**Refreshed ANGO Accreditation Framework for New applicants, and Base and Full Re-Accreditation.**

**Accreditation Pre-eligibility Criteria**

* ANGO must have a two-year track record of implementing international development activities that align with ANCP Guidelines
* ANGO is registered with ACNC for minimum two years
* ANGO is not included on the DFAT Proscribed Lists
* ANGO is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct for a minimum of two years
* ANGO meets the relevant RDE threshold

SECTION A: GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATION WIDE POLICIES

| **SECTION A** | Refreshed criteria for NEW and BASE45 criteria(ACFID Code Compliance Indicators in brackets[[1]](#footnote-1)) | Refreshed criteria for FULL65 criteria(ACFID Code Compliance Indicators in brackets) |
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| **A1: The ANGO has a governing body and appropriate systems to ensure accountability and organisational performance.**  | A1.1 ANGO has a governing body and defines how the organisation is governed and operates. (CI 7.4.1,7.4.2)  A1.2 ANGO manages conflicts of interest with responsible people, staff, volunteers and third parties relating to all activities undertaken by the organisation. (CI 7.4.3)  | A1.1 ANGO has a governing body and defines how the organisation is governed and operates. (C1 7.4.1, 7.4.2)  A1.2 ANGO manages conflicts of interest with responsible people, staff, volunteers and third parties relating to all activities undertaken by the organisation. (CI 7.4.3)  A1.3 Governing body sets strategic direction and monitors organisational performance. (Refer GPI for 4.1)  A1.4 ANGO demonstrates an organisational commitment to gender equality and equity. (CI 2.2.1) A1.5 ANGO demonstrates an organisational commitment to disability equity and rights, and social inclusion. (Refer 1.2.1 and 2.3.1)  A1.6 ANGO demonstrates an organisational commitment to environmental sustainability, climate action and improved environmental outcomes. (CI 3.2.1)  A1.7 Periodic reviews of the effectiveness of the ANGO’s governing body are undertaken. (GPI for 7.4)  |
| **A2: The ANGO effectively manages organisation – wide risk.**  | A2.1 ANGO and its governing body have an organisational-wide risk management approach. (CI 7.4.5) A2.2 ANGO enables stakeholders to make complaints to the organisation in a safe and confidential manner. (CI 7.3.3)  A2.3 ANGO protects the safety and security of staff and volunteers including in high risk contexts. (Refer to 9.2.3)  | A2.1 ANGO and its governing body have an organisational-wide risk management approach. (CI 7.4.5) A2.2 ANGO enables stakeholders to make complaints to the organisation in a safe and confidential manner. CI (7.3.3)  A2.3 ANGO protects the safety and security of staff and volunteers including in high risk contexts. (Refer to 9.2.3)   |
| **A3: The ANGO has effective** **safeguarding (child protection and PSEAH) policies and practices. A3 is red line criterion for NEW applicants**  | A3.1 ANGO complies with DFAT’s Child Protection Policy including its minimum standards (Refer to 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3).  A3.2 ANGO complies with DFAT’s PSEAH Policy including its minimum standards (Refer to 1.5.1).  A3.3 ANGO works collaboratively with partners to manage child protection and PSEAH risks.   | A3.1 ANGO complies with DFAT’s Child Protection Policy including its minimum standards (Refer to 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3).  A3.2 ANGO complies with DFAT’s PSEAH Policy including its minimum standards (Refer to 1.5.1).  A3.3 ANGO works collaboratively with partners to manage child protection and PSEAH risks. (Refer to 1.4.1) A3.4 ANGO periodically reviews its own child protection and PSEAH policies, procedures and practices. (Refer to 1.4.1) |

