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**General Release, Waiver, and Assumption of Risk**  
**LOCAL VOLUNTEER/PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT**

**Definitions:**

1. "Refuge International" means, Refuge International, Inc., and any and all of their subsidiaries and affiliates, supported or supporting organizations, their past, present and future employees, agents, representatives, staff, administrators, trustees, officers, directors, attorneys and insurers.
2. "Participant" means you and any of your minor children who participate in any Refuge International activity.

**Agreement:** Participant wishes to participate in a Refuge International volunteer opportunity, mission trip, activity or other event (the "Activity"). In consideration of and as a condition of participation, Participant agrees that:

1. **Participant will not sue or make any legal claims that Refuge International's conduct, acts or omissions, which are in any way related to the Activity, injured or damaged Participant. This includes claims that Refuge International's conduct directly or indirectly caused Participant any injury, loss, damage, or expense. Participant intends this release to be as broad and comprehensive as legally possible and gives up any right to make a claim against Refuge International under any theory of recovery under the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America, including but not limited to the laws of any other states of the United States of America, any other sovereign nation and claims under any and all treaties and agreements to which the United States of America is a signatory.**
2. Participant shall indemnify and defend Refuge International against any claim that Participant's actions or failure to act injured or damaged a third party. Participant also agrees to pay the legal fees and costs Refuge International incurs in defending against such a claim.
3. Participant has no physical or mental condition that would be aggravated by or prevent Participant from participating in the Activity. If Participant is injured during the Activity, Participant gives Refuge International permission to secure emergency treatment for Participant.
4. Refuge International shall be granted authority and the right to take photographs and make audio and video recordings (the "Media") of Participant at the Activity for promotional and news purposes. Participant gives all of their rights and ownership in the Media to Refuge International and irrevocably grants permission to Refuge International to use the Media for any purpose whatsoever.
5. Participant shall abide by all of the Refuge International standards of conduct, rules, regulations or instructions that apply to the Activity.
6. Texas law requires that all citizens report any suspected abuse or neglect of a child or elderly person to Texas Department of Human Services or a law enforcement agency. Participant agrees to comply with the law and cooperate fully in any investigation of suspected abuse of children, youth and/or elderly persons and, in addition to their reporting requirements under the law, to promptly report any suspected abuse to Refuge International.
7. Refuge International retains the sole right and discretion to require Participant to submit to a background check, including a criminal history verification, prior to Participant participating in any Activity. Participant shall promptly submit to a background check if one is required by Refuge International.

I understand and accept the waiver above.

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