

Statement of Development Principles

1. Development fosters and promotes the full realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms and moves beyond the provision of basic needs to self-determination, dignity, decent work, equity and justice.
2. Development addresses the root causes of global inequality - not merely the symptoms - and promotes social justice through equitable distribution of power, wealth and access to resources.
3. Development ensures gender equality and equity by enabling women to participate as fully empowered actors through access to education, resources, and participation in decision making and the democratic political process.
4. Development ensures equitable participation of Indigenous cultures by promoting the right to self-determination, as well as economic, social and cultural development in accordance with the unique needs and interests of Indigenous peoples. Development strengthens Indigenous institutions, cultures and traditions.
5. Development promotes environmental sustainability and includes urgent responses to climate crisis with a focus on justice for present and future generations.
6. Development promotes peaceful solutions to conflict and commits to people's right to live with freedom, security and peace.
7. Development promotes strategic, equitable and sustainable partnerships based on mutual trust, respect, equal participation and solidarity. Development ensures respect for the diversity and plurality of views of all stakeholders.
8. Development supports the empowerment and democratic participation of people regarding the policies and development initiatives that affect their lives, with an emphasis on improving the lives of the most vulnerable.
9. Development commits to mutual learning through the creation and sharing of knowledge, especially the wisdom of local and Indigenous communities.
10. Development incorporates transparency and reflection in its operations through consultation, monitoring, evaluation and accountability to beneficiaries, partners, donors and governments.