



COUNTER TERRORISM POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

As a not for profit organization operating in Australia and overseas, SVPI recognizes there is a risk of SVPI being misused by individuals or other organisations to support terrorist activity. SVPI recognizes that this risk would be increased if SVPI does not exercise appropriate oversight of the delivery and operation of the in-country projects it funds.

COUNTER TERROR RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) SVPI acknowledges that Australian Government legislation prohibits dealing with listed terrorist organizations and/or proscribed persons or entities. SVPI acknowledges its obligations under these laws and therefore will exercise all reasonable care and make every reasonable effort to ensure that its funds and program activities are not misused to further terrorism or support terrorist activities.
- b) SVPI will confirm the identity, credentials and good standing of the people and organisations it supports and will check that these people or organisations are not on the prohibited lists maintained by the Australian Government.

- c) SVPI will not knowingly remit any funds to known or suspected terrorist organisations or individuals.
- d) SVPI will not remit any funds to an international organisation or person/s that has not been screened against a relevant database (such as LinkMatchLite or other database recommended by DFAT)
- e) SVPI will report any known or suspected terrorist links to the relevant national authority.
- f) SVPI will use its best endeavours to ensure that overseas recipients of SVPI funds will adopt policies and procedures that enable them to comply with relevant Australian anti-terrorist legislation.
- g) SVPI Board is committed to compliance with Australian anti-terrorist legislation to avoid dealing with individuals and organisations associated with terrorism. The Board is responsible for the review of this policy.
- h) SVPI is responsible for distributing and explaining this policy to all SVPI employees and partners and ensuring that they carry out the following procedures to minimise the risk of supporting terrorist organisations or individuals. This includes the induction process for new staff.
- i) SVPI must know the identity, credentials and good standing of its partners and recipient organisations (i.e. what they do, where they operate, who are their key decision makers and staff). This procedure must also be followed in the selection process for new partners and projects.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

All individuals working for SVPI, whether paid or volunteer, will adhere to this policy and are responsible for ensuring their actions are in line with this policy. Such individuals are also responsible for notifying the board if they believe this policy is not being followed.

POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every two years, or more frequently as appropriate.

FURTHER ASSISTANCE

Representatives who have questions or concerns or require further information in relation to these policies and procedures should contact members of the board or the program supervisor, or where that is not practicable the President of SVPI.

POLICY PREPARED BY:



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Date: 01/03/2013



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Date: 01/03/2013



Partner statement:

Children's Welfare Organization of Nepal (Nepal) (CWON Nepal) agrees to abide by the principles of this policy and to work constructively to achieve the objectives stated in this policy. CWON Nepal also undertakes to adhere to local laws and to be proactive in ensuring that no funds are made available to listed terrorist organisations or made available to a person/s that may misuse funds to either directly or indirectly support a terrorist act.

Keshab Khanal

President Children's Welfare Organization of Nepal

Date: 10/12/2013

