



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

CODE OF CONDUCT AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The humanitarian imperative comes first.

Aid is given regardless of the race, creed, or nationality of the recipients.

Aid priorities are calculated on the basis of need alone.

Aid is not used to further a particular political or religious standpoint.

We respect culture and custom.

We build disaster response on local capacities.

We involve program beneficiaries in the management of relief aid and the recovery.

We strive to reduce future vulnerabilities to disaster as well as meeting basic needs.

**We hold ourselves accountable to both those we seek to serve and
those from whom we accept resources.**

**In our information, publicity, and advertising activities, we recognize disaster
survivors as dignified humans, not hopeless objects.**