

ALL-RUSSIAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
RUSSIAN RED CROSS

**All-Russian non-governmental organization
“Russian Red Cross”
Good Partnership Policy**

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1. General Provisions

1.1. This Good Partnership Policy of the All-Russian Non-Governmental Organization “Russian Red Cross” (hereinafter - Policy) is developed in accordance with the Statutes of the All-Russian Non-Governmental Organization “Russian Red Cross” (hereinafter - RRC).

1.2. The RRC carries out its activities guided by the Constitution and legislation of the Russian Federation, the norms of international humanitarian law enshrined in the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949 and Additional Protocols, the Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (hereinafter - the International Movement), the Constitution of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (hereinafter - IFRC), documents of the International Committee of the Red Cross (hereinafter - ICRC) on the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The RRC is also guided in its activities by the Resolutions of the International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and other documents of the International Movement.

1.3. The RRC follows the 2nd Resolution of the 30th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent of 2007 and the 4th Resolution of the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent of 2011 and fulfills a auxiliary role in relation to the Russian Federation, cooperating with government authorities in the field of humanitarian activities in the territory of the Russian Federation and beyond, in full compliance with the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (hereinafter - the Fundamental Principles).

1.4. The RRC advocates for effective humanitarian dialogue and a framework for long-term cooperation with partners in the humanitarian space to build impartial, neutral, independent and effective humanitarian action.

1.5. To implement the provisions of RRC's Good Partnership Policy, this policy may be supplemented through the development and implementation of internal regulations, bylaws or guidelines.

2. Purpose and scope of application

2.1. This Policy is intended to provide a framework for partnership between RRC and the Partner.

2.1.1. For the purposes of this Policy, RRC means RRC as a whole, including structural subdivisions of RRC, legal entities established by RRC, branches, representative offices, and RRC institutions.

2.1.2. The term “Partner” includes:

- International and foreign organizations, citizens of foreign states;
- Commercial and non-commercial organizations;
- Associations of individuals;
- Individuals.

2.1.3. The term “Partnership” covers all relationships between RRC and a Partner in which RRC grants the Partner, including the opportunity to use its name and logo in any public materials, thereby potentially creating a public image association between the Partner and RRC. This Policy applies to the partnership between RRC and Partner at both national and international levels of interaction. The Policy does not cover charitable donations in cash or in kind, or the purchase of goods, works or services for RRC, except where such relationships may involve a communications or promotional aspect potentially creating a public image association.

2.1.4. RRC seeks to establish relations with a Partner who recognizes RRC's adherence to the Fundamental Principles of the International Movement and a Partner who contributes to human and social development, development of humanitarian, volunteer (volunteer) activities, practical implementation of the principles of corporate social responsibility, activities consistent with RRC's areas of activity, contributing to the expansion of RRC's humanitarian activities, and who has a stable positive business reputation.

2.1.5. This Policy applies to any relations arising in the course of RRC's activities with RRC's partners, including individuals who are not RRC employees, RRC members, volunteers (volunteers) of RRC.

2.2. RRC partners with the Partner to encourage contributions to the protection and improvement of the lives of vulnerable people in countries where the Partner and/or RRC operates (e.g. in RRC's international humanitarian missions), and to raise awareness of RRC's role among the general public. These partnerships also provide an opportunity for the Partner to make a positive impact on social issues through humanitarian dialogue

2.3. The Policy defines the criteria for selecting a Partner ("Selection Criteria"), proposes a process for evaluating the Partner against these criteria ("Selection Procedure") and defines the terms of the partnership ("Partnership Agreement"). The Policy is designed to maximize RRC's ability to work with a Partner while protecting its values, reputation and commitment to the Fundamental Principles.

