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This policy meets the requirements for ACFID accreditation for section D.2.5 Environmental Impact of Operations

Commitment

We are committed to sustainable development (meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs) as a guiding principle within our work. Concern for the environment is an integral and fundamental part of this commitment. Our aim is to reduce the impact on the environment from our operations.

Role

In our role as a conduit for donations, we aim to promote good governance in our partners as well as dealing with aspects of poor practice. Through our work with our partners we are in a position to promote the wider sustainability agenda.

International

We have partners engaged in the work of charities operating internationally. Whilst this is funded primarily to focus on issues of clean water, disadvantaged youth and HIV-AIDS and Health projects, it can also work alongside those in seeking to promote sustainability in the poorest countries of the world.

Objectives

We will:

- promote responsibility for the environment within the organisation;
- reduce the use of energy, water and other resources;
- minimise waste by reduction, re-use and recycling methods;
- comply with all relevant environmental legislation/regulation;
- ensure that our policies and services are developed in a way that is complimentary to this policy;
- encourage all partners to commit to the sustainable development philosophy;
- encourage staff to develop new ideas and initiatives;
- provide appropriate resources to meet the commitments of this policy; and
- promote and encourage involvement in local environmental initiatives/schemes.