

Counter Terrorism Policy

1. Statement of Intent

1.1. Operation Blue is committed to complying with Australian laws relating to counter-terrorism through policies and processes that seek to minimise and mitigate the risk of support for terrorist and terrorist organisations in either direct or indirect manner.

1.2. This policy applies to the following:

- Operation Blue volunteers, contractors and consultants
- Operation Blue Management Committee
- Partner organisations

1.3. To ensure that Australia fulfils Obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373, the Australian Government has enacted legislation that makes it a criminal offence to hold assets that are owned or controlled by terrorist organisations and/or individuals, or to make assets available to them.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) maintains a Consolidated List of individuals and groups that have been identified as terrorist or terrorist organisations. Access to this list is via the DFAT website (www.dfat.gov.au). Australian individuals and organisations are responsible for ensuring they do not work with or support in any manner, an individual or group contained in the Consolidated List.

In addition to the Consolidated List, the Australian Government maintains a list of groups that are proscribed as terrorist organisations under the terms of the Criminal Code. It is an offence to interact with these groups in the following ways:

- Direct the activities of the organisation
- Recruit persons to the organisation
- Receive training from or provide training to the organisation
- Receive funds from or to make funds available to the organisations and provide support or resources to the organisation.

2. Policy

Operation Blue will implement best practice strategies to minimise and mitigate the risk of financial and material resources being used to directly or indirectly support terrorist individuals or entities named in the above Lists

Operation Blue will advise its partners that they are required to identify terrorism risks and act to mitigate any identified risk. Operation Blue will assist partners to develop policies and procedures to comply with these requirements.

Operation Blue will implement best practice accounting methods to minimise and mitigate terrorist support risk and will require commensurate actions from partners in line with their organisational capacity.

3. Procedures

- 3.1. Australian staff, Executive team members and volunteers will complete a National Crime Check every three years.
 - 3.2. Where an individual or entity is identified as being on one of the Proscribed Lists, the Operation Blue Ministry Leader will be informed as a matter of urgency and urgent corrective action taken, including immediate suspension of funding, confirmation of the identity of suspects and informing DFAT.
 - 3.3. Project design and appraisal processes will ensure that proposed program activities do not directly or indirectly support terrorism.
 - 3.4. Project reports, monitoring and evaluation will ensure that funds are being used only for approved activities. Deviations from the original design will be documented, including reference to the perspective of fraud, corruption and counter terrorism.
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