Interim Reporting Framework INGO Accountability Charter

1. Profile of the Organisation

Name of the organisation	Stichting Cordaid (Catholic Organisation for Relief and Development Aid)	
Name and title of Board Chair	Drs. F.C.H. (Frans) Slangen	
Name and title of CEO	Drs. R.B.M. (René) Grotenhuis	
Vision	We see development as a process in which unjust balances of power change between people, organisations and international structures. We co-operate with social organisations worldwide to bring about more just balances of power.	
Mission	Cordaid is inspired by its Roman Catholic origin and belief. Our values are rooted in the social teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and are at the basis of our vision, strategy, operational choices and cooperation within the worldwide Roman Catholic networks of Cidse and Caritas Internationalis. Inspired and informed by the Catholic Social Teaching based on the values of human dignity, solidarity with the poor, subsidiarity, and good stewardship, Cordaid works at the improvement of the situation of poor and marginalized groups.	
Values	We believe in human dignity with respect for diversity. We recognize the power and the responsibility of marginalized people to bring about changes in their own lives. We understand development essentially as a process in which, driven by social justice, balances of power change, both on a small scale between people and organisations, and in international structures. We co-operate with civil society organisations as passionate instruments of change that share our beliefs, have a legitimate basis in their own societies and are wholly responsible for realising their own objectives. We co-operate with these civil society organisations to bring about social changes that contribute towards strong and just societies and towards new, worldwide social movements. We offer a coherent support package that consists of strategic development funding, including emergency aid and reconstruction; coupled to that we promote consciousness raising and public support in the Dutch community, cooperation in networks, the exchange of knowledge, information, experience and talents, and the gaining and exercising of political influence. We have allies in our own community: contributors and volunteers, government, companies and other civil society organisations, with respect for mutual differences but always based on our common core values and principles.	
Primary brands	Cordaid Memisa, www.cordaidmemisa.nl Cordaid Mensen in Nood, www.cordaidmenseninnood.nl Cordaid Kinderstem, www.cordaidkinderstem.nl Cordaid Bond Zonder Naam, www.cordaidbondzondernaam.nl	

	Cordaid Microkrediet, www.cordaidmicrokrediet.nl
	Vastenaktie, www.vastenaktie.nl
Major programmes	Cordaid is divided into four sectors and ten programmes:
major programmes	Sector Participation
	1- Identity and diversity
	2- Slumdwellers
	3 Women and Violence
	Sector Emergency Aid and Reconstruction
	4 - Disaster prevention and emergency aid
	5 - Reconciliation and reconstruction
	Sector Health and Well-being
	6 - Access to health care
	7 - Care for vulnerable groups
	8 - HIV/AIDS
	Sector Entrepreneurship
	9 - Small producers
	10 – Microfinance
Core activities	Cordaid identifies four core activities: financing, linking & learning, lobby and support.
Ooic activities	• Financing runs via the ten programmes, which each has its own target group(s) and themes.
	• Linking & learning aims at strengthening the innovative and learning capacities of partners through linking,
	exchange of experiences, research, innovation, projects and programme evaluations, publications and all kinds
	of educational meetings.
	• Influence on policy is carried out both by partners and Cordaid itself. Through financing, partners are given the
	opportunity to lobby. Cordaid also develops lobby activities, partly at the request of and in collaboration with
	southern partners, as another aspect of their own initiative.
	• Cordaid categorises its fund raising, support to private initiatives in the Netherlands, cooperation with migrant
	organisations, educational activities and partnerships with Dutch companies and institutions under the heading of
	support.
Ownership and legal form	Not for Profit "Stichting" (Dutch Foundation)
Operational structure	Cordaid is structured around four sectors: Participation, Emergency Aid and Reconstruction, Health and
Including roles and	Well-being and Entrepreneurship. The Managers of the sectors (including Marketing and Communication)
responsibilities of global and	and of the staff departments (Policy and Evaluation, Internal Control, Human Resources), together with the
national entities	directors, form the Management Council. The Workers Council (with Cordaid members that represent
national entities	Cordaid staff) negotiates directly with one of the directors. After discussion in the Management Council and
	after approval of the Supervisory Board, the two directors make the decisions.
	An international advisory board (IAB), in which external experts representing different thematic and
	geographical contexts play an advisory role has been initiated and is formally embedded in Cordaid's
	governance structure as of January 2010. The IAB has provided guidance and input in designing the

	strategic plan that was submitted to the Dutch government in 2010.		
Location and address of global headquarters/ secretariat	Lutherse Burgwal 10 2512 CB Den Haag The Netherlands		
Number of countries where the organisation operates	In 2010, Cordaid was active (mostly through partners) in 39 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America (see Annex 1 for full list)		
Number of employees	264 Fte (end December 2010)		

