

Policy on development and welfare/politics

The EHGC Policy on Development

The EHC policy is to reduce poverty in developing countries and to improve standards of living through sustainable development, in line with the objectives of the Australian Aid Program.

The EHGC Policy on Welfare/Politics

EHGC will:

1. Provide relief and development assistance to people regardless of their political allegiance.
2. Not subsidize political and welfare objectives/programs using development funds.
3. Not use development funds to convert people from one political persuasion to another or to build up political structures.
4. Not use development funds for welfare programmes which care and maintain people in a particular condition on a long-term basis with no broad impact on the social and economic conditions in the community (eg. orphanages or aged care facilities).

Guidelines

1. EHGC will accurately represent its development and non-development activities to the people it works with, donors and the public, in all public communications and reporting, including the annual report.
2. Fundraising, programs and other activities will make the distinction clear between development and non-development activities.
3. Aid and development assistance will be given to people regardless of their political or religious beliefs.
4. Overseas partners will sign an agreement that asks them to abide by the requirements of EHGC's Policy on development and welfare/politics and the ACFID Code of Conduct, which includes a requirement that aid and development funds will be used only for aid and development purposes.
5. Funds raised for aid and development will not be used to exploit people and communities who are vulnerable and will not place any conditions or obligations on recipients in terms of non-development, religious or political outcomes that would affect their access to the services being offered.

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