



Partners in Aid

NON-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY POLICY

1. Background

Partners in Aid is committed to ensuring that we accurately represent our activities to the people we work with, our donors, and the public.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to guide Partners in Aid and our partners to make a clear separation between aid and development activities and non-aid and non-development objectives activities. This policy addresses our ACFID compliance obligations when communicating with or soliciting donations from private donors and the public, including fundraising for restricted and unrestricted purposes from our sponsors and supporters, and fundraising from the general public.

3. Definitions

Aid and development activities refers to those activities undertaken to alleviate poverty, improve livelihoods, advance the empowerment of women, advance the education and welfare of children, protect and improve the environment and water supply, and protection of human rights.

Non-aid and non-development activities refers to activities which may be described as evangelical or partisan.

Partners in Aid is a secular organisation and does not provide support for evangelical activities or partisan political activities.

Evangelical activities are those activities that promote a particular religious adherence or are undertaken with the intention of converting individuals or groups from one faith and/or denominational affiliation to another.

Partisan political activities are those that are associated with facilitating or supporting specific political individuals to gain power. This does not include advocacy which is aimed at persuading and influencing decision makers and opinion leaders, and is not aimed at promoting partisan political objectives.

4. Scope

This Policy applies to all Partners in Aid activities, to all Partners in Aid members, Board members and volunteers. The policy also extends to Partners in Aid partners and associated implementing organisations.

5. Procedures

5.1 Partners in Aid will ensure accurate representation of our activities to the people we work with, donors and the public.

5.2 Partner Organisations will be selected on the basis of their capacity and commitment to undertake development activities, and only such activities will be funded.

5.3 Partners in Aid will ensure that in financial reporting, programming and fundraising, funds raised for non-development purposes are clearly differentiated from funds raised for development purposes.

5.4 Partners in Aid will ensure that funds raised for aid and development purposes are not used to exploit people and communities who are vulnerable and do not place any conditions or obligations on recipients in terms of non-development, religious or political outcomes that would affect their access to services being offered.

5.5 If Partners in Aid becomes aware that there are components of partner programs which involve evangelical or partisan political activities, these will be highlighted and accounted for separately.

6. Review

This policy will be reviewed after 3 years.

7. References

ACFID Code of Conduct <http://www.acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct/files/>