(*amounts x € 1.000)

Finance*	2007	2008	2009	2010
Income from				
- Individual donations	38.082	38.402	41.778	34.322
- Foundations	8.216	4.631	5.624	39.732
- Governments	114.814	112.805	119.111	85.300
- International Organisations UN, EU, World Bank etc.	15.048	12.225	11.100	19.145
- Business				
- Others - please specify: (investments)	2.184	3.372	4.473	2.657
TOTAL INCOME				
	178.344	171.435	182.086	181.156
Total income by country - for countries/regions that make up 5 percent or more of total income Please list countries and provide total income for each one	NL= 178.344	NL= 171.435	NL= 182.086	NL= 181.156
Expenditure for				
- Programmes and activities directly addressing the organisation's purpose	173.982	167.395	163.194	158.959
- Fundraising	5.748	5.604	6.523	4.956
- Administration	3.675	2.707	3.720	3.455
- Others - please specify				
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	183.405	175.706	173.437	167.369
-Africa	82.935	81.518	79.706	65.645
-Asia	47.844	42.337	43.530	35.222
-Latin America	24.178	26.517	19.655	44.061
-The Netherlands	8.600	10.055	13.141	16.256
-Worldwide	19.848	15.279	17.404	6.184
Reserves	-5.061	-4.270	8.649	13.787

2. Compliance with the principles of the INGO Accountability Charter

Respect for Universal Declaration of Human Rights

No.	Best Practice	Evidence	Compliance	Action Plan if not/not fully in Compliance
1	Vision, mission, values and key documents position the organisation's work in the context of Universal Declaration of Human Rights	The organisation's statutes and key programmatic documents.	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	•
2	The organisation's practice fully complies with its policies.	The organisation confirms for the reporting period that it has been working in line with Universal Declaration of Human Rights and that it has resolved any formal written complaints (formal written complaints: either in email or letter through mail or in person with contactable complainant's correspondence. All formal complaints to be acknowledged within 1 month of receipt and complaints resolved within 6 months of receipt) it may have received concerning its alleged breach of these Principles. The Organisation has a Board authorised system to deal with complaints.	 Fully Partially Not at all Not applicable 	

Independence

No.	Best Practice	Evidence	Compliance	Action Plan if not/not fully in Compliance
3	 Organisation receives less than 50% from one single source; Organisation is not owned/controlled by government, political party or business 	Documentation on - ownership and - income	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	

Responsible Advocacy

	Best Practice	Evidence	Compliance	Action Plan if not/not fully in Compliance
4	The organisation has written policies ensuring that its public policy positions and advocacy are - in line with its mission and strategy - accurate and - conform with applicable national law	 The organisation's written advocacy policies describe the criteria or circumstances in which it will involve itself; define the process for adopting and implementing its positions, involving partners, experts and other parties as appropriate; contain due diligence provisions and sign off procedures ensuring legal compliance and avoiding unfair or irresponsible public criticism and undue harm to third parties. 	 Fully Partially Not at all Not applicable 	

5	The organisation's practice fully complies with its policies.	The organisation confirms for the reporting period that it has not been in breach of its own advocacy policies and that it has resolved any formal written complaint it may have received concerning its alleged breach of these policies.	• 0 0	Fully Partially Not at all Not applicable	
		The Organisation has a Board authorised system to deal with complaints.			

Effective Programmes

No.	Best Practice	Evidence	Compliance	Action Plan if not/not fully in Compliance
6	The organisation's programmes are conducted in genuine partnership with local communities.	The organisation's written programme strategy, evaluations of terminated and ongoing programmes and other relevant documents provide evidence that the organisation's programmes strengthen self-reliance, self-help and popular participation by empowering individuals and communities and building capacities of local structures.	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	
7	The organisation's programmes aim for sustainable development.	The organisation's written programme strategy, evaluations of terminated and ongoing programmes and other relevant documents provide evidence that the organisation's programmes - are based on the potential of local resources to sustain the activity	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	

