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International Programmes - criteria for partnership

The partnership approach with other ICAs seeks to empower and enable partner organisations (including ICA:UK) to develop themselves and to deliver quality programmes, emphasizing both efficient management and discernible impact.

This requires:

- a common belief in and commitment to the principles and philosophy that ICA is based on
- an assumption that all stakeholders will be involved in the design and implementation of any programmes
- the recognition that equitable partnership brings both benefits and responsibilities to both parties, and needs to be based on a high level of transparency.

The criteria outlined here have emerged from the experience of the past eight years. ICA:UK is willing to work with all members of the ICA International network, but has limited itself to fundraising with statutory members only. ICAI has established criteria of its own for membership of the network and these criteria are intended to reinforce rather than replace those criteria:

All partners should have in place a recognizable system of governance, appropriate to the country and context within which the partner is working. This will normally be set out in the governing document (e.g. Constitution, Memorandum and Articles of Association, etc.).

All partners should be registered with the appropriate governing bodies in their own countries and be statutory members of ICA International

All partners should be able to produce annual reports and accounts which give a true and accurate picture of their activities

All partners should meet the following financial criteria:

- A bank account with at least two signatories
- A reputable external auditor
- An appropriately qualified/experienced accountant responsible for their financial affairs
- A viable system in place for the management of income and expenditure and able to produce timely and accurate reports as required

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