



## Development & Non-Development Policy

### Purpose

This policy highlights WFAV's position in relation to development and non-development activities. Neither our vision, mission, values nor our activities are defined by religious or political views. Religious and political activities and opinions do not feature in the decisions we make and they have no impact on how and whom we assist or how we raise funds. WFAV installs improved water sources to people in need because it is crucial and because we all should enjoy the positive outcomes that it brings.

### Scope

This policy applies to all WFAV activities within Australia and Ethiopia. It forms part of the WFAV governance framework and applies to staff and volunteers. This policy adheres to relevant ACFID clauses identified in the WFAV compliance matrix.

### Policy

In line with the Development and Non-Development Policy intent, WFAV is committed to:

- Being a development organisation that works to fight poverty and injustice by:
  - working with communities in Ethiopia to install their own improved water sources to provide clean fresh water
  - raising awareness of injustice global responsibility in Australia and New Zealand
  - fundraising in Australia and New Zealand.
- Being *apolitical* and is not linked to any political organisation, party or individual and does not perform political activities ie those associate with:
  - Supporting or denigrating an organisation, party or candidate associated with a specific political party
  - Voicing or publicising an opinion on an organisation, party or candidate associated with a specific political party
- *Being a secular organisation* that does not engage in or support, religious activities such as:
  - Promoting a religion
  - Aiming to convert individuals or groups to a faith or denomination
  - Denigrating a faith or denomination or a person / organisation due to their faith.

WFAV considers for the purpose of this policy and WFAV procedures the definition of:

*Development activities* are any activities “undertaken in order to reduce poverty and address global justice issues” (ACFID).

*Non-development activities* are those activities “undertaken to promote a particular religious adherence or to support a particular party, candidate or organisation affiliated to a political party (ACFID).



## Procedures

<b>Separation of development and non-development activities in areas of activity</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Programming	Projects are to be individually appraised in initial talks to determine whether they include non-development components and documented on the Project Details paperwork. These components may need to be discussed with the Board prior to signing the contract and commencing a project, or monitored over the life of a project.
Expenditure reporting	Funds donated for the installation of improved water sources are used only for that purpose and in a manner in line with our values including being secular and apolitical. Any project appraised and seen to hold risks of involving non-development work are to be postponed until clarification has been sought from the Board.
Fundraising	WFAV's non-religious and non-political activities extend to fundraising. Fundraising communications clearly state that all money raised is allocated for projects that do are not linked to religious or political opinion or activities either of the giver or of the receivers.
Advocacy	WFAV advocates for people regardless of their political or religious status or opinion. WFAV staff and volunteers do not express private religious or political opinions when conducting WFAV activities.
Communications	WFAV communications clearly state the organisation is secular and apolitical, that our only activity is to install improved water sources and that we do not conduct, or associate with, or have an opinion on non-development activities.
Choice for donors	WFAV communications inform our donors that the organisation is secular and apolitical, that our only activity is to install improved water sources and that we do not conduct, or associate with, or have an opinion on non-development activities.
End Users	The End Users are the inhabitants of each village where an improved water source is installed or rehabilitated. On introduction, we emphasise to them that our organisation is neither political nor religious and that our sole purpose is to work with them to install an improved water source regardless of either our opinions or beliefs.