

The principles and purpose of the International Committee for the Development of Peoples (CISP) are summarized in the Declaration of Intent and Code of Conduct for Cooperation Programmes, endorsed in 1997.

The **Declaration of intent** outlines the principles inspiring CISP's intervention:

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- Basic rights (food security, fight against poverty and exclusion, proper use of natural resources);
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- Other fundamental rights of the individuals and local communities (education, vocational training, health care and healthy environment);
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- Peace-making processes and complex emergencies alleviation.

The **Code of Conduct** provides CISP's strategic guidelines with regard to its humanitarian, rehabilitation and development cooperation projects. The Code of Conduct is meant to aid the work of CISP's staff in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of CISP's projects.

See the [Declaration of Intent and Code of Conduct](#)

The Code of Behavior is a set of principles outlining the integrity and ethic duties that every

CISP's staff member is requested to respect and adhere to.



See CISP's [Code of Behavior](#)

The Declaration of Intent was updated in 2008 with contributions from CISP's country offices and the head office in Rome. The new declaration reflects the belief that access to primary goods, services, food, resources, and a dignified life are inalienable rights of every individual.

See ["For rights and against poverty. Approaches and operational priorities of CISP - Development of Peoples"](#)

Our monitoring system

CISP pays significant attention to the monitoring and evaluation of its policies, programmes and projects. Evidence of CISP's long-time commitment in the subject is the establishment in 1990 of "Forum Valutazione", an evaluation forum that stimulated the international debate and review on monitoring and evaluation. This is also reflected in [CISP's Code of Conduct](#), where it is recognized that "in order to guarantee the effectiveness of the projects implemented, attention must be paid to their identification, planning, monitoring and evaluation".

Monitoring in Somalia presents peculiar challenges due to the limited access to the project sites resulting from insecurity and to the extremely volatile social and political environment. With this in mind, CISP endeavors to adapt and widen the scope of traditional monitoring tools to improve their effectiveness.

CISP's monitoring system is centered around two main pillars:



1. **Traditional Project Cycle Management tools**, with continuous sector and service assessments, an increased monitoring role of Somali staff and collaboration with local NGOs. CISP's effort includes frequent and regular monitoring missions, continuous training of field staff and GPS mapping of interventions;
2. **Community based monitoring mechanisms**, building on its long term presence in Somalia, its understanding of the context, the good relationship with the communities, and through a continuous engagement with the community entities, CISP aims at empowering its beneficiaries in the monitoring process, with particular focus on the impact of its activities, the efficiency of its processes and the relevance of its work. Local communities, through committees and boards, have a relevant role in monitoring the activities and the services provided by CISP. Examples of community groups supporting CISP in its monitoring effort are: Community Education Committees (CEC), District Education Boards, Water Committees and Health Boards.

The [Activity Update](#) section of this website is part of CISP's effort to improve continuous monitoring of its project activities and to gather data, feedback and visual evidence related to the relevance, efficiencies and impact of CISP's action in every project location.

CISP's management system and human resources manual

The [Management System](#) indicates how the principles of transparency and accountability are translated in the everyday administration and operations of the organization.

CISP Human Resources Manual is currently under review and will be posted in this section as soon as possible.