

## Images and Key Messages for Human Rights and Social Safeguards Training for Rangers Across Africa

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Key Messages	Images
<p>I protect nature for the benefit of all and to preserve the environment</p> <p>I raise awareness and collaborate with local communities, Indigenous Peoples and different authorities.</p>	
<p>I have exemplary behaviour.</p> <p>I respect the laws, codes of conduct and the culture of my institution. I encourage others to do the same.</p> <p>I treat everyone with respect and fairness.</p> <p>I am against all forms of discrimination.</p>	

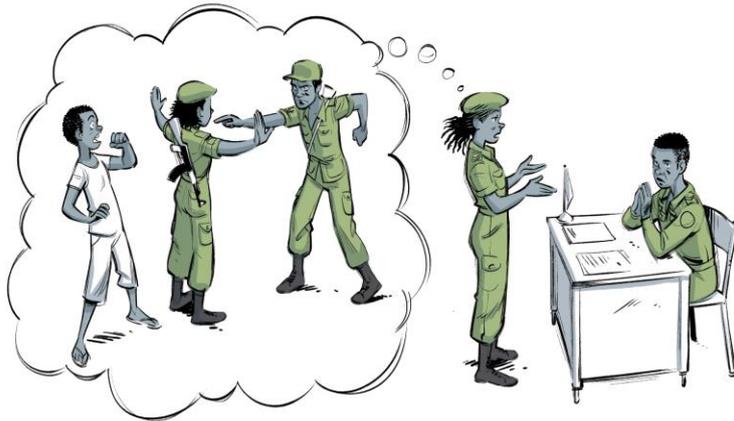


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I remain honest and act with responsibility and integrity, even in difficult situations.

I report misconduct to my superior.



I respect my fellow citizens and the local community.

I treat my fellow citizens and the community with respect and courtesy, while upholding the law.

The community - That is me too!



I protect human dignity  
I respect human rights  
I provide assistance to  
someone in need



I am against torture  
I do not mistreat anyone  
I treat my fellow citizens with respect and courtesy



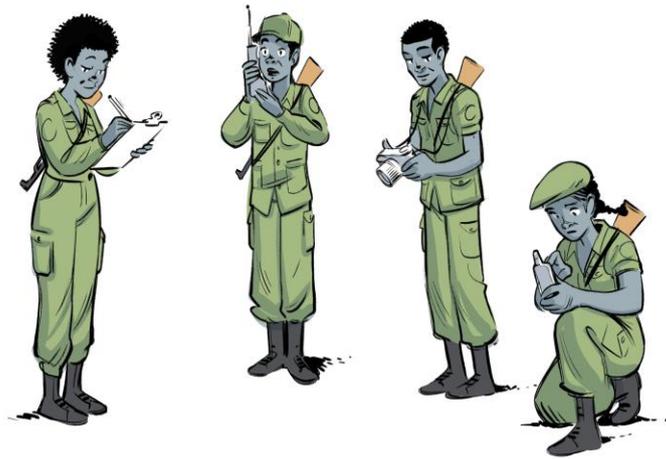
I do not drink alcohol and do not take drugs  
I sleep and camp separately from members of the community  
I have an exemplary behaviour  
I refrain from any behaviour that could damage my reputation and that of my position



I am a professional

I ensure proper documentation of incidents while on patrol, with all the means at my disposal: notes, photos and GPS coordinates.

I report each situation in detail to my superior



I (the community) respect the rangers and their mission.

I contribute to the protection of my environment and facilitate the mission of the rangers.



I defend peace and order.

I help and assist the population when necessary

I mediate between disputing parties.



I support my fellow community members in case of human-wildlife conflicts

I am sensitive to human-wildlife conflicts

I support communities by carrying out actions with the appropriate means, to protect property from wildlife destruction.



I say no to corruption.

I do not use my position for personal gains or advantages.

I am honest in all circumstances.

I report acts and attempts of corruption to my superiors.



I pay attention to the specific needs of women.

A woman should only be searched by another woman.