3. Types of partner support for RRC activities

3.1 The RRC is entitled to receive the following types of support to expand its humanitarian activities:

3.1.1 Property support for RRC activities with assistance, including:

3.1.1.1 Supporting the RRC with cash to carry out activities;

3.1.1.2 Supporting the RRC with in-kind donations to carry out activities;

3.1.1.3 Supporting the RRC with work products and donated services;

3.1.2 Realization of joint initiatives, holding joint events;

3.1.3 Other forms of support not prohibited by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

4. Selection criteria

4.1 The selection criteria apply to the Partner with whom RRC enters into a partnership.

4.2 Potential Partners are evaluated against the guideline and recommendation criteria:

4.3. Guiding criteria:

A partner shall not in any way knowingly or willfully engage in activities contrary to the:

- legislation of the Russian Federation;
- the principles of international humanitarian law (universal and those relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts);
- internationally recognized standards embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work of 1998, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination of 1965, the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women of 1979, the Convention on the Rights of the Child of 1989, and other international legal obligations undertaken by the Russian Federation.

A partner shall not in any way knowingly or willfully engage in activities that undermine the ability of the RRC to carry out its neutral and impartial activities.

4.3.1. In accordance with the objectives and Fundamental Principles, as well as the legislation of the Russian Federation, RRC shall not establish relations with:

- terrorist organizations or legal entities that are subject to a ban on their activities.
- RRC does not cooperate with Partners whose activities undermine RRC's authority and have a negative impact on RRC's activities, except in cases where, in accordance with the Policy, deviation from the provisions of the Policy is permissible.

Also, RRC may not establish a relationship with a potential Partner whose activities are related to production, distribution and advertising:

- weapons and ammunition as a core activity;
- nicotine-containing products;
- pornographic materials or objects.

4.4 Selection in respect of organizations whose activities may bear indirect risks in relation to the activities of the Russian Red Cross and its reputation.

4.4.1 The selection of organizations whose categories are listed in Annex No. 1 shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 9.

4.5. Recommendation criteria:

The RRC will encourage cooperation with a Partner:

4.5.1. Who respects the humanitarian values of the International Movement;

4.5.2 Who responds positively to the RRC's contribution to improve its business practices in a way that promotes social responsibility;

4.5.3 Whose products, services and activities are related to the mission or activities of the RRC; and who will be a good faith partner in helping the RRC achieve its goals, expand its reach and raise awareness of the RRC's activities;

4.5.4 Who is committed to supporting volunteer activities;

4.5.5 Who has a positive image and good reputation.

5. Selection process

5.1 The RRC will screen a potential Partner against the criteria defined in Section 3. RRC welcomes constructive criticism of its partnerships and similar vetting of any potential Partner.

5.2 The decision as to whether a Partner meets the requirements of this Policy shall be based on available information gathered from neutral, independent and credible sources through research and taking into account the time period to which the data relates.

5.3 While the Partner's past performance will be considered as part of the above review, it is the Partner's current performance that is most relevant. Past performance may be mitigated by more recent commitments to positive change. The RRC should take into account the Partner's actions to address the issues, as well as opportunities for the RRC to assist in doing so.

5.4 The RRC will continue to monitor the results of the selection process and reserves the right to reassess any relationship in light of new or previously unavailable information as set out in the partnership agreement.

5.5 The RRC will apply the following selection procedure to all potential Partners:

5.5.1 To the extent possible through publicly available data systems, ascertain whether any other component of the Movement has previously screened the Partner. Depending on the level of detail of the information obtained and how old it is, additional verification may be required.

5.5.2 The RRC may obtain information from external sources and request information from the Partner, including the RRC may consult at least three independent, credible sources, which shall include a general search engine, reputable international, national and regional media, as well as credible and relevant non-governmental organizations (hereinafter referred to as “NGOs”).

The RRC may also invite the Partner to provide any information the Partner wishes to share regarding the selection criteria.

5.5.3 The RRC shall also review government resources, information from professional, independent, specialized rating agencies.

5.5.4 In the case of international partnerships, the RRC investigating the partnership should inform, through the RRC International Cooperation Department, any other potential stakeholders within the Movement during the verification phase.

5.5.5 The RRC provides humanitarian assistance outside the territory of the Russian Federation only with the consent of the National Society operating in the territory of the affected state.

5.6. If during the selection process it becomes clear that a potential Partner does not meet the criteria specified in paragraph 4.3, RRC will not develop the partnership.

