**ACFID MEDIA AWARD 2021 – NOMINATION FORM**

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) is now calling for nominations for the 2021 ACFID Media Award.

The ACFID Media Award aims to promote and recognise journalists delivering informed and studied media items about international development and/or humanitarian issues.

Nominations may be made for print, radio, TV or online journalists who have demonstrated exceptional understanding of the complexity of international development or humanitarian issues through a single media item or series during the past financial year (1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021).

The Award will be presented to a journalist or journalistic team that has produced a single piece or series that:

* Profiles with sensitivity and respect the issues and lives of people experiencing poverty and injustice;
* Shows an understanding of the complexity of humanitarian and/or development issues, and;
* Is judged to have the potential to help expand the knowledge of the Australian public in relation to humanitarian and/or international development issues.

The award recipient will be invited to virtually accept the award at ACFID’s 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM), held online on the 8th of November 2021. The AGM brings together the ACFID Council, made up of our wonderful membership body.

The last ACFID Media Award was awarded in 2019 to Senior Economics Writer at the Sydney Morning Herald, Matt Wade, and photojournalist Louise Kennerly for their piece [‘Right on our doorstep’: Papua New Guinea’s health crises hit home](https://www.smh.com.au/world/oceania/right-on-our-doorstep-papua-new-guinea-s-health-crises-hit-home-20181112-p50fh6.html)’. The award recognised their respectful portrayal of patients, families, and healthcare workers in Papua New Guinea, and their use of personal stories to emphasise the gravity of the decline of the nation’s health system.

We invite journalists and staff at ACFID Member Organisations to submit nominations through the attached form. Nominees must currently work in Australian journalism. Please note, media items profiling a single aid and development organisation only will not be considered by the selection panel.

More information about ACFID and the work of our members can be found at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au).

Completed forms, and requests for information should be emailed to Tim Watkin at timwatkin@acfid.asn.au by **22 October 2021**.

**About ACFID**

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) unites Australia’s non-government aid and international development organisations to strengthen their collective impact against poverty. Our vision is of a world where gross inequality within societies and between nations is reversed and extreme poverty is eradicated. ACFID’s purpose is to provide leadership to the not-for-profit aid and development sector in Australia in achieving this vision and to fairly represent and promote the collective views and interests of our membership. Founded in 1965, ACFID has over 130 members, working in over 90 countries. ACFID’s members include large Australian organisations that are part of global federations and alliances, national NGOs, secular and faith-based agencies and small NGOs with specific geographic or thematic mandates.

**Nomination Form**

 **2021 ACFID Media Award**

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Media organisation of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Organisation of nominator (ACFID Member or Media Outlet):

Address and contact details of nominator (email and phone essential):

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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

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| 1. Please provide the title, date(s) of publication and outlet of publication for the story or series for which the nominee is being put forward.  |
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| 2. Please provide a link to the story or series for which the nominee is being put forward or indicate whether you have attached a copy of the story or series.  |
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| 3. Please indicate, in 200 words or less, how you feel this story or series meets the criteria for the ACFID 2021 Media Award, including that it: * Profiles with sensitivity and respect the issues and lives of people experiencing poverty and injustice;
* Shows an understanding of the complexity of humanitarian and/or development issues; and,
* Is judged to have helped expand the knowledge of the Australian public in relation to humanitarian and/or international development issues.
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**Please send nominations to:**

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