



Australian Council For International Development (ACFID)

An Introduction

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The Australian Council For International Development (ACFID) is an independent national association of Australian non-government organisations (NGOs) working in the field of international aid and development.

Source: ACFID

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What is ANCP?

- The ANCP is a unique Australian development program. It is a partnership between the Australian Government and highly effective Australian Non-Government Organisations (NGOs).
- Australian government provides funding to support the work of NGOs that operate overseas.
- Also, this is a way to be connected with DFAT and Australian embassy/commissions overseas in time of need and support.

RAWCS's Process to become member of ACFID



ACFID Principles

A key purpose of ACFID is to equip and encourage members to observe the highest ethical standards in all their activities, including strict observance of the Code of Conduct and to work towards improving practice over time.

1. Rights, Justice and Safeguarding



Quality principle: Development and humanitarian initiatives respect and protect human rights and advance justice.

2. Locally-Led Action and Inclusion



Quality Principle: Development and humanitarian initiatives enable sustainable change by supporting local leadership and inclusive approaches.

3. Systemic change, environmental sustainability and climate action



Quality Principle: Development and humanitarian initiatives contribute to systemic change, environmental sustainability and climate action

4. Quality and Effectiveness



Quality Principle: Development and humanitarian organisations and responses are informed by evidence, planning, assessment and learning.

5. Collaboration



Quality Principle: Development and humanitarian responses are optimised through effective coordination, collaboration and partnership.

6. Communication



Quality Principle: Development and humanitarian organisations communicate truthfully | and ethically.

7. Governance



Quality Principle: Development and humanitarian organisations are governed in an accountable, transparent and responsible way.

8. Resource Management



Quality Principle: Development and humanitarian organisations acquire, manage and report on resources ethically and responsibly.

9. People and Culture



Quality Principle: Development and humanitarian organisations manage and support their people fairly and effectively.



Policies and Frameworks

An overview



Child Safeguarding Policy

The purpose of this Child Safeguarding Policy is to outline the preventative and responsive measures we have in place to safeguard children and ensure the care, protection and wellbeing of children is promoted. This policy aims to achieve this by:

- demonstrating our commitment and approaches to child safeguarding;
- outlining the expectations and responsibilities of our stakeholders;
- providing guidance on how to respond to concerns and allegations of child abuse; and
- setting high standards around personal behaviour in a code of conduct that must be adhered to by all our people and stakeholders.



Commitment to Human Rights

At RAWCS, we are committed to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion to achieve our goal of making a positive impact on communities in need, both in Australia and developing countries. Upholding human rights principles is fundamental to all aspects of our operations. RAWCS carries out all its humanitarian work in accordance with the humanitarian principles: humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence.

We are dedicated to respecting, protecting, and promoting human rights for all individuals, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, indigeneity, disability, age, displacement, caste, gender, gender identity, sexuality, sexual orientation, poverty, class, or socio-economic status. We believe in the inherent uniqueness of every person and strive to create an inclusive culture where everyone feels valued and accepted.



Partnerships and Collaboration Policy

RAWCS is dedicated to maximising the impact of Rotary projects through strategic partnerships both domestically and internationally. Our strategic partnerships reflect our dedication to making a tangible difference in the lives of individuals and communities, both locally and globally, by leveraging resources and expertise to address pressing challenges and advance Rotary's mission of service.

We are committed to ensuring that we engage with governments and organisations to achieve mutually agreed objectives in aid and development activities (this may include affiliates). The equal relationship with these partners will be characterised by mutual respect, transparency, accountability and by a commitment and openness to two-way learning and support.



Non-Development Activity Policy

RAWCS distinguishes between development and non-development activities, ensuring that development activities focus on addressing root causes of disadvantage and promoting sustainable livelihoods, education, health, and infrastructure development.

The purpose of this policy is to guide our people and our partners to clearly separate relief, aid and development from non-development activities and ensure that development assistance and humanitarian aid is provided on a non-discriminatory basis.

Whistleblower Protection Policy

RAWCS is committed to conducting its activities professionally, honestly and with integrity. We do not tolerate unethical, unlawful or undesirable conduct. Transparent whistleblower policies are essential to good risk management and corporate governance. They help uncover misconduct that may not otherwise be detected.

Often, such wrongdoing only comes to light because of individuals (acting alone or together) who are prepared to disclose it, sometimes at great personal and financial risk.



Volunteers Policy

The purpose of this Volunteer Policy is to provide a best practice framework for the effective leadership, management and support of volunteers by:

- articulating the philosophy of providing direction and structure to the way we manage and support volunteers;
- defining the responsibilities and the relationship between our paid staff and volunteers;
- articulating expectations of volunteers per Volunteering Australia's National Standards for Volunteers (2015);
- defining the rights and responsibilities of volunteers;
- providing guidance on the resolution of any disputes any of the volunteer programs; and
- ensuring vulnerable people are not placed at risk as a result of being a volunteer.





Fraud, Corruption and Counter-terrorism Policy

This policy sets out our commitment to complying with relevant laws and any contractual obligations applicable to us relating to fraud, corruption, bribery, anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism.

It also provides a guide for our people on what to do if there is actual or suspected non-compliance.





Community Needs Assessment Framework

Assessing your community's strengths, weaknesses, needs, and assets is an essential first step in planning an effective project. By taking the time to learn about your community, you can discover the best opportunities for service and maximize your club's ability to make an impact.

Assessments are the foundation of every humanitarian project, small or large, because they provide a framework for identifying solutions to a community's problems. They also build valuable relationships and encourage residents to help make lasting local improvements. Developing trust in communities can take time — months, even years. Conducting an assessment is critical to creating that trust, and to fostering community ownership and sustainability.





Q&A Session

Thank you



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