

Environmental Sustainability Policy

Our Commitment

The Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund (ASMOAF) is committed to understanding the environmental impact, if any, of our programming and organisational activities and conducting our activities in an environmentally sustainable way. By doing so, we strive to promote positive impacts on the environment and avoid, minimise, or mitigate risks and negative impacts on the environment through our programming and business practices.

Definitions

Environmental sustainability:

ASMOAF defines environmental sustainability as a way in which demands placed on the environment can be met on a long-term basis.

Representative:

Any person acting on behalf or under the name of ASMOAF including Board Members, volunteers, contractors, consultants, partners and staff.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to;

- acknowledge the importance of environmental sustainability and outline measures to assess, understand and improve its environmental performance and to demonstrating appropriate environmental practice across all aspects of operations.
- We recognise the potential impacts of organisational and office activities and seek to minimise the demands/impacts from such activities.

Scope

This policy applies to all operations of ASMOAF activities; its beneficiaries, stakeholders, and partners regardless of status or background and without prejudice to their future participation in ASMOAF programs.

ASMOAF does not support programs or partnerships that specifically target environmental sustainability as it is not our expertise.

Guidelines

Partnerships and Programs

Where possible ASMOAF incorporates environmental sustainability into its programming by:

- Working with partners and locals to identify any environmental impacts in the planning and operation of projects/program. This ensures early identification of environmental risks.
- Capacity building of partners and other stakeholders in environmental management and encourage the development of environmental sustainability policies.
- Sharing our environmental policy with our partners and referencing it in our Partnership Standard Working Agreement.
- implementing Partners comply with local government laws, standards, or policies.
- Incorporating climate change mitigation and disaster risk reduction into our projects/programs wherever possible.

Local Operations

ASMOAF integrates environmental sustainability into its business practices through:

- Minimising operational consumption (e.g. minimising printing, switching off lights and equipment when not in use, minimising waste).
- Hold meetings over phone call or online video where possible. Limit the need to travel.
- Minimising flights through using communication technologies and local capacity.
- Increasing environmental impact awareness through emails or other communications.
- Recycling all recyclable goods.
- Providing safe and healthy working conditions for all staff.
- Considering environmental impacts when procuring goods and services.

Requests for Information

Requests for information should be sent to the Director – Salesian Missions Australia, via email (salmiss@salesians.org.au) or by phone (+61 3 9377 6060). On receipt of a request:

- the sender's request for information will be acknowledged,
- a check will be conducted that the information requested does not infringe privacy measures, and
- the information will be collated and sent in a timely manner.

Review

The policy will be subject to thorough review every five (5) years.

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