

## **NON-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY POLICY.**

**Objective:** To ensure that Marist Mission Centre (MMC) accurately represents its activities to the people MMC works with, its donors and the public and to ensure funds raised for aid and development activities are not used for non-development activities. These funds are allocated to a special fund called, Australian Marist Centre for Overseas Aid. (MMC-AMOCA)

**Scope:** This policy applies to all MMC-AMOCA activities and all Trustees, staff, contractors, partners, local people, agents and volunteers that operate under the auspices of MMC-AMOCA.

MMC-AMOCA is a faith based agency where development is understood as a process of transformation that leads to improvement in the whole of human life – materially, socially and spiritually. As part of its compliance with the ACFID Code of Conduct, MMC has committed to ensure that funds, and other resources designated for the purpose of development, will be used only for those purposes and will not be used for non-development activity

This policy is a guide for MMC-AMOCA and its partners in making clear separations between development and non-development objectives and activities.

In order to make this separation, MMC-AMOCA defines development activities by the following principles:

1. Local capacity building approach, which encourages people and communities to create development solutions for themselves.
2. Processes that seek to address the causes of poverty.
3. Processes that seek to empower rights holders to claim their rights and ensure that duty bearers exercise their duties.
4. Supporting systems and structures, which enable people to move out of poverty.
5. Emergency relief, disaster recovery and meeting the immediate needs of refugees and internally displaced people.

MMC-AMOCA does not provide support for non-development activity and defines non-development activity as including the following:

1. Objectives relating to the promotion of religious adherence.
2. Objectives relating to partisan political goals, which are those associated with facilitating or supporting specific political individuals to gain power.
3. All forms of terrorism and terrorist activities.

MMC-AMOCA works with all partners to ensure adherence to this policy. MMC-AMOCA partner agreements include explicit reference to the separation of non-development activities, including clear definitions in order to ensure that this policy extends to partners and implementing organisations.

MMC-AMCOA only provides supplementary development support and funding to an in-country partner to achieve certain goals to community projects and education that work to protect human rights and to provide dignity to the poor, disabled and under privileged. This support is available to all beliefs but is not supportive of, or available to political organisations, candidates or parties. All fundraising materials and reports make this clear