

# Development Policy

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This policy set outs the guidelines for the usage of funds raised for development activities as required by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Ensuring that funds raised for development are not used specifically for religious, political, or welfare activities.

## 2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to all Destiny Rescue staff members, and projects.

## 3. Definitions

- 3.1. **Political Activities** - Political activities are defined as supporting a political party, candidate or organisation affiliated to a political party. (*ANCP Manual*)
- 3.2. **Religious Activities** - Religious activities are defined as supporting or promoting a particular religion, including activities undertaken with the intention of converting individuals or groups from one faith and/or denomination to another. (*ANCP Manual*)
- 3.3. **Welfare Activities** - Welfare activities are defined as care and maintenance, which aims to maintain people in a particular condition on a longer-term basis. (*ANCP Manual*)
- 3.4. **Development** - Refers to the 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. (*ACFID*)

## 4. Policy Statement

- 4.1. Destiny Rescue will always give assistance on a non-discriminatory basis.
- 4.2. The acceptance of a particular religious ideal or political view will never be a precondition to a beneficiary receiving aid.
- 4.3. Funds raised for development purposes by Destiny Rescue must be used solely for development activities. Destiny Rescue does not allow these funds raised to be used to support:
  - 4.3.1. Religious activity, including proselytism, and missionary work
  - 4.3.2. Political activity
  - 4.3.3. Welfare activity or programs
- 4.4. Partner organizations funded through, or by Destiny Rescue, must not use those funds to support:
  - 4.4.1. Religious activity, including proselytism, and missionary work
  - 4.4.2. Political activity
  - 4.4.3. Welfare activity or programs
- 4.5. In the event that Destiny Rescue or a partner undertakes any non-development activities, separate funds must be raised for such activities, and they are to be strictly managed and separated from development activities, including having separate budgets.

## 5. Policy Review

- 5.1. This document may be changed from time to time in line with current best practice and other requirements, and to ensure that business needs are met. You will be consulted and advised of any changes as far in advance as possible of the change being made.
- 5.2. At a minimum, this policy will be reviewed annually.

## 6. Further Assistance

- 6.1. For further assistance or clarification on this policy, please contact [brent.kirwan@destinyrescue.org](mailto:brent.kirwan@destinyrescue.org).

## 7. Appendix

- 7.1. *ANCP Manual* - <https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/anCP-manual.pdf>
- 7.2. *ACFID* - <https://acfid.asn.au/content/general-definitions>

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