

RAWCS Value Proposition Background

RAWCS was established as a multi-District organisation by the Australian District Governors in 1966. RAWCS is a uniquely Australian Rotary organisation that it is acknowledged as the largest MDO in the world.

In setting up RAWCS the DGs saw the need for an Australian Rotary Entity:

- provide tax deductions for project donations and
- be recognised by Government and partners in overseas aid
- negotiate with corporates for assistance such as discounted airfares.

RAWCS was known as FAIM until 1988 due to early projects in Indonesia that did not welcome Rotary. It was registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee and a recognised Charity with the Overseas Aid Fund. OAGDS

Over the nearly 60 years RAWCS has facilitated thousands of projects with thousands of volunteers supported by about half a Billion Dollars and helped hundreds of thousands of people in 50 developing countries.

Since 2012 the RABS has also been facilitating projects in Australia and this has been further enhanced by establishing RARF in 2018.

RAWCS has been active in raising funds outside Rotary to help Rotary projects > \$45 million to date. Most of this has been in Australian compassionate projects or disaster relief.

Partnerships: We have established significant partnerships with all levels of Australian Government including \$14 million in drought relief. Overseas RAM PNG originally established in 1997 has forged an ongoing partnership with the Global Fund that has seen USD\$160 million since 2009. Funding and operational e.g. Pods, GIVIT, RYLA, AVP

The ACNC was established in 2012 and since then has taken primary responsibility for regulating Charities and created an evolving compliance environment. Large Charity.

The clear legal advice is that a project registered with RAWCS is owned by RAWCS

That means that the Board of RAWCS is responsible to the regulators for the compliance of all projects and activities.

The Board's role is to constantly monitor the BIG PICTURE, changing commercial and regulatory environment and develop policies, procedures, and strategies to allow the company to continue to thrive in line with the requirements of:

- RI code of policies and values
- ACNC, ATO, ASIC and DFAT General Governance & External Conduct Standards.

RAWCS is not a Foundation and does not compete with TRF different value proposition.

RAWCS exists to facilitate the projects of Australian Rotarians most donations that we receive are for specific projects which they flow to immediately.

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RAWCS Projects receive the following benefits:

1. Comparatively **low administration fee** on donations as a once off payment for services – **no additional fees**
2. **Advice and coordination** in setting projects up and connecting new projects with experienced longer term similar projects
3. **Tax deductions** for project donors.
4. **Administration of the compliance requirements for providing tax deductible receipts**
5. Sourcing **external funds** for projects
6. **Providing instructional manuals** for all aspects of projects and volunteer teams
7. **Providing and up-dating policies and procedures** to keep projects compliant and volunteers safe
8. Providing **comprehensive registration and insurance for volunteers** and a **safety net** for registered volunteers
9. Providing a **platform for project accounting and audit**
10. Facilitating **prompt international funds transfers** at **excellent exchange rates**
11. Providing **ongoing technical and administrative advice** to Project managers
12. **We are Rotary.** RAWCS is a unique organisation as Rotary's largest MDO but all our operations are informed by Rotary values, **for and by Rotarians.**