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**DFAT Aid Statement of Principles**

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This Aid Statement of Principles underpins a partnership between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and commercial contractors supporting delivery of the Australian aid program to:

**1. Deliver Lasting Results and Impact**

*We will deliver sustainable impacts and verifiable results through*:

* Open strategic dialogue to improve effectiveness;
* Early and ongoing contributions to program strategy and design;
* Ensuring knowledge and learning from successful programs is shared and leveraged;
* Effective use of monitoring and evaluation frameworks to report results achieved against performance targets; and
* Strong sub-contractor management.

**2. Maximise Value for Money**

*We will deliver and demonstrate value for money to ensure the effective, efficient and economical use of aid funds through:*

* Maximising results at a competitive cost;
* Supporting continuous improvement in design and delivery, to enhance results and build collaboration;
* Applying good business practices and high ethical standards accompanied by rigorous program monitoring; and
* Trialling innovative delivery approaches and working collaboratively to adopt successful approaches.

**3. Work Collaboratively and Facilitate Effective Two Way Communication**

*We will work collaboratively to share knowledge and build professional relationships by:*

* Maintaining open, honest and timely communication;
* Raising and resolving issues early;
* Encouraging contestability;
* Sharing lessons learnt; and
* Identifying, celebrating and communicating our achievements.

**4. Be Accountable and Transparent**

*We will take responsibility for our actions and decisions, results and outcomes, through:*

* Openly sharing information and results to enable evaluation of activities; and
* Supporting DFAT to better report results and the impact of the aid program.

**5. Effectively Manage Risk, Fraud and Corruption**

*We will safeguard taxpayer funds and minimise fiduciary risk by:*

* Implementing robust risk management and financial management systems;
* Developing a shared understanding of risk;
* Identifying, reporting and managing risk, fraud and corruption early; and
* Effective sub-contractor selection, due diligence and monitoring.

**6. Support and Implement DFAT Policies and Priorities**

*We will support implementation of DFAT policies and priorities to enhance the effectiveness of the aid program through:*

* Providing feedback to enhance policy and program effectiveness;
* Proactively aligning with changing DFAT priorities; and
* Advancing Australian development policies, values and goals in all programs.