



Christ's Heart for the World's Poor

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MWA Policy Document

Anti Fraud and Anti Corruption

Definitions

Fraud occurs when someone acts in a dishonest or deceptive way to gain a benefit, or so that someone else experiences a loss. Fraud can occur when:

- making decisions
- managing and using funds
- handling information
- managing property and other assets

Corruption refers to dishonest or illegal behaviour for private gain, especially by people with power or influence.

Money Laundering is the process of concealing the origin, ownership or destination of illegally or dishonestly obtained money and hiding it within legitimate economic activities to make them appear legal

Terrorism Financing is intentionally providing or collecting funds and being reckless as to whether those funds would be used to facilitate or engage in a terrorist act.

1. Commitment to good ethical behavior

MWA is founded on a love for Christ and for people, and our Statement of Beliefs in carrying out the Objects of the Association include that:

- the Bible is inspired by God and a belief in the application of the Scriptures in the working of the objects of the association;
- all those associated to the association should heed the scripture – “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding”
- it is working in the role of a servant ministry throughout the world.

With a knowledge and respect for Holy Bible scripture as a basis, with the fear of the Lord outweighing the fear of man, and with a servant heart, the Board will act positively and ethically, providing example and means for staff, volunteers, contractors and partner organisations to do the same.

To minimize the risk of any wrongdoing, the Board will support all efforts to successfully resist temptation and corruption, eschew fraud, bribery, terrorism funding, money laundering and financial impropriety, and to identify and manage any conflicts of interest. MWA will expose, report and learn from any attempts to enter into unethical arrangements that MWA and those working with MWA encounter.

2. Practical steps the MWA board will employ to ensure ethical behavior are:

1. Inform and gain commitment of all Board members to the values and beliefs outlined above. The board will regularly review all written MWA policies to ensure they are current and being applied.
2. Be alert to and inform each other of any perceived or actual conflicts of interest.
3. Ensure any staff, volunteers, contractors and partner organisations likewise understand that MWA will not tolerate any hidden or overt fraud or corruption, including terrorism funding or money laundering,

Matthew 25:35: For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me... What you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.

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4. Vetting and periodically checking partner organisations and their key personnel against official listings for proscribed individuals and organisations:
 - a. Criminal Code list of terrorist organisations at:
<https://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/listedterroristorganisations/pages/default.aspx>
 - b. the DFAT consolidated list of individuals and entities subject to targeted financial sanctions at: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/sanctions/Pages/consolidated-list>
5. Informing relevant people of the risks they might encounter and must resist and report.
6. This and other MWA policies will be made available and communicated effectively to relevant people.
7. Ensure accounting, receipt and payment methods meet rigorous standards, and that accounts are audited, transparent and available to stakeholders and the public.
8. Include required standards in agreements made with partner organisations.
9. Provide reporting mechanisms that if necessary can protect the person encountering unethical behaviour from internal or external discrimination or harm.

3. MWA Fraud and Corruption Risk Analysis

MWA has identified risks specific to MWA operations, which include:

1. Receipt of cash donations not being reported and accounted for.
2. Receipt of funds for sale of goods in the mission shop not being reported and accounted for.
3. Donated goods of value being diverted prior to distribution or sale.
4. Use of donated funds for humanitarian aid being diverted / distributed for private or political gain, or for non-development purposes.

MWA will work to ensure these and other perceived risks are identified and mitigated.

The MWA Control of Funds Policy describes internal financial controls, and financial control over funds provided to overseas partner organisations. The MWA non-development policy makes clear that MWA will only support bone-fide humanitarian aid, and development work. The MWA whistleblower and MWA complaints policies provide mechanisms to address any wrongdoing within the organization or other internal issues.

4. Reporting mechanism.

The MWA Complaints procedure should be followed, this can be accessed on request and on the MWA website.

If there is a perceived risk of physical harm to a whistleblower, then depending on the source of the perceived risk the whistleblower should inform:

- The Director of MWA, or
- Jenny Hagger AM provides an independent point of contact for whistleblowers should they feel they that cannot approach the Director of MWA. Her details and role in providing apostolic oversight are included in the Annual Report and the Complaints Procedure.

A person exposing corrupt practices related to any of MWA's activities will be valued by the MWA Board.

5. Responding to reports re: fraud and corruption

MWA will follow the procedures, timeframes, confidentiality and review as laid out in the Complaints Procedure.



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6. Resources

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