8	The organisation's programmes are appropriate for the local needs and conditions.	 contribute to further strengthening sustainability at local level and do not create or increase dependence on external support. The organisation's written programme strategy, evaluations of terminated and ongoing programmes and other relevant documents provide evidence that the organisation's programmes take relevant local conditions into account, e.g. by involving local stakeholders in all stages of programme design and implementation take appropriate care of relevant local gender, diversity, cultural and religious issues; avoid negative environmental impact and, where possible, secure a positive impact. 	 Fully Partially Not at all Not applicable 	
9	Funds raised for specific programmes reach the people or cause in whose name they were raised.	The organisation's fundraising and donor information materials, donor communication, programme reports and relevant finance statements provide evidence that funds raised for a specific cause have been used to further that cause.	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	
10	The organisation's practice fully complies with its policies.	The organisation confirms for the reporting period that it has not been in breach of its own programme policies and that it has resolved any formal written complaints it may have received concerning its alleged breach	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	

of these policies. The Organisation has a Board	
authorised system to deal with	
complaints.	

Non-Discrimination

No.	Best Practice	Evidence	Compliance	Action Plan if not/not fully in Compliance
11	The organisation promotes diversity, gender equity and balance, impartiality and non-discrimination in all activities, both internal and external.	 The organisation's written non-discrimination policy affirming its commitment to gender equity, to non-discrimination for sexual orientation, to ethnic and racial diversity, to the inclusion of people with disabilities at staff and board levels; The organization's plans and operations which fully reflect the non-discrimination policy; The organisation's most recent personnel orientations, trainings and instructional material addressing non-discrimination. 	 Fully Partially Not at all Not applicable 	in Compilance
12	The organisation's practice fully complies with its policies.	The organisation confirms for the reporting period that it has no knowledge of cases where it may have been in breach of its own non-discrimination policy and that it has resolved any formal written complaints it may have received concerning its alleged breach of these policies.	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	

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complaints.	

Transparency

No.	Best Practice	Evidence	Compliance	Action Plan if not/not fully in Compliance
13	The organisation is open, transparent and honest about its structures, mission, policies and activities.	 The organisation's reports which adhere to generally accepted standards of technical accuracy and honesty in presenting and interpreting data and research; The organisation complies with relevant governance, financial accounting and reporting requirements in the countries where it is based and operates. 	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	
14	The organisation reports publicly at least once a year about its activities and achievements.	 The organisation's annual report which contains: Mission and values; Objectives and outcomes achieved in programme and advocacy; Environmental impact; Human rights impact; Governance structure and processes, and main office bearers; Main sources of funding from corporations, foundations, governments, and individuals; Financial performance; 	YesNo/not fullyNot applicable	

		Compliance with the INGOAccountability Charter andContact details.		
15	The organisation's annual financial report will conform to relevant laws and practices and be audited by a qualified independent public accountant whose statement will accompany the report.	Independently audited annual accounts	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	
16	The organisation's practice fully complies with its policies.	The organisation confirms for the reporting period that it has no knowledge of any complaints concerning the accuracy or relevance of its reporting and that it has resolved any formal written complaints it may have received concerning its alleged breach of its reporting provisions. The Organisation has a Board authorised system to deal with complaints.	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	

Good Governance

No.	Best Practice	Evidence	Compliance	Action Plan if not/not fully in Compliance
17	The organisation has a	The organisation's bylaws, terms of		
	governing body which has	reference for the governing body, and	• Fully	
	responsibility for the	relevant policies and procedures	 Partially 	
	oversight of all aspects of	allocate ultimate authority to the	o Not at all	

	the organisation.	organisation's governing body.	 Not applicable 	
		 These documents also state that the governing body selects, supervises and evaluates the chief executive, oversees programme and budgetary matters defines the overall strategy, consistent with the organisational mission, verifies that resources are used efficiently and appropriately, ensures that performance is measured, secures financial integrity and makes sure that public trust is maintained. Documentation on the activities of the governing body shows that all the		
		above tasks have been undertaken		
18	The work of the organisation's governing body takes place in a clearly defined framework of rules and procedures covering the appointment, responsibilities and terms of members of the governing body.	thoroughly and successfully. The organisation's bylaws, terms of reference for the governing body, and relevant policies and procedures - identify required qualifications and expertise of the members of the governing body and the mix of skills across the group - specify the frequency of meetings of the governing body, - specify adequate attendance by	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	

		directors (at least a majority of directors on average), and - lay down voting requirements - provide a process for evaluating the governance body's own performance.		
		Records of the meetings provide evidence that meetings were held and which decisions were taken.		
		A regular general meeting takes place with authority to appoint and replace members of the governing body.		
19	The organisation tries to prevent and, if they occur, actively manages conflicts of interest.	The organisation's bylaws, terms of reference for the governing body, and relevant policies and procedures require that members of the governing body and employees: - disclose any affiliation they have with an actual or potential supplier of goods and services, recipient of grant funds, or organisation with competing or conflicting objectives;	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	
		absent themselves from discussion and abstain from voting or otherwise participating in a decision on any issue in which there is a conflict of interest; and		
		refuse large or otherwise inappropriate gifts for personal		

