NON-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY POLICY

(Good Neighbours Australia)

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1. INTRODUCTION

Good Neighbours Australia (GNAU) 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 guideGNAU and our partners to make a clear separation between humanitarian, development and non-development objectives and 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 aid agencies, sponsors and supporters, and fundraising from the general public. It also addresses our commitment to the relevant stakeholders in the ACFID Code of Conduct.

3.SCOPE OF POLICY

This Policy is intended to apply to all GNAU activities. The policy is applicable to all employees and volunteers. The policy also extends to GNAU partners and associated implementing organisations.

4. BACKGROUND

Good Neighbors is an international humanitarian development organisation to make the world a place without hunger, where people live together in harmony.

As part of its compliance with the ACFID Code of Conduct, GNAU has committed to ensure that funds and other resources designated for the purpose of aid and development will be used only for those purposes and will not be used to promote a particular religious adherence or to support a political party, or to promote a candidate or organisation affiliated to a political party.

5. DEFINITION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

GNAU is committed to ensuring that funds and other resources designated for the purpose of aid and development are used only for those purposes. The concept of aid and development activities can be distinguished by the following principles:

a. Strengths based approaches which encourage people and communities to create solutions for themselves.

b. Processes that seek to address the causes of poverty

c. Processes that seek to empower rights holders to claim their rights and ensure that duty bearers exercise their duties

d. Supporting systems and structures which enable people to move out of poverty

e. Humanitarian response and emergency relief, disaster recovery and meeting the immediate needs of refugees and internally displaced people.

6. DEFINITION OF NON-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

GNAU takes a holistic approach to development and this includes support for all aspects of human transformation materially and socially. For the purposes of making a distinction between aid and development and non-aid and development activities as required by the ACFID Code of Conduct, any activity undertaken to promote a particular religious adherence or to support a particular party, candidate or organisation affiliated to a political party will be considered as a non-aid and development activity.

GNAU does not provide support for partisan political activities which are those that are associated with facilitating or supporting specific political individuals to gain power. Partisan political activities are those that are associated with facilitating or supporting specific political party, candidate to gain power or to support organisation affiliated with a political party. 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.

7. COMPLIANCE

This policy provides a framework for GNAU's compliance with the Commitment to accountability to our stakeholders in the ACFID Code of Conduct, in particular Compliance Indicator 7.3.2 which states that Members development initiatives constantly demonstrate the separation of development activities from non-development activities.

To be complaint with this indicator, Members are required to have in place:

• Policy, statement or guidance document that addresses the separation of development activities from non-development activities in:

o Programming

o Expenditure reporting

o Fundraising

o Advocacy campaigns

o Communications

o Choice for donors

o Partners

• Development initiatives that consistently show evidence of the separation of development and non-development activities.

8. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

GNAU supports and is committed to abiding by the following principles:

- to ensure accurate representation of our activities to the people we work with, donors and the public

- to 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

No component of partner programs involve evangelical or partisan political activities.

9.CONTROL PROCEDURES

Good Neigihbours Australia ensures that we and our partners can differentiate between development and non-development activity and communicate this appropriately to stakeholders, donors and the public.

Good Neighbors (spelling refers to GNAU's global office) Global Partnership Centre has developed clear guidelines with its partners for the Global Good Neighbors (spelling refers to GNAU's global office) Development Approach as a foundation of our development work.

These guidelines ensure that this power is never used to promote a particular religious adherence and that the vulnerable are treated with the utmost dignity and their right is at all times valued and respected beyond ethnicity, religion, belief, and nationality.

1O. RELATED RESOURCES
GN Global Development Approach
ACFID Code of Conduct