

Non-Development Activity Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to articulate the separation between humanitarian (including aid and development) and non-humanitarian objectives. RedR is a secular organisation and neither supports or engages in any religious or political party activities, see definitions.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all employees, volunteers, contractors and interns/work placements of RedR.

3. Policy Statement

RedR Australia (RedR) is committed to ensuring all activities and partnerships accord with RedR's mandate in the achievement of our mission to build resilience and relieve suffering in times of international humanitarian crisis.

4. Principles

- RedR will be guided by our vision, mission, values, and fundamental principles.
- In some instances RedR will partner with local faith-based organisations on the basis that their delivery is without religious advocacy or making participation conditional on conversion or adherence to a particular religious denomination. RedR may also partner with advocacy organisations from time to time on the basis that their activities are not in support of a political party or candidate.
- RedR is committed to ensuring that funds and other resources designated for the purpose of humanitarian aid are used only for those purposes upholding basic requirements for sustaining the lives and dignity of those affected by disaster or conflict.
- Ensure accurate representation of our activities to the people we work with, our donors, partners, and the public.
- Ensure that funds raised by RedR for humanitarian activities 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-humanitarian, religious or political outcomes that would affect their access to services being offered.
- Where RedR engages in non-humanitarian activity or in activities not aligned with RedR's mandate, this will be subject to the approval of the CEO.
- Any non-humanitarian activities will be clearly recorded in our communications and reporting. This extends to partner organisations and should be documented through MOUs.
- Committed to best practice and approaches.

5. Definitions

Humanitarian Aid	Humanitarian aid refers to activities undertaken in the course of international humanitarian response in times of natural disaster or conflict. Activities include training and mobilising personnel aid workers in response to humanitarian emergency response.
Promoting a particular religious adherence	RedR does not undertake activities with the intention of converting individuals or groups from one faith and/or denominational affiliation to another.
Supporting a particular party, candidate or organisation affiliated to a political party.	RedR and representatives when using a third party are not involved in political activities; using funds or resources to facilitate or support a specific political party, candidate, or party political organisation in a local, regional or general/national election; using funds or resources to facilitate or support a particular politician or faction to gain power within a government or within a party political structure.

6. Related policy and resources

- RedR Vision, Mission and Fundamental Principles
- RedR Code of Conduct
- RedR Values and Behaviours
- RedR Anti Bribery and Corruption Policy
- RedR Ethic's Hotline Policy
- RedR Child Protection Policy

Resources

ACFID Code of Conduct
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