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MWA Policy Document

Non-Development Activity

MWA is a member of the Australian Council For International Development (ACFID) and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct, i.e. a signatory organisation.

MWA works to assist, promote and work in co-operation with other organisations for the relief of poverty, starvation and disease amongst peoples of the world. MWA is increasingly focussed on supporting self-sustainable development in poor and remote communities.

With Jesus' demonstration of unconditional love as our example and inspiration, our intent as written in our constitution and driven through our organisation is that anyone who is suffering from poverty, starvation or disease will benefit from the aid we can deliver through our partner organisations, and this policy further defines that this is to be done without any conditions or restrictions being placed on the final recipients of the aid regarding political or religious affiliation.

Non-development activity is defined in three parts:

1. Supporting a particular party, candidate or organisation affiliated to a political party, by
 - 1.1. The application of resources, including staff or volunteers using the organisation name and/or paid time:
 - 1.1.1. to be involved in party political activities;
 - 1.1.2. facilitating or supporting a specific political party, candidate or party political organisation in a local, regional or general/national election; or
 - 1.2. Facilitating or supporting a particular politician or faction to gain power within a government or political party structure.
2. Promoting a particular religious adherence by
 - 2.1. Activities undertaken with the intention of converting individuals or groups from one faith and/or denominational affiliation to another.
3. All activities that do not meet the following ACFID Code of Conduct definition for aid and development activities: "Aid and development refers to activities undertaken in order to reduce poverty and address global justice issues via direct engagement through community projects, emergency management, community education, advocacy, volunteer sending, provision of technical and professional services and resources, environmental protection and restoration, and promotion and protection of human rights".



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MWA does not provide financial support for the conduct or promotion of non-development activities as defined above. Partner organisations are for the most part Christian faith-based charities that share MWA's desire to relieve poverty, starvation and disease.

Partner organisations may provide additional support for individual and community development, and to support faith-based activities, however MWA is committed to and requires separate reporting and clearly delineated fundraising options if we or any of our partner organisations participate in or conduct non-development activities. We require financial reporting to ensure that funds provided for development activities are utilised for that purpose, and work to ensure that Aid and Development is provided free of any conditions or expectations regarding political or religious affiliation.

MWA will ensure that its partner organisations are familiar with MWA's objectives and with the intent and requirements under this policy, and MWA will seek their prior commitment and subsequent reporting adequate to ensure the policy is maintained.

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