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Executive Summary

Destiny Rescue International (DRI) is a non-governmental, non-denominational Christian development organization dedicated to rescuing children from sexual exploitation and human trafficking. This policy establishes clear **guidelines for fund usage**, ensuring transparency, accountability, and **compliance with international regulatory requirements while maintaining our Christian values**.

Purpose

DRI commits to creating realistic expectations about donor fund usage. Operating as a global network of affiliate partners, we establish unified international standards while respecting national regulatory differences.

Organizational Context

- **Legal Status:** International network of affiliate partner charities
- **Donor Base:** Predominantly Christian supporters (84% of the global population identifies with a religious group)
- **Regulatory Compliance Challenges:** Some national Support Offices face restrictions on tax-deductible religious giving
- **Accountability Standards:** Committed to ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) transparency standards

Scope of Application

This policy applies to:

- All Destiny Rescue activities worldwide
- All DRI employees and contracted staff
- Affiliate implementing organizations
- All funding decisions and grant distributions

Core Principles

Our Mission Statement

Destiny Rescue raises awareness, funds, and talent to rescue children from sexual exploitation and human trafficking and equips them to stay free.

Our Approach

- **Christ-Centered:** We strive to keep Jesus Christ at the center of everything we do
- **Need-Based:** We help children of any faith or none, with rescue priorities based solely on need
- **Evidence-Based:** We focus on proven interventions that work
- **Triage Mindset:** We prioritize urgent needs with strategic resource allocation
- **Collaborative:** We partner with local churches, faith-based organizations, and government agencies

Funded Activities (Development Activities)

Primary Focus Areas

Rescue and Freedom Programs designed to:

- Rescue children from sexual exploitation and human trafficking
- Equip rescued children to stay free

Program Characteristics

- **Non-Discriminatory:** Services provided without favoritism based on religion, ethnicity, or other factors
- **Need-Driven:** Resource allocation based solely on urgency and need assessment
- **Community-Integrated:** Programs work within existing community customs and traditions
- **Culturally Sensitive:** Operations adapted to local contexts with gentleness and respect

Non-Funded Activities

DRI explicitly does not fund the following activities:

1. Channeled Funds

- **Definition:** Acting merely as a conduit for funds to foreign recipients
- **Rationale:** Public charities cannot simply pass through tax-deductible contributions to foreign entities
- **Requirement:** DRI and Support Offices share a responsibility to exercise discretion and control over fund usage

2. Partisan Political Activities

- **Definition:** Activities supporting specific political candidates for public office
- **Compliance:** Charity organizations cannot participate in or intervene in political campaigns
- **Scope:** Includes publishing or distributing statements supporting or opposing candidates

3. Proselytization

- **Definition:** Requiring religious conversion before, during, or after receiving assistance
- **Our Stance:** We respect religious freedom and never use our position of power to force religious change
- **Individual Freedom:** Team members may share their faith, but programs never require religious adherence
- **Dignity Protection:** Guidelines ensure vulnerable populations are treated with utmost dignity and respect

4. Welfare Assistance

- **Definition:** Long-term care and maintenance programs without clear exit strategies
- **Characteristics of Welfare Programs:**
 - Unconnected to emergency needs
 - Implemented long-term without a strategic conclusion
 - Limited broad social and economic community impact
- **Our Alternative:** Focus on crisis-responsive, transformational interventions with clear outcomes
 - Provide short-term emergency relief
 - Deliver mid-term empowerment interventions
 - Build long-term resilience and self-sufficient freedom

Religious Freedom and Cultural Sensitivity

Our Position

- We believe religious freedom is fundamental
- We work in both restrictive and non-restrictive religious environments
- Our compassion and work ethic reflect our Christian faith
- We hope our witness inspires curiosity about God's love while never requiring religious conversion

Implementation Guidelines

- Partner with diverse local organizations while maintaining Christian identity
- Respect local customs and traditions in program delivery
- Ensure vulnerable populations maintain freedom of religious choice
- Demonstrate Christian values through service rather than coercion

Questions and Clarifications

For questions about this policy or specific funding decisions, contact the Chief Administrative Officer.

This policy reflects our commitment to transparency, accountability, and faithful stewardship of donor resources while maintaining our Christian mission to rescue and restore children worldwide.