SECTION B: DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES AND MANAGEMENT

| **SECTION B** | Refreshed criteria for NEW and BASE45 criteria(ACFID Code Compliance Indicators in brackets) | Refreshed criteria for FULL65 criteria(ACFID Code Compliance Indicators in brackets) |
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| **B1: The ANGO has the capacity to operate in a manner that promotes quality and effective development.**  | B1.1 ANGO’s development initiatives consistently demonstrate the separation of development activities from non-development activities. (CI 7.3.2)  B1.2 ANGO demonstrates capacity to effectively manage ANCP grant.  B1.3 ANGO has a documented approach to managing its projects e.g. project cycle or equivalent, relevant to its approaches, or delivery models (Refer to Commitments 4.2 and 4.3). B1.4 ANGO’s planning and practice are informed by analysis of context, evidence and research, and inclusion of the perspectives and knowledge of primary stakeholders. (CI 4.2.1)  B1.5 ANGO assesses the quality of their strategies, designs and plans against quality standards and DFAT requirements. (Refer to 4.3.1)  B1.6 ANGO assesses and manages risk in its development and humanitarian initiatives. (CI 4.2.2)  | B1.1 ANGO’s development initiatives consistently demonstrate the separation of development activities from non-development activities. (CI 7.3.2)  B1.2 ANGO demonstrates capacity to effectively manage ANCP grant.  B1.3 ANGO has a documented approach to managing its projects e.g. project cycle or equivalent, relevant to its approaches, or delivery models (Refer to Commitments for 4.2 and 4.3). B1.4 ANGOs planning and practice are informed by analysis of context, evidence and research, and inclusion of the perspectives and knowledge of primary stakeholders. (CI 4.2.1)  B1.5 ANGO assesses the quality of their strategies, designs and plans against quality standards and DFAT requirements. (Refer to 4.3.1)  B1.6 ANGO assesses and manages risk in its development and humanitarian initiatives. (CI 4.2.2) B1.7 If ANGO works in association with international affiliates, networks or consortiums, it can demonstrate knowledge of projects and capacity to influence throughout the project management cycle.  |
| **B2: The ANGO integrates cross cutting themes to enable effectiveness.**  | B2.1 ANGO demonstrates its commitment to gender equality in its programming. (Refer to 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4)  B2.2 ANGO demonstrates its commitment to disability equity and rights, and social inclusion in its programming. (Refer to 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.3.4, 1.2.2, 1.2.3)  B2.3 ANGO demonstrates its commitment to environmental sustainability in its programming. (CI 3.2.1)   B2.4 ANGO demonstrates approaches that enhance sustainability. (Refer to 3.1.1 and 3.1.2) | B2.1 ANGO demonstrates its commitment to gender equality in its programming. (Refer to 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4)  B2.2 ANGO demonstrates its commitment to disability equity and rights, and social inclusion in its programming. (Refer to 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.3.4, 1.2.2, 1.2.3)  B2.3 ANGO demonstrates its commitment to environmental sustainability, climate action and improved environmental outcomes in its programming. (CI 3.2.1)  B2.4 ANGO demonstrates approaches that enhance sustainability. (Refer to 3.1.2 and 3.1.2)  B2.5 ANGO periodically reviews its own policies and practices related to gender equality; disability equity and rights and social inclusion; and environmental sustainability, climate action and improved environmental outcomes.  |
| **B3: The ANGO can monitor, report and assess the effectiveness of activities.**  | B3.1 ANGO monitors its development and humanitarian initiatives. (CI 4.3.2)  B3.2 ANGO meets DFAT reporting requirements. B3.3 ANGO evaluates its development and humanitarian initiatives. (CI 4.3.3)  B3.4 ANGO reflects on and learns from results and lessons in order to inform and improve practice. (CI 4.4.2)  | B3.1 ANGO monitors its development and humanitarian initiatives. (CI 4.3.2)  B3.2 ANGO meets DFAT reporting requirements. B3.3 ANGO evaluates its development and humanitarian initiatives. (CI 4.3.3)  B3.4 ANGO reflects on and learns from results and lessons in order to inform and improve practice. (CI 4.4.2)  B3.5 Monitoring and evaluation systems include the participation of partners, community members and primary stakeholders. (GPI for 4.3)  B3.6 ANGO disseminates information about results and lessons to primary stakeholders, partners and donors. (CI 4.4.1)  |

