

Lifeline's Giving Policy

Please note that **Lifeline has a strict “no-giving” policy**. While it can feel natural to want to meet immediate needs by giving money or goods directly, we've learned that **sustainable impact comes through relationships, not handouts**.

Rather than distributing gifts, we encourage you to **invest in building authentic relationships** based on **mutual learning, understanding, and trust**. When material gifts are given directly, it can unintentionally create dependency, damage dignity, or disrupt local relationships and community dynamics. Our goal is to come alongside communities in ways that **empower, not enable**, and to support long-term growth led by local leaders.

Therefore, no cash or personal gifts should be given to anyone during your trip. If you feel led to give or support, please talk with your **Lifeline Field Guides** first. They can help you find appropriate, impactful ways to invest in the ministry—such as contributing to community projects or long-term development initiatives—ensuring your generosity aligns with local needs and Lifeline's mission.

If team members want to leave extra supplies from trainings or other activities, then these items will be **given to the country director to distribute at their discretion**.

Gifts in Kind (GIK)

Please **do not bring items that have NOT been specifically requested** by the Lifeline Trips Team. This ensures that all supplies are truly needed and that local leaders have ownership in how they are used.

For items that have been **specifically requested from the field**—for example, supplies for sports camps, or medical outreach, etc.—please complete the **Gift in Kind (GIK) form**, which can be found [here](#).

This form allows you to list any **purchased or donated ministry items** you plan to take to the mission field (for example: craft materials, sports equipment, or healthcare items). Completing this form helps Lifeline remain transparent and compliant with **IRS requirements** for tracking donated goods.

Whenever possible, please **complete the GIK form before your trip**. This helps our team coordinate logistics and make sure your contributions have the greatest positive impact.