Male rangers provide instructions for self-search if there are no female rangers that can conduct the search

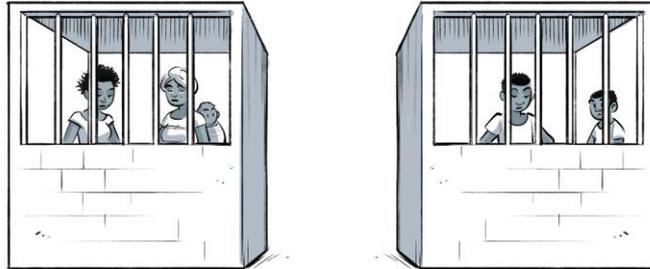


When detained, men and women are separated from each other.

I ensure the well-being of mothers



SECOND picture with separation in a facility



A child is vulnerable, and rangers takes responsibility for their well-being.

I take active steps to protect children.

I consult and respect their opinion.



I protect refugees and displaced people

I seek to understand their situation and to help them, even if they are displaced inside the park.

I inform the relevant authorities and organisations concerned



I provide assistance to cattle herders (transhumance) and guide them through designated cattle corridors or around the protected area.



I treat Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities with dignity and protect their rights.

I know and respect their customs and the specific rights granted to them.

I maintain a clear dialogue and ensure their consent for any action that may affect them.



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I provide assistance to victims and treat them as my brothers and sisters.



Rape is NO!

I am against rape and any forms of sexual violence

I assist victims of sexual violence and take them to the nearest hospital.



In the absence of danger and serious offence:

I have a friendly attitude; I promote dialogue and I raise awareness.



In a medium difficult situation:

I have a kind but firm attitude.

I ensure my own safety and that of the suspect.

When confronted with an unarmed person, I dialogue and avoid the use of force.



In case of serious danger, I retreat.

I only use force as a last resort.

I only use lethal force to defend myself.



I conduct searches with respect

I do not perform illegal acts

I take care of my reputation



I protect and respect the property of the population

I will not steal

I will not damage property

(same illustration as above)



I always act within the law

I issue a receipt upon confiscation

I write a list of seized and confiscated goods

I do not act alone



If it is necessary to detain a suspect:

I follow the procedures (code of conduct).

I inform him/her of the reasons for the detention.

I record the information in writing (evidence collection and recording).



I always treat arrestees with dignity:

I seek to avoid handcuffs

I avoid crowds and attention



I treat suspected humanely

I provide food, water and necessary rest time.

I ensure the transfer and presentation before a judicial authority in the shortest time possible.



I protect human life

I never shoot an unarmed person.

I never shoot anyone who is not an immediate danger to my life or the life of others.



Shooting - it's extreme!

I only shoot if it's absolutely necessary to protect life.

I avoid injury and damage as much as possible.



I do not shoot, unless it's absolutely necessary.

I never shoot someone fleeing.

I do not revenge



I only use force when it is absolutely unavoidable.

I do not overreact

I use force in a proportionate manner to achieve my goals as a ranger.



In front of a hostile crowd, I remain calm.

I do not provoke.

I protect myself and try to dialogue.

I contact the local leaders to seek a resolution



I know how to remain calm even in the face of insults.

I do not use force against an unarmed person.

I dialogue and ensure documentation.

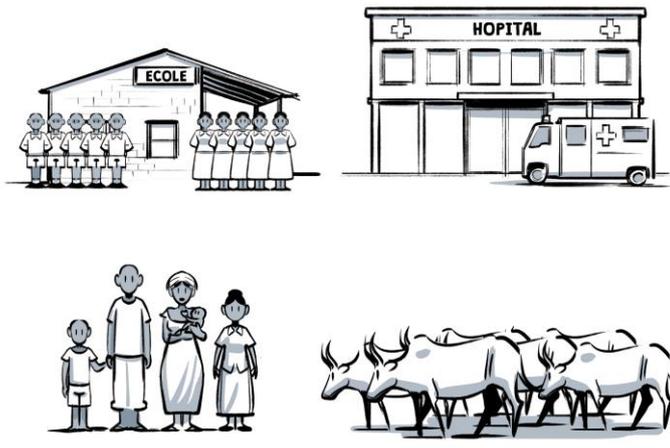


During armed conflict.

I seek to protect civilians and civilian structures.

I do not damage health centres.

I do not occupy schools.



I do not engage armed non-combatants. They are civilians.

I distinguish between civilians including those who are armed, and the combatants.

I do not attack armed non-combatants



I take all precautions to spare civilians and civilian objects (structures) during armed hostilities.

