



*HOMO SUM, NIHIL HUMANI A ME ALIENUM PUTO
I AM HUMAN, AND NOTHING OF THAT WHICH IS HUMAN IS ALIEN TO ME
(Terence, 195 – 159 B.C.)*

This is the key principle underpinning all INTERSOS' values and interventions. It underlines the importance of the human being: the principles of equality, justice, peace, solidarity and the duty of every human being to help all those in need or distress, without influence of any kind.

INTERSOS is:

BORDERLESS

INTERSOS works in full coherence with the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights: it does not make any difference or discrimination whatsoever based on race, gender, religious belief, nationality, ethnic origin or class of people who are in need of help.

IMPARTIAL

In the eyes of INTERSOS, the victim must be the primary concern in every circumstance, irrespective of any political, religious or social differences or beliefs. Its humanitarian activities are implemented in an impartial manner in respect of whatever population or person at risk, or in circumstances of serious need. This does not prevent INTERSOS from identifying those people or institutions responsible for specific disaster situations, either natural or man-made catastrophes, and from taking a public stance on the matter.

INDEPENDENT

INTERSOS is not controlled by any political or ideological, national or international authority. This freedom of thought and opinion allows INTERSOS to report all human rights' violations and every form of injustice and breach, whilst not being unduly influenced. The same principle of independence determines the standards by which financial donors, both private and public, are chosen.

SENSITIVE TO LOCAL CULTURES

INTERSOS develops its actions by establishing methods and behavior that fully respect local cultural and religious traditions.



ATTENTIVE TO LOCAL CAPACITY

INTERSOS always places the value and dignity of human beings at the centre of its activities. This is why it immediately involves the local population when implementing actions, developing and strengthening the capabilities and expertise of individuals and of the community, thereby gradually eliminating dependence on external help. Its relationship with local populations is based on openness, dialogue, exchange and participation.

PROFESSIONAL IN SOLIDARITY

INTERSOS considers solidarity and professionalism to be two indispensable and indivisible components in its humanitarian work; they are essential elements to respond to the needs of a population with humanity, effectiveness and quality.

TRANSPARENT

INTERSOS operates thanks to the funds from public and private donors. The budget for every single project is verified by public financial experts and certified by financial auditors. The annual budget is certified and made available to the public.