SECTION C: APPROACHES TO PARTNERSHIP

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| **C1: The ANGO has documented arrangements with partner organisations.**  | C1.1 ANGO and/or partners have authority to work in the countries where they work. (Refer to 5.1.2)  C1.2 ANGO negotiates shared goals and respective contributions with partners and those they chose to collaborate with through documented arrangements (Refer to 5.2.1). DFAT contractual obligations are reflected in partner agreements that relate to DFAT funding.  C1.3 ANGO and partners ensure shared understanding of responsibilities under partnership agreements. (verifier for 5.2.1)   | C1.1 ANGO and/or partners have authority to work in the countries where they work. (Refer to 5.1.2)  C1.2 ANGO negotiates shared goals and respective contributions with partners and those they chose to collaborate with through documented arrangements (Refer to 5.2.1). DFAT contractual obligations are reflected in partner agreements that relate to DFAT funding.  C1.3 ANGO and partners ensure shared understanding of responsibilities under partnership agreements. (verifier for 5.2.1) C1.4 Partnership management procedures are documented in a manual or equivalent. (GPI for 5.2)  |
| **C2: The ANGO understands and supports its partners’ priorities and strengths.**  | C2.1 ANGO undertakes due diligence and capacity assessments of organisations with whom they work in partnerships and periodically updates this understanding (cross ref: E2.1) (Refer to 5.1.2) (GPI for 5.1)  C2.2 ANGO engages collaboratively with its partners in joint planning, decision-making, issue resolution, and exchanging feedback. (Refer to 5.2.1, 7.3.5)   | C2.1 ANGO undertakes due diligence and capacity assessments of organisations with whom they work in partnerships and periodically updates this understanding (cross ref: E2.1) (Refer to 5.1.2) (GPI for 5.1)  C2.2 ANGO engages collaboratively with its partners in joint planning, decision-making, issue resolution, and exchanging feedback. (Refer to 5.2.1, 7.3.5)  C2.3 ANGO invests time and resources in supporting the sustainability of local partners, including their broader mandate, strategy and capacity. (CI 5.3.1)   |

SECTION D: COMMUNICATIONS AND AUSTRALIAN ENGAGEMENT

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| **D1: The ANGO is supported by and communicates with an Australian constituency.**  | D1.1 ANGO has organisational requirements, including a documented system, for the collection of information, images, and stories, including ensuring free, prior and informed consent is gained and recorded for images and stories. (Refer to 6.2.2)  D1.2 ANGO communications are accurate, respectful, and protect privacy and dignity. (CI 6.2.1) D1.3 ANGO acknowledges the support of its Australian constituency and the Australian Government.   | D1.1 ANGO has organisational requirements, including a documented system for the collection of information, images, and stories, including ensuring free, prior and informed consent is gained and recorded for images and stories. (Refer to 6.2.2)  D1.2 ANGO communications are accurate, respectful, and protect privacy and dignity. (CI 6.2.1) D1.3 ANGO acknowledges the support of its Australian constituency and the Australian Government.  D1.4 ANGO demonstrates engagement with an Australian constituency.  |