5.7 The decision to develop a good partnership is made after a formal process and is based on the results of the selection process. In case of disagreement, the final decision may be made by the RRC President.

6. Partnership agreement:

6.1 Partnerships under this Policy shall be predominantly approved by means of an agreement.

6.2 The agreement with the Partner shall contain a reference that the Partner recognizes and respects RRC's commitment to the Fundamental Principles of the International Movement and the voluntary and independent nature of RRC's activities arising from these principles. The relevant reference may be deleted in accordance with Section 8 of this Policy.

6.3 Mandatory Elements for Partnership Agreements:

6.3.1 All parties to the partnership agreement must be clearly identified. Specifically:

a) The partner signing the partnership agreement assumes the roles and responsibilities set forth in the partnership agreement.

b) The RRC is a separate legal entity and must sign the partnership agreement to be a party to the agreement. Agreements can be signed on behalf of the RRC by: the RRC President on the basis of the Statutes, the RRC Vice-President on behalf of the RRC President, the Chairmen of the RRC Regional Branches and other persons acting on the basis of a power of attorney.

6.3.2 The Partner must confirm that its activities do not materially violate the principles set out in clause 4.3.

6.3.3 RRC and the Partner may terminate the partnership at their discretion, and either Party shall give written notice to the other Party in advance.

6.3.4 RRC may elect to immediately withdraw from the partnership if any of the following are in effect:

a) The Partner commits a material breach of the partnership agreement.

b) Continuation of the partnership would cause the RRC to be discredited due to a change in the Partner's behavior or public perception of the Partner's activities.

6.3.5 The partnership between RRC and a Partner shall in no way lead to a belief that RRC endorses the Partner, its products, policies or services.

6.3.6 RRC is under no obligation to purchase the Partner's products, goods or services as a result of the partnership agreement. Any commercial transaction with the Partner will be subject to a separate agreement.

6. Recommended Elements for Partnership Agreements:

6.1 The duration of the agreement/partnership with the Partner.

6.2 A description of any other potential Partners (e.g., contractors) who may participate in the partnership. The RRC may choose to review any of these Partners.

6.3 Terms and conditions for dealing with force majeure and disagreements.

6.5 Details of the Partner's contact person. 6.6.

6.6 Confirmation that the partnership will be subject to monitoring, review and evaluation by the RRC at regular intervals throughout the duration of the partnership agreement and formally, at the end of the partnership.

6.7 Annexes defining reporting requirements, intellectual property rights, external communications and use of logo/name, representations and warranties, commitments, mutual acceptance of Codes of Conduct.

7. Implementation of this policy

7.1 This policy is intended to be implemented at all levels of RRC activity (international, federal, regional and local).

7.2 The RRC Headquarters is responsible for compliance with the Policy as a whole and ensures that the Policy is disseminated to all RRC Regional Branches. Each RRC Regional Branch and other RRC institutions are responsible for the implementation of the Policy and the appropriate training of their staff, volunteers and members, as well as for monitoring the proper application of the Policy.

7.3 The RRC, represented by an authorized person who has established the RRC-partner relationship, ensures ongoing and annual assessment of the satisfaction of the RRC, the partner, and the final recipients with the result of joint activities of the RRC and the partner. The headquarters of RRC ensures ongoing monitoring of relations between RRC, its structural subdivisions, institutions, legal entities established by RRC, and Partners, and for this purpose forms a single register of RRC Partners.

7.4 RRC informs Partners about the results of its activities, identified additional needs and offers RRC Partners new opportunities to participate in RRC activities on a permanent basis.

7.5 Based on the monitoring noted in clause 7.3, the RRC Headquarters analyzes the results of the Policy implementation and provides the RRC Management Board with recommendations to improve the Policy.

7.6 This Policy shall be effective from the date of adoption. The Policy is applicable for any new partnership agreement, its renewal or extension.

