

Advocacy Policy

PURPOSE

To provide a framework and guidelines for PWRDF, its board, staff and volunteers when undertaking advocacy activities that seek to effect policy change, educate our constituency and display solidarity with partners.

APPLICATION

This Policy applies to all PWRDF personnel, board members and volunteers who undertake advocacy activities at the request of PWRDF.

POLICY

1. PWRDF will advocate on issues that relate primarily to its strategic plan.
2. PWRDF will carry out advocacy activities that are supported by evidence-based research and by due diligence.
3. PWRDF will seek to advocate in ways that respect the dignity of all people, are non-partisan and non-violent.
4. In consultation with partners, PWRDF will advocate for changes that benefit the most affected and the least privileged.
5. In its advocacy, PWRDF will be forthright in telling the truth to those who have the power to effect direct change, and to our constituency.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy the definitions are as follows:

1. **Advocacy:** Representation to those in government, the corporate sector, or elsewhere in society, with a view to change or create a law, policy or decision.
2. **Partners:** Those individuals and organizations overseas and in Canada that PWRDF supports financially or non-financially (i.e.: through advocacy) to advance its vision for a just, healthy and peaceful world.
3. **Partnership:** Working with and alongside partners to address emergency and refugee situations, community development needs, and policy/advocacy issues. Effective partnership involves consistent, mutual and long-term accompaniment, dialogue and action between organizations in the Global North and South regardless of whether or not there is a financial relationship.
4. **Evidence-based research:** The use of current best objective evidence gathered by PWRDF, its partners and like-minded organizations that forms the basis for positions and policies on which PWRDF determines there is a need to advocate.
5. **Due diligence:** Involves ensuring that the advocacy carried out is measured against and found to be consistent with existing PWRDF and Anglican Church of Canada policy positions. It also involves ensuring that any necessary risk assessment has been undertaken.

6. **Non-partisan:** PWRDF recognizes that while the advocacy it carries out involves calling for change and as such is inherently political, it is not undertaken in support of any particular political party.

Amendment

This policy and procedure may be amended by the Board of Directors of PWRDF.

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