

MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES AUSTRALIA:

CORPORATE POLICY

Médecins Sans Frontières Australia is the grateful recipient of financial support from a number of generous and committed Australian corporations. This unrestricted giving helps Médecins Sans Frontières assure independent medical assistance reaches those in greatest need through our many emergency medical programs worldwide. Médecins Sans Frontières offers its essential medical services at no cost to our patients, ensuring there are no financial barriers to those who can least afford them. It is only through the commitment of our many supporters, private individuals and corporations alike that Médecins Sans Frontières can mobilize immediately in the face of emergencies, and establish life saving services at no cost.

As a humanitarian medical aid organisation Médecins Sans Frontières Australia strongly believes that we must not accept gifts from States, corporations or industries whose activities are in conflict with our humanitarian goals and values, as set out in the Médecins Sans Frontières Charter: <http://www.msf.org.au/our-charter>

Médecins Sans Frontières is a private, international association. The association is made up mainly of doctors and health sector workers and is also open to all other professions which might help in achieving its aims. All of its members agree to honour the following principles:

- Médecins Sans Frontières provides assistance to populations in distress, to victims of natural or man-made disasters and to victims of armed conflict. They do so irrespective of race, religion, creed or political convictions.
- Médecins Sans Frontières observes neutrality and impartiality in the name of universal medical ethics and the right to humanitarian assistance and claims full and unhindered freedom in the exercise of its functions.
- Members undertake to respect their professional code of ethics and maintain complete independence from all political, economic or religious powers.
- As volunteers, members understand the risks and dangers of the missions they carry out and make no claim for themselves or their assigns for any form of compensation other than that which the association might be able to afford them.

In order to uphold the values and principles inherent to our Charter, Médecins Sans Frontières Australia will not accept contributions from corporations/industries and their respective corporate foundations whose core activities may be in direct conflict with the goals of the medical humanitarian work of Médecins Sans Frontières or in any way limit Médecins Sans Frontières' ability to provide humanitarian assistance. These fall into the three following categories:

1. Industries that cause direct harm to Médecins Sans Frontières' patients. e.g. Arms manufacturing and selling, tobacco manufacturing and selling
2. Industries that could generate conflicts of interest with MSF activities and efforts to make

treatments and diagnostics accessible and affordable to patients. e.g. Pharmaceutical Industry, including; medicines, medical equipment, therapeutic foods, diagnostic and biotechnical materials, and research.

3. Industries that are, or could be perceived to be contributing to conflicts and conflict dynamics and could therefore compromise the independence of Médecins Sans Frontières or the perception thereof, from all political, economic, or religious powers. A perception that Médecins Sans Frontières is not independent could compromise the organisations' operations and/or the security of personnel and patients. e.g. Extractive industries: mineral, oil, gas, and/or other extractive industries, arms manufacturing and selling and private security and protection industries.

Médecins Sans Frontières Australia will refuse any offer of relationship with a corporate which has high potential to negatively impact Médecins Sans Frontières' reputation, ability to operate overseas, and perception of neutrality and independence and will assess these on a case by case basis. Médecins Sans Frontières Australia reserves the right to refuse donations from any corporate entity.

Médecins Sans Frontières Australia welcomes support from corporations active in other sectors to those listed above which includes small businesses, companies, multinational corporations, corporate foundations.

This includes activities among:

- (a) Gifts of cash,
- (b) Employee driven internal events
- (d) Payroll giving (workplace giving)
- (c) External events driven by corporate management,
- (d) Donations of goods and services,
- (e) Sponsorship or partnerships,
- (f) Company matching gifts, and
- (g) Recognition gifts.

All of our supporters provide crucial assistance helping us provide medical and relief care and supplies when and where it is urgently needed. Each and every one of our corporate supporter's contribution is valued. Our team will work closely with you to create a custom package aligned with your company's individual marketing, promotional, and/or philanthropic goals.

Use of the Médecins Sans Frontières Logo

As the Médecins Sans Frontières logo is a registered trademark, any use of our logo or reference of Médecins Sans Frontières' name within Australia must be approved by Médecins Sans Frontières Australia before the materials are made public.