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Independent Review into the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct in the Australian NGO International Development Sector

The Australian Council for International Development—Australia’s peak-body for aid and international development NGOs—has commissioned an independent review to improve practice and response of its members in the prevention of sexual misconduct.

The review seeks to build a picture of the sector and ensure the experiences of victims and survivors are central to the independent review and its recommendations.

Until 30 September 2018, staff, partners and beneficiaries of members can speak or write to the independent review team at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM) to confidentially share their experiences or views.

Call VIFM **1800-00-PSEA** (Mon-Fri, 9-5pm)
Email VIFM on psea.review@vifm.org

VIFM’s forensic practitioners provide acute sexual assault services to hundreds of women and men per year and are highly skilled at providing psycho-social support.

The reports made to the review team will become part of VIFM’s analysis and findings but will be anonymised and de-identified and only used for the purposes of the review.

The final report will be published in October 2018.

If you have experienced violence as a result of this issue or know someone who has you can contact 1800RESPECT at any time of day to speak to a trained counsellor.

For more information on the independent review, visit www.acfid.asn.au.





A Quick Guide to the ACFID-Commissioned Reviews into the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct

The Independent Review into the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct— 'the independent review'



ACFID has commissioned an independent review to ensure members of ACFID understand and apply global best practice in the identification, response and prevention of sexual misconduct.



ACFID has appointed the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM) to conduct the independent review. Through its core work VIFM has an innate awareness of the complexities involved in institutional sexual misconduct and the geo-political and cultural intricacies that are prevalent in the challenging environments in which many of ACFID's members operate.



VIFM will seek information from ACFID's membership independently from ACFID and will publicly report aggregated findings. In addition to VIFM's review methods (outlined below), staff and former staff within ACFID's membership, and within members' beneficiaries and partners, who have been affected by sexual misconduct and have experiences or opinions they wish to report into the review confidentially, can contact the review team at VIFM on 1800-00-PSEA (1800-00-7732) or contact the review team at psea.review@vifm.org.



The VIFM review team will publish an interim report in July 2018 followed by a final report and recommendations which will be published in October 2018. Both the interim and final report will be accompanied by a response from ACFID's board and made public.

The ACFID Code of Conduct Review— 'the Code review'



ACFID's Code of Conduct Committee (CCC) has begun a separate review of relevant aspects of ACFID's Code of Conduct which will run concurrently alongside the independent review.



This review will be led by Chair of the CCC, Clare Petre. During the course of the review, requests for Code compliance information and consultation on possible standard changes will come from Clare Petre. Read more about the CCC's membership and their role at www.acfid.asn.au/content/code-conduct-committee.



This review is to ensure that the Code of Conduct addresses standards in relation to the protection of people from sexual exploitation and abuse in a clear and appropriate manner; and addresses standards and includes sufficient compliance measures in relation to protection and well-being of staff and volunteers in a clear and appropriate manner.



The CCC and Code of Conduct Secretariat will prepare proposals for any changes to Code and/or, Quality Assurance Framework where appropriate.

If you have any questions for ACFID in regards to the reviews, please contact PSEAreview@acfid.asn.au