

The Australian Mercy Three Diseases Charitable Gift Guidelines

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Background:

Australian Mercy launched the Buzz Off malaria project in 2009. This project seeks to address issues related to the impact that malaria is having in poor communities in the Developing World. As part of the Buzz Off campaign a malaria training program was established in Myanmar.

As this training program developed it became apparent that there was not just one but three linked diseases that are having disastrous consequences in poor communities. These diseases are malaria, Tuberculosis (TB), and HIV / AIDS. It is our desire to reduce the impact of all three of these diseases.

Objective

The three diseases fund seeks to assist in financing projects and initiatives that will reduce the impact of malaria, Tuberculosis and HIV / AIDS in poor communities in the Developing world

Fund income and investments

This fund will seek public donations to accomplish its purposes.

All investments and funds are held by Equity Trustees in a Charitable Gift called the Australian Mercy Three Diseases Charitable Gift (Equity Trustees Acc. No CH002440). All dividends from this charitable gift are used exclusively by Australian Mercy and are used to fund projects as determined by the Australian Mercy Board that specifically relate to Malaria, HIV/Aids and Tuberculosis.

Operation

- The operation of the TDCG remains within the scope of Australian Mercy's audit and under the direct control of the Australian Mercy Board.
- The Australian Mercy National Office manages all financial aspects of the TDCG.
- Distribution happens on an ad hoc basis as the Board identifies suitable needs or projects and consequently authorizes a distribution from the TDCG.
- Donors can contribute to this fund tax deductibly either by sending the donation to Australian Mercy, or by sending their donation to Equity Trustees.
 - Equity Trustees
575 Bourke St
Melbourne Vic 3001
 - Donations to *Equity Trustees must quote the following detail*, - Australian Mercy 3 Diseases Charitable Gift CH002440
- Moneys donated to the TDCG via Australian Mercy are receipted into Australian Mercy's books and after a 5% admin fee is deducted the total balance is then sent to Equity Trustees for inclusion into The Australian Mercy 3 Diseases Charitable Gift CH002440
- As distributions from Equity Trustees are received they are receipted into Australian Mercy's books and distributed according to the following formula;
 - TDCG admin – 5%
 - Equity Trustees reinvestment - 20%
 - TDCG distribution fund - 75%

Application Process

Applications for a grant from the TDCG can be lodged at any time with the Australian Mercy Board who will determine the suitability of the proposal. An application does not guarantee that funding will be approved.

Disbursal of funds

The Board will require a receipt for each disbursal of funds – together with a report and photographic evidence that explains how the funds were used.