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CHRISTIAN ACTION FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

CARD'S

Principles for Partnership & Collaboration

Guiding principle partnerships, collaboration & networking

When appropriate, CARD will cooperate, partner with other civil society organizations, government and inter-governmental agencies, and non-profit corporations may be beneficial in advancing their mission related objectives. Such collaboration for common good may reduce duplication of services and eliminate using resources for competitive purposes rather than serving constituencies.

Collaboration may allow pairing diverse strengths and resources and promote effectiveness, synergy and complimentary each other in tackling priorities. However, CARD may enter into such a relationship only if it is consistent with following guiding principles.

CARD Principles for Partnerships and Collaboration

1. **Mission consistency.** The organization shall collaborate with other entities only if the relationship is consistent with the mission of the card.
2. **Shared values.** The organization shall collaborate on the basis of shared values, common ground, and for the good of society.
3. **Mutual benefit.** CARD shall collaborate on the basis of equitable and genuine mutual benefit to each organization.
4. **Transparency** CARD collaboration shall allow financial transparency and a two-way flow of information, ideas, and experiences.
5. **Adaptive to change** CARD shall collaborations with organizations that are adaptive to change. Changes in the relationship are to be developed through cooperation, and not forced by one or the other organization.
5. **Networking.** CARD shall network with other ethical NGOs as a means for promoting the growth, effectiveness and efficiency of the NGOs sector and the ability to advance the public good

CARD shall NOT enter into relationship with other NGOs and civil society organizations

1. **Common objectives.** When discovery there is overlapping missions, values, and target groups CARD shall refrain from competing with other partners when it would be beneficial for the common target groups and for the achievement of common objectives.

2. **Competition and service duplication when overlapping** missions, values, and target groups shall refrain from competing with other organizations and shall refrain from unnecessary duplication of services and disruption of each other's projects.

3. **Information sharing organization with overlapping missions**, values and target groups should share relevant project information with cards and civil society organizations, and mutually support each other.

4. **Support for other NGO** CARD shall express solidarity with organizations and actions of other NGOs, and promote the effectiveness and success of other NGOs, as long it does not compromise the integrity or values of the CARD.

5. **Networking.** CARD shall network with other ethical NGOs as a means for promoting the growth, effectiveness and efficiency of the NGO sector and the ability to advance the public good.

Relations with Government Agencies and Intergovernmental Bodies

1. **NGO objectives and independence.** CARD shall enter into a partnership agreement with a government or intergovernmental body only when it is beneficial to achievement of CARD's objectives and does not compromise the independence or self-control of the organization.

2. **Appropriate and mutually beneficial.** CARD shall seek to dialogue and cooperate with government and intergovernmental agencies when such cooperation would be both appropriate and mutually beneficial and could increase card's effectiveness in dealing with issues and priorities in its agenda.3. **Political favor.** CARD shall not change its policies or non-partisan nature in order to curry political favor.

Relations with For-Profit Corporations

1. **NGO objectives and independence.** CARD shall enter into collaboration with a for-profit corporation only when it is beneficial to achievement of CARD's objectives and does not compromise the independence or self-control of the organization.

2. **Mission-led.** CARD shall not enter into collaboration with a for-profit corporation if motivated by financial reasons that are independent of achieving its mission objectives.

3. **Market advantage.** CARD shall not enter into collaboration with a for-profit corporation if the main motivation of the corporation is to gain a market advantage over competitors