

Caritas Sri Lanka – **SEDEC**

# ANTI-TERRORISM POLICY



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## **Anti-terrorism policy of Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC.**

Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC never tolerate association with Terrorism / prohibited parties engage in Organized Crimes.

**As a general outline definition Terrorism is understood as follows;**

“The act, or threat of action, where the action causes certain defined forms of harm or interference and the action is done or the threat is made with the intention of advancing a political, extreme religious or ideological cause”

Our main source of information to refrain from and eradicate such individuals, group of individuals, Associations may always by referring - those listings by our donors, their back donors and competent authorities under the captions “terrorists or suspected terrorists” Organized Crime - any conspiratorial enterprise engaged in illegal activities as a means of generating income.

The scope this Policy and procedures apply to all of Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC, staff, committees, teams, volunteers sub-contractors service providers and all stakeholders.

**With that end in mind, Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC will ensure:**

- Funds are not disbursed directly or indirectly to associations, individuals or organizations, group of individuals allied with Terrorism -prohibited parties.
- All individuals or organizations that will involve in implementing/facilitating projects on behalf of Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC are in no way will be in association directly or indirectly to organisations or individuals associated with Terrorism - prohibited parties.
- All activities, individuals /organisations involved and the general practice and functionality of Caritas Sri Lanka adheres and complies with the relevant laws, regulations and policies, legal vetting processors of our funding partners pertaining to this matter.
- Any breach of this policy will be immediately brought to the attention of the relevant Sri Lanka authorities and the appropriate authorities even in any other jurisdiction in which Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC operates.

The Government of Sri Lanka has a legal enactment viz. Prevention of Terrorism Act no 48 of 1979 and amendments thereto are bound to follow as local legislation .Most of the democratic countries have enacted special legislations to deal contrary to acts of terrorism of which we may treat as benchmark.

The following Procedures in place must be complied with at all the times by Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC and by any member of Caritas Confederation.

1. **PROJECTS** - When identifying and committing to a Project with Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC - all the necessary due diligence processes must be completed regarding this policy . This process includes a mandatory checking of list of proscribed organizations - /prohibited parties to identify any potential NGO partners that may be listed.
  
2. **THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS** - When come into an agreement with any an implementing partner Caritas Sri Lanka it must outline the obligations and objectives of implementing partner to be in accordance with relevant laws, policies and regulations of Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC relating to Anti-Terrorism procedures. As part of implementation and monitoring of the project, the amount of funds, the purpose of the funds and receipts of payments must be stipulated so as to outline the basis for the payments made to implementing partners.
  
3. **STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**
  - (a) All persons to whom this Policy applies will be appropriately educated and trained about the precautionary steps regarding Terrorism and related issues.
  - (b) All recruits to submit testimonial from his/her church/temple/mosque and / or from respective Grama Niladhari attested by the Divisional secretary.
  - (C) All foreign members of the committee, team, volunteers and collaborative organisations may be subjected to a Police check in respective/native country.

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