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Fairtrade ANZ Non-Development Policy

Purpose

Fairtrade ANZ is committed to ensuring that we accurately represent our activities to the people we work with, our donors, and the public.

The purpose of this policy is to guide Fairtrade ANZ and our partners to make a clear separation between aid and development and non-aid and development (evangelical and political) objectives and activities. This policy addresses our ACFID and CID compliance obligations in relation to clearly identifying and separating development and non-development activities. This policy reflects Fairtrade ANZ's position as a secular, non-partisan organisation that does not engage in or provide support for any evangelical activities and or partisan political activities

Scope of policy

This Policy applies to all Fairtrade ANZ activities. The policy is applicable to:

- all Fairtrade ANZ employees, contractors, interns, volunteers and Board and Committee members; and
- all of Fairtrade ANZ's partners and stakeholders, who are directly or indirectly engaged with Fairtrade ANZ's work both domestically and internationally.

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Definition of Aid and Development Activities

"Aid and development activities" are activities undertaken in order to reduce poverty and address global justice issues. Fairtrade ANZ's aid and development activities include on-ground support for producers by providing technical and professional resources as well as engagement with community and business projects, education and advocacy to promote and protect human rights, reduce poverty and address global justice issues.

Definition of Non-Development Activities

"Non-Development activities" are activities that are not "aid and development activities" and include all evangelical activities and partisan political activities.

"Evangelical activities" are those activities that promote religious adherence or are undertaken with the intention of converting individuals or groups from one faith and/or denominational affiliation to another.

"Partisan political activities" are those that are associated with facilitating or supporting specific political individuals to gain power. This does not include advocacy which is aimed at persuading and influencing decision makers and opinion leaders and is not aimed at promoting partisan political objectives.

Guiding principles and Compliance

Fairtrade ANZ is a secular, non-partisan organisation and does not engage in or provide support for any evangelical activities and or partisan political activities.

Fairtrade ANZ is committed to ensuring that funds and other resources designated for the purpose of aid and development are used only for those purposes.

Fairtrade ANZ supports and is committed to abiding by the following principles:

- to ensure accurate representation of our activities to the people we work with, donors and the public; and
- to ensure that funds raised for aid and development purposes 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-development, religious or political outcomes that would affect their access to services being offered.

In some instances, Fairtrade ANZ may partner with local faith-based organisations, however this work is on the basis that that organisation's delivery is without evangelising or making participation conditional on conversion or adherence to a particular religious denomination. It also partners with advocacy organisations from time to time on the basis that their activities are not in support of a political party or candidate.

Where any component of a partner's program involved evangelical or partisan political activities, these components must be promoted and accounted for separately to the work supported by Fairtrade ANZ.

Control Procedures

Fairtrade ANZ has established internal control procedures, contained in Fairtrade ANZ's Partnership Procedures, to ensure compliance with these principles.

For More Information

For more information or to report any concerns/violations, please contact info@fairtrade.com.au or info@fairtrade.org.nz

Approval and Review

This policy will be reviewed once every 3 years.

Board Approval Date	Version	Notes
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