

SITE VISIT

GROUND RULES

Empathy & Awareness

- Ask, listen, and observe.
- Be aware of **your own and others' presence, verbal/body language, actions & consequences**; whether positive or otherwise.
- Break the ice; **smile, initiate conversation & invite them to join in!** Being shy or uncooperative are normal defence mechanisms, especially for those who are used to being put at the receiving end, or have had negative experiences before.
- Speak a **language the community can understand**, even among yourselves!
- Be **patient** and believe that **openness and building trust takes time and effort** :)

Understanding Boundaries

- **Greet people, get to know them & ask permission** if you should find yourself in a situation where you are entering and exiting their home, compound. Open spaces might be a private realm, despite the lack of fences
- Do not overpromise (e.g. say you will return unless you are certain)
- Remember that **people are not random anonymous photo props**. Get to know each other before photographing, print copies to share! **Ask permission!**
- Taking photos for personal sharing is cool, but **sharing publicly is discouraged**
- Be aware of the **Personal Data Protection Act 2012 (PDPA)** and photographing children

Cultural Humility

- We must humble ourselves and ask, **is this something that they really need, or what we think they need? Are their local methods or solutions we can learn from too?**
- The community have their own history, environment & culture which may be different. **Leave your judgements and standards behind** and **see things from their perspective. Put yourself in others' shoes!**
- Learn to appreciate each other by sharing stories! And **be prepared to laugh at each other together**