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POLICY STATEMENT AGAINST FINANCIAL WRONG-DOING and
CORRUPTION

QSA has a zero tolerance of financial wrong doing in whatever form it may take, including fraud, bribery, corruption, terrorism financing and money laundering. QSA places a high priority on the prevention of financial wrong doing, monitoring and investigation of implementation breaches, and reporting of incidents to the relevant authorities. These breaches may result in disciplinary action including dismissal, or cessation of funding agreements. QSA also has a zero tolerance for inaction following a report being received of financial wrong-doing.

The QSA Management Committee believes that only by conducting all aspects of project management in a clear, open, honest and transparent manner can good governance be achieved. It is QSA's policy not to be a party to any agreements of any sort obtained by means of payment or receiving of bribes, or of any form of fraud, corruption or coercion.

This relates to the activities of, and provides guidance to all staff, volunteers, members of the Company of QSA, consultants, all project partners and any contractors that may be engaged to assist them in their work.

Fraud, money laundering, bribery and corruption are contrary to the Quaker principles of truth and integrity.

The paying of bribes encourages corruption, which, like fraudulent acts, is something that usually further harms those already feeling oppressed, by diverting goods, services and opportunities away from them. Also there is potentially a high risk that such actions will prevent the objectives of a project being achieved, particularly in countries where there are high levels of corruption, and has implications in the trust and confidence the people have in QSA.

QSA will engage in a rigorous process of project management to ensure transparency and accountability in its dealings, and bring about organisational effectiveness. The Management Committee encourages the use of its Reporting Process for the safe and swift reporting to QSA of suspicion or evidence of wrongdoing involving a QSA funded project and investigation of that report. The Management Committee is, in consultation with the Fraud Office of our donor organisations, to take prompt and corrective action as is considered appropriate in order to comply with contractual requirements, and to ensure any sanctions imposed by the Australian Government are not violated.