		use.		
20	The organisation's practice fully complies with its policies.	The organisation confirms for the reporting period that it has no knowledge of any irregularities in its governance system and that it has resolved any formal written complaints it may have received concerning its governance system or members of its governing body. The Organisation has a Board authorised system to deal with complaints.	YesNo/not fullyNot applicable	

Ethical Fundraising

No.	Best Practice	Evidence	Compliance	Action Plan if not/not fully in Compliance
21	In accepting funds the organisation ensures that it complies with its own ethical standards.	The organisation's written policy for accepting or refusing certain donations and subsidies clearly states which sources of funding are not acceptable to the organisation for ethical reasons.	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	
22	The organisation respects the rights and wishes of donors.	The organisation's written policy confirms donors' rights - to be informed about causes for which the organisation is fundraising; - to be informed about how their donation is being used; - to have their names deleted from	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	

		 mailing lists; to be informed of the status and authority of fundraisers and to anonymity except in cases where the size of their donation is such that it might be relevant to the organisation's independence and that donations accepted for a specific purpose, are used for that purpose. The organisation's fundraising and donor information materials and donor communication are complying with donors' rights. 		
23	In raising funds, the organisation accurately describes its activities and needs. It uses donations in line with the information and assurances given to the donor.	 The organisation's fundraising materials and communication show how the donation will further the organisation's mission; neither minimise nor overstate the size or urgency of the challenge the organisation wants to address; do not contain any material omissions or exaggerations of facts, misleading photographs, nor create a false impression or misunderstanding; show how organisation will handle any shortfall or excess of income raised for a specific project. The organisation's donor information materials and communication provide 	 Fully Partially Not at all Not applicable 	

		detailed documentation on the use of donations. Follow-up with donors about clarity and quality of materials sent to them shows that the organisation's intended message is accurately getting through.		
24	The organisation records and publishes details of all major institutional gifts and gifts-in-kind clearly describing the valuation and auditing methods used.	The organisation's written gifts-in-kind policy - states under which conditions and for which purposes gifts-in-kind are being accepted; - provides clear parameters for valuation and auditing of gifts-in-kind.	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	
		The organisation's documentation of all major institutional gifts and gifts-in-kind is complete and up-to-date.		
25	Te organisation ensures that donations sought indirectly, such as through third parties, are solicited and received in full conformity with its own practices.	The organisation's policy for the use of agents or other third parties for fundraising purposes states that contracts between the organisation and a third party will be in writing and that these contracts will oblige the third party to comply fully with the organisation's fundraising policy and ethical standards.	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	
26	The organisation's practice fully complies with its policies.	The organisation confirms for the reporting period that it has no knowledge of any significant breaches of its fundraising and related policies	FullyPartiallyNot at all	

and that it has resolved any formal written complaints it may have received concerning its own or its	o Not applicable	
agents' fundraising materials and		
practice. The Organisation has a Board		
authorised system to deal with complaints.		

Professional Management

No.	Best Practice	Evidence	Compliance	Action Plan if not/not fully in Compliance
27	The organisation's management is professional and effective and the organisation's policies and procedures seek to promote excellence in all respects.	The organisation's written management terms and conditions, policies and procedures contain - job specifications and personnel profiles for the CEO and Senior Management Team positions - annual work plans for the CEO and the Senior Management Team directly referring to the organisation's strategy - an appraisal system with the CEO being appraised by the governing body. The organisation's strategy and key policies lay down clear objectives and criteria defining excellence.	 Fully Partially Not at all Not applicable 	
28	Financial management and control ensure that all	The organisation operates according to a budget approved by its governing	• Fully	

	funds are effectively used	body.	0	Partially	
		body.		•	
	and minimise the risk of funds being misused.	The organisation exercises adequate internal controls over disbursements to avoid unauthorised payments, prohibiting any un-auditable transactions or loans to members of its governing body or staff. The organisation's annual, audited financial statements	0 0	Not at all Not applicable	
		 are produced by a certified public accountant; presented timely (normally not later than 6 months after the end of the financial year) and in line with the organisation's written finance policy; comply with nationally accepted accounting standards and legal requirements. 			
29	The organisation has evaluation procedures for its governing body, staff, programmes and projects and conducts monitoring and evaluation on the basis of mutual accountability.	The organisation incorporates appropriate monitoring and evaluation practices in all relevant policies and systems establishing mutual accountability as part of its culture. The organisation conducts regular and deliberate evaluative activities to	• 0 0 0	Fully Partially Not at all Not applicable	
	accountability.	examine progress towards its goals and mission; and applies in its budget and work plans adequate financial and human resources for monitoring and			

