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1. Introduction to the Fundraising in the organisation and protection of donors

Food water shelter incorporated (from hereon 'the organisation') is an Australian, not-for-profit, non-denominational, non-governmental organisation that builds and runs eco-friendly children's villages with education, social and health facilities for children in developing countries.

The organisation 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 the organisation and our partners to make a clear separation between aid and development and non-aid and 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.

3. Scope of Policy

This Policy is intended to apply to all of the organisations activities. The policy is applicable to all of the organisation's employees and volunteers. The policy also extends to Kesho Leo and its employees and volunteers.

4. Background

The organisation is a non- denominational agency dedicated to the support of vulnerable women and children, social justice and fights poverty by supporting Kesho Leo Children's Village, Sinon Tanzania as its sole beneficiary. It is a secular organisation and does not engage in or support any evangelical activities and is not linked to any political party. In some instances Kesho Leo may partner with local faith-based organisations on the basis that their delivery is without evangelising or making participation conditional on conversion or adherence to a particular religious denomination. Kesho Leo also partners with advocacy organisations from time to time on the basis that their activities are not in support of a political party or candidate. The organisation 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 Aid and Development Activities

The organisation 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. Emergency relief, disaster recovery and meeting the immediate needs of refugees and internally displaced people.

6. Definition of non-aid and development activities

The organisation is a secular organisation and does not provide support for evangelical activities and 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.

7. Compliance

This policy provides a framework for foodwatershelter's compliance with principle B.1.5 of the ACFID Code of Conduct. This principle outlines four obligations for signatories to the ACFID Code of Conduct:

1. Signatory organisations will have a clear separation between aid and development and non-aid and development objectives and activities based on the definitions of aid and development and non-aid and development in section F (Definitions) of the Code.
2. This separation will be clear in all fundraising, programs and other activities, in public communications and in all reporting including annual reports.
3. Any fundraising solicitations that include references to both aid and development and non-development activities will provide donors with the choice of contributing to aid and development activity only.
4. Signatory organisations will ensure that any such separation in fundraising, programs and other activities, in public communications and in reporting, extends to partner and implementing organisations and is documented.

8. Guiding Principles

The organisation 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

Where there are components of partner programs which involve evangelical or partisan political activities, these will be promoted and accounted for separately.

9. Control Procedure

Food water shelter ensures that we and our partners can differentiate between development and non-development activity and communicate this appropriately to stakeholders, donors and the public.

10. Resources

The following are key resources relevant to this policy. If you would like a copy of any of these policies, please contact the organisation's board (contact details are available at: www.foodwatershelter.org.au).

1. ACFID Code of Conduct Principle B.1.5
2. AusAID OAGDS Guidelines
3. ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance: Definitions
4. FoodWaterShelter's policy for fundraising and protection of donors.