greater inclusion of women to promote a better understanding of gender, violence and peace as well as increasing the participation of women and other marginalized groups in peacebuilding processes.
- 4) The participation requirements for the projects should be critically reflected and minimized if possible.

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Profitability

- 1) The project contributes to the financial health of the organization.
- 2) The (time and material) effort, the financial revenues and the achieved impact of a project must be in proportional relation to each other.

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