

ACFID Code of Conduct Committee Meeting

Melbourne, 18 May 2018

State of the Sector Report

The Committee listened to a presentation on the inaugural ACFID State of the Sector Report. Leading on from this presentation, the CCC discussed key aspect of the data and their relevance to the Code and CCC work.

Humanitarian Quality Assurance Initiative

The CCC welcomed a presentation from Pierre Hauselman, Executive Director of [HQAI](#). The Humanitarian Quality Assurance Initiative provides quality assurance services that demonstrate measurable progress in the delivery of humanitarian assistance within the international humanitarian community, in particular third party verification and certification against the Core Humanitarian Standard. The CCC and Mr Hauselman shared insights and lessons from standard assessment process and practices.

Prevention of Sexual Misconduct reviews

The CCC discussed progress and key issues regarding the CCC review into with a particular focus on the engagement and interaction between the CCC review and the [independent review](#). The CCC reaffirmed its commitment to work cooperatively and collaboratively with the independent review consultants and identified key points of engagement.

The CCC reinforced the agreement that the CCC focus its review on the Code requirements which address the protection from sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse. This would include protection of member organisation staff and volunteers and protection of the partners and communities that Members work with. The CCC will examine both members current compliance with these aspects of the Code as well as seeking input from key COPs and the membership on potential changes to these aspects of the Code and Quality Assurance Framework.

In this discussion, the CCC highlighted the importance both review processes being clearly communicated to Members so that compliance and data requests are not confusing and the context clearly understood.

Changes to the Quality Assurance Mechanism in relation to Child protection wording

The CCC approved proposed change to the Code verifier 1.4.1, related to recruitment processes of those working with children and contact with children, and the addition of 2 definitions into the Code related to working with children and contact with children.

This change maintains the same recruitment screening processes for all personnel in contact with children, however now only requires behavioural-based interview questions to be asked for those who will be working with children. It applies to all members, and is subject to ACFID Board approval (mid June 2018). This change means that the ACFID Code is now word-for-word identical to DFAT's Child Protection Policy with regards to recruitment screening processes.

CCC Governance

The CCC welcomed two new Code of Conduct Committee Members, Nimarta Khuman from Assisi Aid and Aaron Moore from Unicef. Both members are filling casual vacancies on the CCC.

Planning for FY 17/18

The next CCC meeting will be held on **17 August 2018**.

Information about the Code of Conduct Committee including Committee members and the Terms of reference can be found on the [ACFID Website](#).

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