

## ADVISORY TO NGOs ON FOREIGN FUNDING

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do familiarise yourself with the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 2010 and the Rules.</li><li>• Do refer to the FAQs provided in the Home Ministry web site at <a href="http://mha.nic.in/fcra.htm">http://mha.nic.in/fcra.htm</a></li><li>• Do conduct due diligence about the foreign donor and the terms of grant, to see that no law is violated.</li><li>• Do check list of banned organisations.</li><li>• Accept foreign contribution only if you are duly registered or if you have received prior permission from Government of India.</li><li>• Do note that 'foreign contribution' need not necessarily be in foreign currency.</li><li>• Do note that money transferred by an FCRA-registered NGO may come within the definition of 'foreign contribution'.</li><li>• Do furnish annual accounts within prescribed dateline.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not approach middlemen.</li><li>• Do not deviate from the purpose of grant.</li><li>• Do not use ATM cards or debit cards for the foreign contribution account.</li><li>• Do not mix foreign contribution account with the account of domestic receipts.</li><li>• Do not encourage 'cash' withdrawals, as every cash withdrawal can be suspect.</li><li>• Do not invest foreign contribution in mutual funds or other speculative investments.</li><li>• Do not transfer any foreign contribution to an NGO that is not registered under FCRA, without prior approval of the Government of India.</li></ul>

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