SECTION E: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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| **E1: The ANGO has effective financial management policies, systems and capacity.**  | E1.1 ANGO has documented policies, procedures and financial systems to effectively account for funding, including a general ledger and project ledgers.  E1.2 ANGO has documented delegation and authorisation levels for personnel and clear segregation of duties between procurement, authorisation and payment functions.  E1.3 ANGO produces and publishes annual audited financial statements and annual ACFID Code-compliant financial statements. (CI 8.2.4, 8.3.2)  E1.4 ANGO has appropriate procedures and practices to control funds sent overseas and monitor expenditure in a timely manner.  E1.5 ANGO has the financial resources and capacity to manage its financial commitments and obligations to DFAT, including meeting ANCP acquittal and ANCP matching ratio requirements.  | E1.1 ANGO has documented policies, procedures and financial systems to effectively account for funding, including a general ledger and project ledgers.  E1.2 ANGO has documented delegation and authorisation levels for personnel and clear segregation of duties between procurement, authorisation and payment functions.  E1.3 ANGO produces and publishes annual audited financial statements and annual ACFID Code-compliant financial statements. (CI 8.2.4, 8.3.2)  E1.4 ANGO has appropriate procedures and practices to control funds sent overseas and monitor expenditure in a timely manner.  E1.5 ANGO has the financial resources and capacity to manage its financial commitments and obligations to DFAT, including meeting ANCP acquittal and ANCP matching ratio requirements. E1.6 ANGO has an organisational approach to cost and value consciousness including procurement processes and expenditure management.   |
| **E2: The ANGO understands and strengthens the financial management capacity of its partners and affiliates to ensure they have the capacity and commitment to undertake** **activities in a professionally** **competent manner with regard to financial operations.**  | E2.1 ANGO regularly assesses the financial and risk management systems and capacity of partners (fiduciary assessment) before contracting (ref: C2.1) (Refer to 5.1.2)  E2.2 ANGO regularly receives and reviews project acquittals from partners and responds to their financial management performance. E2.3 ANGO ensures that partners have internal controls that are operating effectively, including preventing, detecting and investigating fraud. E2.4 If ANGO is working in association with international affiliates, networks or consortiums, the ANGO receives and reviews regular financial statements, expenditure and acquittal reports, and can either request independent audits and/or withhold funds  | E2.1 ANGO regularly assesses the financial and risk management systems and capacity of partners (fiduciary assessment) before contracting (ref: C2.1) (Refer to 5.1.2)  E2.2 ANGO regularly receives and reviews project acquittals from partners and responds to their financial management performance. E2.3 ANGO ensures that partners have internal controls that are operating effectively, including preventing, detecting and investigating fraud.  E2.4 ANGO assesses fiduciary risk of partners through reviews of audited financial statements or other mechanisms and implements appropriate risk based controls.  E2.5 ANGO collaborates with partners to enhance financial management capacity, ensuring operations align with sound financial and risk management practices.  E2.6 If ANGO is working in association with international affiliates, networks or consortiums, the ANGO receives and reviews regular financial statements, expenditure and acquittal reports, and can either request independent audits and/or withhold funds.   |
| **E3: The ANGO has effective policies, systems and practices to manage financial risk.**  | E3.1 ANGO assesses financial risks particular to its operating context and provides regular financial and financial risk reports to its governing body.  E3.2 ANGO has documented agreements with partners for the management and use of funds, including fraud and counter terrorism requirements, and reporting obligations, right of audit and withholding of funds.  E3.3 ANGO has practices to limit foreign currency exchange rate movement exposure.  E3.4 ANGO has appropriate insurance policies (e.g. public liability, travel).  E3.5 ANGO has policies, practices and risk mitigations to facilitate the prevention, detection and investigation of fraud and the prevention of corruption.  E3.6 ANGO has a policy, practices and risk mitigations, including terrorism screening, to prevent support or funds going directly or indirectly to individuals or organisations associated with terrorism, commensurate with the level of risk.   | E3.1 ANGO assesses financial risks particular to its operating context and provides regular financial and financial risk reports to its governing body.  E3.2 ANGO has documented agreements with partners for the management and use of funds, including fraud and counter terrorism requirements, and reporting obligations, right of audit and withholding of funds.  E3.3 ANGO has a policy and practices to limit foreign currency exchange rate movement exposure.  E3.4 ANGO has appropriate insurance policies (e.g. public liability, travel).  E3.5 ANGO has policies, practices and risk mitigations to facilitate the prevention, detection and investigation of fraud and the prevention of corruption.  E3.6 ANGO has a policy, practices and risk mitigations, including terrorism screening, to prevent support or funds going directly or indirectly to individuals or organisations associated with terrorism, commensurate with the level of risk.  E3.7 ANGO supports partners to manage the risk of terrorism financing. E3.8 ANGO assesses its own capacity or undertakes periodic assessments of its own financial systems (excluding external audit) in response to financial risk assessment.  E3.9 ANGO has a documented business continuity plan and disaster recovery plan.  E3.10 ANGO has practices and risk mitigations to meet DFAT’s Modern Slavery requirements.   |

1. Where the accreditation criteria reflect exact requirements from the ACFID Code, this is shown in brackets. Where the word ‘refer’ appears, there is a close link to the ACFID Code. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)