7.7. It is recommended that this Policy be applied at all stages of partnership building.

8. Special provisions

8.1. All partnerships of the RRC, including partnerships of RRC Regional Branches and RRC institutions, with international, foreign legal entities, citizens of foreign countries are agreed in writing with the International Cooperation Department of the RRC Headquarters.

8.2 In cases of ambiguous compliance of the Partner with the criteria in clauses 4.3, 4.4, as well as in cases of partnerships falling under clauses 8.3 and Annex No. 1, the decision to limit this

Policy may be made by a collegial body at the appropriate level of the organizational structure of the RRC, specially created by the Order of the RRC President.

8.3 The provisions of this Policy may be waived (in part or in full) in the following situations

- following the humanitarian imperative - refers to the obligation of humanitarian organizations to provide assistance where it is needed. The humanitarian imperative also extends the principle of humanity to include the right to receive and provide humanitarian assistance;
- creating humanitarian exemptions - refers to the possible exclusion of activities, goods or actors from the scope of the restrictions for a specified period of time and/or for a specific humanitarian purpose;
- when a potential partner that does not meet the requirements of this Policy is the only supplier of goods, works, services required by the RRC and demanded by the beneficiaries.

9. Decision-making procedure of the RRC collegial body

9.1 The collegial body “RRC Commission on Good Partnership” (hereinafter - the RRC Commission) established by the Order of the RRC Chairman acts on the basis of the Code of Conduct of the RRC member, the RRC Charter and the provisions of this Policy. The composition of the Commission is approved by the Order of the RRC President from among RRC employees and members of the RRC in the number of at least 3 (three) persons. Representatives of the following structural subdivisions of the RRC's headquarters are to be included in the RRC's Commission

- - International Cooperation Department;
- - Activity Support and Control Department;
- - Strategic Development Department;
- - if necessary, representatives of other structural subdivisions of the RRC Headquarters, structural subdivisions of the RRC with the knowledge and skills necessary for the work of the RRC Commission are engaged.

9.2 If the RRC Commission decides to limit this Policy (in part or in full), the RRC Chairperson or the RRC Commission, established by order of the RRC President, as circumstances change, shall review such decision on a monthly basis and decide whether to rescind, revise or approve it.

9.3 The following decisions may be made by the RRC President, or by an RRC Commission established by order of the RRC President, as a result of a review of the applicability of this Policy:

- 9.3.1 A decision to enter into a partnership;
- 9.3.2. Decision to dissolve the partnership;
- 9.3.3. Decision on partial limitation of this Policy;
- 9.3.4 Decisions on the applicability of Part 1 and Part 4 of this Policy;
- 9.3.5. Resolution of disputes related to the application of the provisions of this Policy;
- 9.3.6. Other decisions necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Policy.

9.4. The responsible member of the RRC Commission, determined by the order of the RRC President, summarizes and analyzes the decisions made by the RRC Commission and submits a report on the work of the RRC Commission to the President of the RRC.

**Annex No. 1. Categories of partnerships requiring additional harmonization at the level of the
RRC Good Partnership Commission**

1. Political parties, legal entities established by them;
2. Religious organizations, legal entities established by them;
3. Organizers of lotteries, gambling, bookmaker's offices, totalizators, forex dealers;
4. organizers of activities aimed at issuing, generating, mining digital currencies;
5. Legal entities affiliated with individuals against whom criminal proceedings have been initiated or against whom a guilty verdict has been passed;
6. Legal entities and individuals who are participants in events that have caused a wide public resonance and negative public reaction, or who have a negative business reputation;
7. Legal entities established to advocate for the interests of a particular social group or community;
8. Organizations/individuals recognized as foreign agents and organizations whose activities on the territory of the Russian Federation are recognized as undesirable;
9. Organizations/individuals carrying out activities that violate public interests;
10. Organizations/individuals carrying out activities that undermine the business reputation of the RRC;
11. Organizations/individuals engaged in activities that contribute to natural disasters, armed conflicts;
12. Organizations/individuals whose activities are contrary to the objectives of RRC programs;
13. Organizations/individuals whose activities are contrary to the values and principles of the RRC;
14. Organizations/individuals under sanctions, unilateral or collective restrictions