



# **FIRE AID**

AID AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**UK charity number 1171935**

## **Ethical Donation Policy Statement**

This policy statement sets out guidelines that should assist FIRE AID member organisations in developing and implementing their own ethical donation policies.

It should also provide reassurance to donor organisations, and their governing bodies, that aid donated to, or via, FIRE AID member organisations will be used strictly in accordance with, and fully support, their responsible disposal policies and procedures.

This statement should be read in conjunction with FIRE AID's Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy statement.

- *All donations should be planned to ensure that they benefit the recipient to the maximum extent possible.*
- *Aid will always be donated with absolute impartiality, with no consideration or favour given to one recipient over another. All decisions about allocation of donated resources will be made strictly according to a thorough needs assessment.*
- *Consideration will always be given to the sustainability of donated aid, particularly the recipient's ability to operate and maintain equipment and procedures safely and effectively for the intended lifespan of the aid.*
- *Donations will be made with due respect for the wishes and authority of the recipient, and in conformity with government policies and administrative arrangements of the receiving country.*
- *There should be no double standards in quality. If the quality of a donation is unacceptable in the donor country, it is unacceptable as a donation.*
- *Equipment that has reached the end of its life according to regulation is unacceptable as a donation.*
- *Equipment available for donation because it has reached the end of its policy life within a donor organisation may, however, be perfectly serviceable and acceptable to the recipient, subject to compliance with the recipient country's standards and regulations.*
- *There will always be effective communication between aid delivery organisations and recipients, and all donations will be made in accordance with a documented plan formulated by both parties.*
- *No equipment will be donated unless it is supported by suitable and sufficient training to ensure its safe and effective use.*

- *Delivery organisations will provide such information and instruction as is necessary to ensure the safe and effective maintenance of donated equipment.*
- *Delivery organisations will assure donor organisations that the aid donated will be used for the purpose for which it was donated. If, after repeated attempts, it is not possible to allocate equipment to a recipient, the donor will be consulted about how the equipment is to be disposed of.*
- *Delivery organisations will carry out a thorough follow-up evaluation of the use of any aid donated and where appropriate will report back to the donor organisations on the effective deployment of their donation. A critical evaluation of the success or failure of the donation of equipment and training will be conducted.*

## **Notes:**