



ENVIRONMENT POLICY

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Fundasaun Alola (FA) recognises that the lives, wellbeing and futures of women, children and communities are strongly related to the quality of their surrounding environment. In fact, our understanding of the environment includes people and communities and their interaction with their surroundings.

Environmental degradation increases poverty, exclusion and vulnerability. It undermines sustainable development when it threatens livelihoods, food security, health and access to safe water and sanitation. FA's works to improve child and maternal health, improve education, economic empowerment of women, promote human rights, strengthen community development and improve the status of women across the country. Any activities have potential for negative impact, but with comprehensive planning, they can also have the greatest positive impact on the environment.

FA's works with communities to create lasting and meaningful change will therefore involve consideration of the immediate and long-term impact of our work on the environment. Development that is genuinely sustainable must meet the needs of people in ways that maintain or increase the productivity and diversity of resources and ecosystems within an appropriate cultural framework. Balancing protecting the environment with the priority on increasing short-term production can be a challenge. FA's work will always involve raising awareness of the harm that can be done to the natural environment, and to human beings, by unsustainable agricultural and industrial practices.

Policy Statement

FA is committed to maximising positive impacts and reducing negative impacts on the environment through projects and activities we implement.

Key Actions

FA National Office management team will:

- aim to ensure that all projects and activities maximise positive impacts and mitigate negative impacts on the environment;
- design projects and activities to comply with relevant international and local environmental protocols and policies, donor's policies, and Suku level protocols.
- provide staff with training on environment friendly development practices;
- allocate adequate time, budget and human resources to enable thorough environmental assessments and plans to be developed and, when required, implemented.

FA program teams will:

- incorporate environmental sustainability considerations into all program and project design, implementation and evaluation;

Further resources:

- <http://www.DFAT.gov.au/aidissues/environment/Documents/environment-management-guide-2012.pdf>
- https://www.childfund.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/ChildFund-Australia-Environment-Guidance-Notes_0.pdf



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