

Christian witness is an essential and integral part of the mission of World Renew.

In line with its values, World Renew affirms that:

- All persons are created in the image of God.
- God is known through Jesus Christ and revealed through the Holy Spirit, Scripture and Creation.
- God stands beside all people especially the poor and oppressed.
- The Church is called to manifest God's gracious love for all people and work towards a reconciled human community as one body of Christ.
- The earth and all it contains are God's gifts and are to be protected and shared in good stewardship.
- World Renew's disaster response, community development, and justice work is a witness to God's unconditional love for the world.

World Renew also affirms its overall dignity and rights-based approach where poor and marginalised communities are at the centre. World Renew affirms the freedom of religion or belief and everyone's right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

While it is ethical and appropriate to be transparent in our communication that Christ's love is the underlying motive for all of World Renew's work, Christian witness should never involve the use of pressure or inducement. Therefore, in its work, either directly or when working with partners World Renew:

- Is truthful and transparent about our Christian identity and motivation and provides information about the goals of our organisation and programmes;
- Conducts our work with tolerance of differences in belief and protection of those whose human rights are not respected.
- Does not mis-use our programmes or use manipulation, coercive techniques, force or exploitation of people's vulnerability to advance religious or partisan political standpoints.

In practice, for all World Renew funded activities, this means that:

- World Renew and our partners, when working in a community, will give all members of the community equal access to programmes based on need;
- World Renew and our partners will give equal opportunity to community members to participate in the implementation of programmes at the local level, regardless of religious affiliation;
- When working through church partners who conduct religious activities in addition to their community development or disaster response work, these partners will communicate to communities that such programming is not conditional on, and is separate from, participation in religious activities;
- World Renew and our partners will never incentivise professing a religious belief in order to receive increased benefits from our programmes, and will not create a perception that certain religious beliefs could lead to more favorable treatment.

In keeping with the above, we celebrate when people's lives are enriched by faith, but we reject any attempt to misuse humanitarian or development assistance or advocacy programmes to manipulate either an individual or a community towards a particular religious belief. We believe such attempts lack integrity, result in poor development and dishonour the One who is our motivation.