

Children's Rights International

Board Policy No.1: Purpose and Principles

Who We Are

CRI is an Australian not-for-profit NGO established in 2005 as an initiative of the *World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights* and subsequently incorporated as a company limited by guarantee.

CRI's mission is to promote, protect and advance the human rights of children across the world, and to promote the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

Patron and Chair of the Board is the Hon. Alastair Nicholson, retired Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia.

Our Purpose

CRI's purpose is to facilitate education, mentoring and training and representation in the development of relevant legislation, policies, judicial decision making and law enforcement practices that will advance the human rights of children. In this, it partners with governments, communities, NGO's and individuals in developing countries who are signatories to, or otherwise support, the UNCRC. The necessary resources and expertise are sourced from CRI's register of legal, health, law enforcement and allied professionals who generally provide their services pro bono. In all cases, CRI activities are undertaken with the approval of the host country government. Oversight and governance is provided by the CRI Board of Directors.

Our Principles

In the conduct of all its activities, CRI will be guided by the following principles:

- Work with host governments and local NGO's to secure political and community support and involvement
- Address all aspects of development – resourcing, expertise, attitudes and behaviour
- develop local capacity, by the use of local people and the transfer knowledge wherever feasible
- Be sensitive to local political, religious and social cultures
- Have no political or religious affiliations or allegiances
- Be able to measure and demonstrate progress to stakeholders
- Produce outcomes that are sustainable, preferably imbedded in legislation and institutional structures and behaviours

Reviewed and Agreed by the Board

4th July, 2012

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