

TITLE: Environmental Sustainability Policy			
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ASSOCIATED WVI POLICY:	Partnership Management Policy: Environmental Stewardship		

PURPOSE

WVA’s Environmental Sustainability Policy is as set out in the attached Partnership Management Policy: Environmental Stewardship. In addition, WVA is committed to meeting Australian regulatory requirements and WVA requirements such as accreditation requirements set out by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct.

WHO?

The WVA Environmental Sustainability Policy (**Policy**) applies to all WVA employees.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The WVI Partnership Management Policy: [Environmental Stewardship Policy](#) applies to all WVA employees, supported by the [Environmental Stewardship Management Guidelines](#).
- Australian regulatory requirements, ACFID Code of Conduct, and accreditation requirements as set out by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, see ‘Supporting Information to the Policy Management Policy’ section below.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

All Personnel must:

1. Understand your role(s) and responsibilities under this Policy and Management Guidelines.
2. It is the responsibility of all WV employees to ensure full alignment with this policy in their respective roles.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

WVA Employees

- Adhere to the WVI Partnership Management Policy: Environmental Stewardship, including supporting documents, and meet Australian regulatory and WVA requirements such as accreditation requirements as set out by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct.

POLICY DEFINITIONS

Refer to definitions in WVI Partnership Management Policy: [Environmental Stewardship Policy](#)

POLICY REVISION HISTORY

REVISION DATE	SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF REVISION	SECTION(S) CHANGED
February- July 2024	Revised the Policy by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of the new policy template - Adoption of the WVI Environmental Stewardship Policy, and new name - Amended to Management policy (from Board policy) - Updated the list of documents related to the implementation of the WVI Environmental Stewardship Policy to meet Australian regulatory requirements and WVA requirements. 	All

SUPPORTING INFORMATION TO THE POLICY

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
WVI's Environmental Stewardship Policy (March 2021) and related Environmental Stewardship Management Guidelines (December 2021)

In addition to the information contained in this policy, several external references and resources can be used or referenced in conjunction with this policy. These documents include (but are not limited to):

STANDARD/ INDUSTRY REFERENCE	SUMMARY OF WHAT THESE COVER
DFAT Environmental and Social Safeguard Policy (March 2019)	Sets out why DFAT applies specific safeguards, identifies safeguard principles to guide how DFAT manages environmental and social safeguards, including when working with partners, and sets out requirements for five key safeguards including environmental protection
DFAT Environmental and Social Safeguards Operational Procedures (31 March 2019)	Provides guidance on how to implement DFAT's Environmental and Social Safeguard Policy (safeguard policy) at each step of the aid management cycle
DFAT International Development Policy (August 2023)	Sets the long-term direction for Australia's development program. The objective of Australia's development program is to advance an Indo-Pacific that is peaceful, stable, and prosperous.
ACFID Code of Conduct (18 October 2023, effective from 30 June 2024)	A voluntary, self-regulatory industry code of good practice. On Environment and Climate Change it requires that development and humanitarian initiatives contribute to the realisation of systemic change, environmental sustainability and climate action (Quality Principle #3).
ACFID Quality Assurance Framework (18 October 2023, effective from 30 June 2024)	Outlines Key Compliance Indicators that Australian NGOs should use to meet the environmental sustainability and climate action commitment (ref. #3.2) set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. It also provides information on how these indicators can be evidenced.
DFAT Australian NGO Accreditation Guidance Manual (June 2018, to be updated)	Outlines specific requirements in relation to 'Cross-cutting themes' that include environmental stewardship (Assessment Criteria B3). It describes two indicators that relate to environmental sustainability (B3.3 and B3.8).