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1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the allocation of funds from the Foundation for Surgery, Global Health Fund.

2. KEYWORDS

Foundation for Surgery, Global Health , International Aid and Development

3. BODY OF POLICY

The purpose of the funds in the Foundation for Surgery, Global Health Fund is to support appropriate international aid and development activities through the College's RACS Global Health Program (herein referred to as 'the Program').

3.1. Criteria for accessing the funds

These funds may be available for the following uses:

1. As a contingency fund of up to \$30,000 per year for un-budgeted surgical responses to natural disasters in the rebuilding phase for reconstruction work or supporting national doctors to provide a surgical service.
2. Funding appropriate scoping missions or one-off funding of up to \$20,000 for appropriate activities where necessary funding is not available from any other source and where the request for assistance has been ratified by the appropriate local authorities. The funds are generally to be directed at new ventures, particularly where these may help generate a new project through follow up funding from other sources. The activity supported should meet the following criteria:
 - I. Be aligned with the RACS Global Health Strategic Plan, and be within the College's sphere of outreach support;
 - II. Be aligned with the College's development principles outlined in the Development Principles in RACS Global Health Policy;
 - III. Be self-sustaining after completion of the intervention;
 - IV. Be a potential model for other provinces and/or countries;
 - V. Demonstrate that it can have a significant impact on the community being served;
 - VI. Demonstrate support by a College approved committee or an affiliated body.
3. Providing necessary educational medical training resources to appropriate training centres supported by RACS Global Health, ratified by the local authorities.
4. Funding critical equipment and support to a medical facility supported by the College's Program where there is no other available source of funding, ratified by the local authorities.
5. Funding a gesture of goodwill endorsed by the RACS Global Health Committee as strategically important to the College's Program.

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6. In the event of competing applications judgment will be on the development of a sustainability focussed project; the applicant's record of participation in successful projects; and support provided from the country where the project is to occur.
7. In assessing the success and appropriateness of the project after it has been completed (to decide if a similar subsequent project will be funded) ongoing cumulative collection of the flow-on for these monies will be recorded and a score-card will be filled out at the end of project. The Committee that is deciding on distribution is then able to see what has worked in the past.

3.2. Conference Participation

An annual allocation of up to \$15,000 is available for the participation of appropriate College representatives at international meetings that are strategically important to RACS Global Health. Individuals must be nominated by a member of the Global Health Committee or Council, and the purpose of their participation at the conference must be aligned with the RACS Global Health Strategic Plan.

Funding may be used for the nominated representative's airfares and accommodation expenses, within the limits of the RACS Travel and Accommodation Policy. Funding must not exceed \$7,500 per individual conference participation.

3.3. Funding Restrictions

Any funded activity must be directed towards development and must not involve evangelism, welfare or partisan political activism. As a general rule, the Fund will not support:

- Overseas attachments (already supported by Rowan Nicks, Surgeons International and other travel scholarship programs of the College).
- Individual attendance at conferences, seminars and similar activities that do not fit the criteria or that will exceed the annual budget set out under clause 3.2 of this policy.
- Activities where the primary purpose of the visit is to examine surgeons or other health professionals in another country.
- Activities with recurrent funding implications.

The funding limit is set by the annual budget approved by College Council.

3.4. Requirements of the Funding

The funded individual or team, including individuals funded to participate at conferences, undertakes to provide a comprehensive report of the activity and the outcomes achieved to the RACS Global Health Committee within 3 weeks of completion.

Wherever appropriate, 80% of the funds requested will be provided (to be acquitted on individual/team's return) and the remaining 20% will be payable on receipt of the required report.

The funded individuals undertake to adhere to the College's Policy on Roles and Responsibilities of Volunteers which govern volunteer behaviour and representational responsibilities.

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3.5. Governance

3.5.1. Applications to access these funds are made to the RACS Global Health Committee. The RACS Global Health Committee or its Executive shall assess and make a recommendation on each application, for approval by the Professional Development and Standards Board (PDSB).

3.5.2. The Global Health Committee may approve funding for conference participation within the annual allocation as set out under clause 3.2 of this policy, as delegated by the PDSB.

3.6. Reporting

The RACS Global Health Committee administers the Foundation for Surgery International Projects General Fund.

RACS Global Health will provide a report on the activities supported by this fund, to the Board of the Foundation for Surgery annually.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

RACS Global Health Committee Terms of Reference

Development Principles in RACS Global Health

RACS Global Health Strategic Plan

Management of the Foundation for Surgery Global Health Fund Procedure

RACS Global Health Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities -Terms of Reference

5. COMMUNICATION

The policy will be advised to the RACS Global Health Committee, PDSB and Council. The policy will be available on the College's Website for access by Fellows, Trainees, the public and staff.

Any proposed changes in policy will be determined by direct consultation between the RACS Global Health Committee or its Executive and the Professional and Development Standards Board.

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