

## **FIFA GUARDIANS SAFEGUARDING IN SPORT**

In my vision to make football truly global, I have set out 11 goals to truly globalise, popularise and democratise football for the benefit of the entire world.

We cannot however achieve this vision together if children or adults experience harassment and abuse or if they are exploited through their desire to play or participate in football: this is indeed unacceptable.

Every single person has the right to protection from harassment and abuse. This is especially the case for children - but it is also a prerequisite for the development of women's football.

Having effective preventative measures in place can help ensure that football is played in a safe and supportive environment for everyone, and it is precisely these safeguarding measures that define the aims of the FIFA Guardians Programme.

All of us must remain vigilant at all times – and we need to work together to kick harassment and abuse out of sport. Anyone who chooses football, or indeed any sport, is entitled to play and enjoy it in a safe and secure environment that supports her or his wellbeing: this is the objective of the FIFA Guardians Programme.

We need to safeguard sport, and it is up to all of us to play our part. We are all FIFA Guardians.