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Bringing fuel-efficient stoves to the world

Statement of Understanding

StoveTeam is a guest in the country that we serve. Our priority is that we have a positive effect on the lives of host country and our volunteers. StoveTeam has been and is a role model in these communities and we act accordingly. In this respect we:

- a. Represent the United States.
- b. Represent StoveTeam and our affiliated organizations.
- c. Represent institutions within the country where we are working that benefit from our work.
- d. Respect the local culture of the people that we serve.

We want our volunteers to have an experience that honors themselves, their family, and their community. Therefore we ask that volunteers:

1. Avoid the consumption of alcohol during the actual field time of the mission. If a volunteer desires to drink, please drink responsibly. It is strongly suggested that volunteers who have personal issues with alcohol and/or this policy do not go on StoveTeam trips.
2. Please dress respectfully. Shorts, tank tops, and other revealing clothes are not appropriate in the cultures where we work.
3. Culturally, indigenous populations are very conservative and do not openly exhibit romantic interest. Please abstain from forward behavior.
4. Do not give handouts to individuals, including candy, gum, money, etc. Please do not promise or give photos. If you would like to make a donation please speak with a StoveTeam staff person.
5. StoveTeam pays for all services including gratuity; volunteers should not attempt to give additional gratuities.
6. Please be prepared to work under the authority of the team leader and function as a member of a team that will need to adapt to unexpected circumstances.

Please note:

- 1. I understand that if my conduct is detrimental to the mission of StoveTeam's work, I may not be invited on a future trip.**
- 2. I understand that StoveTeam International reserves the right to return volunteers to the United States for inappropriate behavior; in such a case I forfeit any rights to financial or other remuneration.**

I understand and agree to conduct myself in a manner consistent with the above statement.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

StoveTeam is delighted to have you as a volunteer. The experience will be richly rewarding and perhaps life-changing. Your suggestions are welcomed and encouraged.