		evaluation.	
30	The organisation ensures that its partners meet the highest standards of probity and accountability.	In its policies guiding the selection of and cooperation with partners the organisation - identifies adequate criteria for the selection of effective, legitimate and reliable partners;	 Fully Partially Not at all Not applicable
		 takes adequate provisions to exclude links with organisations or individuals involved in illegal or unethical practice. 	
31	The organisation recognises the crucial role the quality and dedication of its staff play in the success of its work and is committed to investing in human resource development.	 The organisation's written human resources policies and procedures conform fully with relevant international and national labour regulations; provide for remuneration and benefits levels which strike a balance between public expectations of not-for-profit organisations and the need to attract and retain the staff the organisation needs to fulfil its mission; apply the best voluntary sector practices in terms of employee and volunteer rights and health and safety at work. include procedures for evaluating the performance of all staff on a regular basis. 	Fully Partially Not at all Not applicable
32	The organisation takes all	The organisation's relevant policies	

	required provisions to exclude corruption and bribery from its work.	 specifically prohibit acts of bribery or corruption by staff or other persons working for, or on behalf of, the organisation; identify appropriate steps to be undertaken in cases of suspected bribery or corruption. 	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	
33	The organisation respects sexual integrity in all its programmes and activities, and prohibits gender harassment, sexual exploitation and discrimination.	The organisation's relevant policies contain appropriate provisions - preventing sexual exploitation, abuse; - ensuring gender equality; - preventing discrimination in all its forms; - fostering ethnic and racial diversity.	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	
34	The organisation provides internal feed-back mechanisms making sure that the organisation consistently stays within its ethical and legal framework and follows its mission.	The organisation's written whistle-blowing policy enables and encourages staff to draw management's attention to activities that may not comply with the law or the organisation's mission and commitments, including the provisions of the INGO Accountability Charter.	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	
35	The organisation's practice fully complies with its policies.	The organisation confirms for the reporting period that it has no knowledge of any significant breaches of its management policies or related policies and procedures and that it has resolved any formal written complaints it may have received concerning its management provisions	FullyPartiallyNot at allNot applicable	

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complaints.	

Date: 15 March 2011

Chair of the Board

Drs. F.C.H. (Frans) Slangen

Chief Executive Officer Drs. R.B.M. (René) Grotenhuis

Annex 1: List of countries 2010

Country/ Programme	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Africa										
Central African Republic					X	X	1			
Federal Democratic Republic of	Х	X		X		_^		Х	Х	
Ethiopia	_ ^	^		_ ^				^		
Republic of Ghana						Х				Х
Great Lakes Region (Burundi,		Х	Х		Х	X		Х		
DR Congo, Rwanda)										
Republic of Cameroon		Х				Х	Х		Х	
Republic of Kenya	Х	Х		Х			Х		Х	
Republic of Malawi				Х		Х		Х	Х	
Federal Republic of Nigeria	Х	Х	Х							
Republic of Uganda				Х		Х	Х		Х	Х
Republic of Sierra Leone			Х			Х	Х			Х
Republic of Sudan					Х					
United Republic of Tanzania	Х					Х			Х	Х
Republic of Chad					Х					
Republic of Zambia				Х		Х			Х	Х
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Asia										
People's Republic of				X		X	Х			
Bangladesh										
Republic of the Philippines	Х						Х		Х	
Republic of India	Х			Х			Х		Х	Х
Republic of Indonesia	Х		Х	Х				Х	Х	Х
Democratic Socialist Republic of	Х				Х					
Sri Lanka										
Socialist Republic of Vietnam	Х									Х
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan					Х					
Palestinian territories and State					Х					
of Israel										
Pakistan				X	X	1			1	
Latin America										
Plurinational State of Bolivia									Х	Х
Republic of Colombia			X		X					

Republic of Peru			Х						Х	Χ
Republic of Haiti				X	X					
Republic of Suriname	X									
Central America (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua)	Х	Х	Х	Х					Х	Х
Total	11	6	7	11	10	10	7	4	13	11