

DONATIONS POLICY

Purpose

Transparency International Australia (TIA) has been leading the fight against corruption in Australia, promoting transparency, integrity and accountability at all levels and across all sectors of society, including in government.

TIA needs to secure the funding necessary to undertake its vital work. Secure and diverse funding enables TIA to maintain its independence, protect its reputation and operate effectively.

This Donations Policy sets out TIA's position regarding the acceptance of donations.

It outlines responsibilities and obligations in relation to accepting funding from any donors, including from the public, as well as associated processes.

Scope

This Policy applies to all fundraising for TIA, regardless of types of donor or amounts involved, unless otherwise stated in this document. This Donations Policy applies to all new funding from existing donors and to all new donors in the future. It does not apply to funds raised from fees for participation in conferences, events and other activities. Appropriate care to protect the reputation of TIA should always be taken.

Policy Statement

It is TIA's policy to accept funding from any donor received in good faith, whether monetary or in kind, be it through individual giving, sponsorships or bequests, provided that acceptance does not:

- impair TIA's independence to pursue its mission
- endanger its integrity and reputation

TIA may undertake appropriate due diligence from donors to ensure funding is only accepted from appropriate donors. This due diligence may be used to reject donations that do not support the purpose of the organisation, or will endanger our reputation.

Practice

Guidelines

To enable TIA to carry out its work and achieve its objectives, TIA will seek and accept funding from a wide range of sources, ensuring at all times that TIA's independence and reputation is protected. Project-related funding will not result in undue influence over TIA's program work.

If there is a significant risk that receiving funds from a source would impair TIA's independence or if there is a significant risk to TIA's reputation from public association with the donor, then funding from that source must not be accepted by TIA. Any donation to TIA must be able to stand up to public scrutiny. Ensuring TIA's independence requires that a donor be subject to the same criticism by TIA as any other organisation or individual in a comparable situation. A donor accused of having been involved in bribery and corruption can expect no protection from TIA.

TIA may receive funding and donations from the private sector. Acceptance of funds from the private sector does not imply any endorsement of a donating entity's policies or record. TIA will require that private sector donors make a commitment to operate to high standards of integrity and transparency, and in accordance with relevant laws and standards.

TIA should not accept a donation from an entity that is found to have engaged in corruption, which TIA defines as the abuse of entrusted power for private gain, unless the entity can demonstrate that:

- this was a violation of the entity's policies;
- the breach of these policies is being addressed in an appropriate manner; or
- its policies have since been amended to prevent a similar violation in future.

TIA engages with private sector entities on the understanding that they are working towards a business environment in which bribery and corruption is not accepted. It is the responsibility of TIA's staff and its Boards of Directors to ensure that the organisation's independence and reputation are not jeopardised. If any TIA staff or member of the Board of Directors is concerned that there is a threat to the organisation's independence or reputation from donations already received, or about to be accepted, the person(s) should draw this to the attention of the TIA Chief Executive Officer or Chair of the Board.

TIA will at all times comply with the legislative and regulatory requirements of maintaining DGR status. The Public Fund Committee (PFC) of Transparency International Australia Deductible Gift Recipient Fund (the TIADGR Fund) comprises members of the Finance, Risk and Performance Committee (FRPC) and oversight of the transactions, operations and compliance of the TIADGR Fund forms part of the monitoring and reporting obligations of the FRPC.

Your information

All donor information will be stored and maintained in accordance with the TIA Privacy Policy that outlines how information collected will be used, accessed and stored.

Related documents

This policy is based on key Australian laws including the various state, territory and Commonwealth requirements for registration as a DGR charity and for obtaining the relevant licensing to accept donations via the website across all Australian jurisdictions.

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Privacy Policy
- Ethical Collaborations and Partnerships Policy
- DGR Policy & Compliance Procedure

About this Policy

This Policy is to be reviewed as needed and at least every 2 years.

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