

Partner Policy

Tzedek works with partners, projects and communities abroad, regardless of their race or religion, providing direct support to small-scale, sustainable self-help development projects. The Overseas Projects Team (OPT) is the partner development and recommendation body of Tzedek and is the principal organ of the organisation that directly communicates with partners, critiques grant applications and monitors the effectiveness of the grants that are approved by the Trustees.

Our commitment is to:

- **Uphold** the values of Tzedek and its supporters
- **Recommend** projects that work towards the elimination of poverty
- **Respect** the values, methods and activities of our overseas partners
- **Promote** small-scale self-help development

To meet our commitments the OPT will:

- Define and apply grant making criteria that realise the aims and objectives of our commitment to our partners, Tzedek and external stakeholders
- Verify the accuracy of submitted information through a comprehensive system that utilises referees and 3rd party assessors
- Maintain objectivity when reviewing grant applications and put in place systems to ensure nepotism and favouritism do not take place during the recommendation process
- Evaluate whether approved partners are complying with Tzedek criteria and do not impede upon the human or environmental rights of the beneficiary community

This policy represents our general position on working with overseas partners, and the policies and practices we will implement in our operations. The Partner Policy is available to all Tzedek staff and volunteers, and to external interested parties through Tzedek's website (www.tzedek.org.uk).

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