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DOHA SEPARATION OF DEVELOPMENT AND NON-DEVELOPMENT POLICY

1. Introduction

Door of Hope Australia Inc. (DOHA) is committed to transparency and integrity in all our operations. We ensure that our communications, fundraising, and project implementation clearly distinguish between aid and development activities and those that are non-development in nature.

2. Purpose and Scope

This policy ensures DOHA’s compliance with the **ACFID Code of Conduct** and Australian tax law. It applies to all DOHA staff, volunteers, and partners. It governs how we:

- Solicit and manage funds.
- Communicate with donors and the public.
- Implement and monitor activities in the field.

3. Key Definitions

Category	Definition
Aid and Development	Activities that address the causes of poverty, improve living standards, and empower communities to create their own solutions (e.g., clean water, education, emergency relief).
Non-Development (Evangelism)	Activities that promote a particular religious adherence or aim to convert individuals from one faith to another.
Non-Development	Activities facilitating or supporting specific political individuals or

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(Partisan Politics)	parties to gain power.
Non-Development (Welfare)	Providing basic assistance to individuals on a long-term basis without addressing the root causes of poverty or building community capacity.

4. Guiding Principles

- **Accuracy:** We will never misrepresent non-development activities as aid and development.
- **Non-Conditionality:** Access to DOHA-supported development projects will **never** be conditional on a person's religious or political affiliation.
- **Separation of Funds:** Funds raised for development purposes will never be used to fund evangelism or partisan politics.

5. Compliance and Control Procedures

DOHA maintains a strict firewall between development and non-development through the following controls:

A. Financial Separation

- **Separate Bank Accounts:** All tax-deductible donations for development are banked in the **Public Fund Account**. These funds are restricted and managed in MYOB to ensure they are never mixed with non-development funds.
- **Partner Accounting:** Partners must demonstrate the capacity to manage DOHA development funds in a separate ledger from their own religious or political activities.

B. Fundraising and Donor Choice

- **Clear Solicitations:** Our fundraising materials will clearly state if an appeal is for development (tax-deductible) or non-development (not tax-deductible).
- **Choice:** If a campaign mentions both types of activities, the donor will be provided with a clear option to contribute to the **aid and development activity only**.

C. Project Appraisal and Monitoring

- **Pre-Approval Review:** Every project proposal is appraised to identify any non-development components. These must be stripped out or funded separately from non-DGR sources.
- **Field Monitoring:** The Project Manager (PM) will verify during field visits that DOHA-funded assets (e.g., schools, wells) are not being used for partisan political or religious purposes.

6. Extending the Policy to Partners

DOHA ensures that its partners uphold these same standards through:

- **MOU Requirements:** Every Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) includes the specific definitions of development vs. non-development and a clause prohibiting the use of DOHA funds for the latter.
- **Capacity Assessment:** Before a partnership begins, DOHA assesses if the partner can effectively separate these activities in their own reporting.

7. Communications and Advocacy

- All public communications, including the **Annual Report**, will clearly separate expenditure on development from non-development activities.
- Photos and stories supplied by partners are reviewed to ensure they accurately reflect development work and do not inadvertently promote religious conversion or political candidates.

8. Policy Review

The DOHA Separation of Development and Non-Development Policy will be reviewed every two years by the Board of Directors to ensure continued compliance with the ACFID Code of Conduct.

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Next Review: [Date + 2 Years]