

## SHEDECIDES FRAUD POLICY

### **1. Background**

- 1.1. The role of the SheDecides Support Unit (SDSU) is to nurture the development of the SheDecides movement and support the movement to stand up and speak out about her right to decide.
- 1.2. The SheDecides Support Unit is hosted by the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and is aligned with IPPF key policies and procedures.
- 1.3. This Fraud Policy is drawn from IPPF's Fraud Policy and is to be signed by recipients of SheDecides grants.

### **2. Introduction**

- 2.1. Fraud covers acts such as deception, bribery, forgery, extortion, corruption, theft, conspiracy, embezzlement, misappropriation, false representation, concealment of material facts and collusion.
- 2.2. Fraud usually involves depriving someone of something by deceit or obtaining something by deceit, which might either be straight theft, misuse of funds or other resources, or more complicated crimes such as false accounting and the supply of false information. Fraud is not restricted to monetary or material benefits but includes intangibles such as status and information.
- 2.3. Fraud can be perpetrated not only against SheDecides, such as the theft of SheDecides assets, but also in favour of SheDecides, such as deceiving donors into providing funds for non-existent activity, or double reporting single activities to more than one donor. SheDecides does not tolerate either kind of fraud.

### **3. Policy**

- 3.1. SheDecides has zero tolerance of fraud of any type or in any circumstances.
- 3.2. Fraud depletes funds intended for the accomplishment of the Movement's objectives, undermines effective functioning and jeopardises sustainable development by diverting donor contributions.
- 3.3. Fraud detection and prevention is everyone's responsibility, not just leadership and management of the organisation<sup>1</sup>.
- 3.4. Anyone reporting fraud shall be protected by the whistleblowing/ complaints policies of IPPF.

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<sup>1</sup> Organisation in this policy, refers to an organisation that has received funding from the SDSU.

#### 4. Implementation

- 4.1. Any fraudulent activity/ action identified shall be investigated immediately and appropriate action taken in accordance with local policies and legislation.
- 4.2. Any fraudulent activity/ action alleged and/ or identified in the organisation shall be reported immediately to SheDecides.
- 4.3. If you suspect fraud, kindly report the same through the [IPPF's SafeReport](#), IPPF's external incident reporting service.

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In accepting a SheDecides Grant, I, (name of the authorised personnel), the *(designation of the authorised personnel)* of (name of the organisation) confirms that no staff and/ or board member of (name of the organisation) has committed any fraudulent act, as defined above, in the last 3 years. I also confirm that (name of the organisation) is not under any sanction by another organization / funder for fraud, bribery or corruption.

Name:

Organization:

Role:

Signature:

Date:

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*For grants to individuals (delete the above)*

In accepting a SheDecides Grant, I, (name of the grant recipient), confirm that I have not committed any fraudulent act, as defined above, in the last 3 years. I also confirm that I am not under any sanction by another organization / funder for fraud, bribery or corruption.

Name:

Signature:

Date: