

## *What is Social Responsibility?*

The definition used by the ISO for the ISO26000 standards is:

The responsibility of an organization for the impacts of its decisions and activities on society and the environment, through transparent and ethical behaviour that:

- Is consistent with sustainable development and the welfare of society
- Takes into account the expectations of stakeholders
- Is in compliance with applicable law and consistent with international norms of behaviour
- Is integrated throughout the organization

The standard is based on these principles:

- Accountability
- Transparency
- Ethical behaviour
- Respect for stakeholder interests
- Respect for the rule of law
- Respect for international norms of behaviour
- Respect for human rights

And the standards are organized into these core areas, with the intent that all be considered in any review or report.

- organizational governance
- human rights
- ethical labour practices
- environment
- fair operating practices
- consumer issues
- development of community and society