

## **Financial Management & Transparency Policy**

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Financial Management & Transparency Policy is to ensure responsible, transparent, efficient, and accountable management of all financial resources of Rudransh Education & Welfare Foundation.

This policy establishes systems and controls to safeguard funds, ensure compliance with statutory and donor requirements, and promote trust among beneficiaries, donors, partners, and regulatory authorities.

## 2. Scope & Applicability

This policy applies to:

- Board of Trustees
- Core Management Team
- Finance & Accounts staff
- Program staff handling funds
- Consultants and partners managing project funds

The policy covers **all financial transactions**, including grants, donations, CSR funds, government support, and internal resources.

# 3. Guiding Financial Principles

The Foundation follows these core principles:

- Accountability: Responsible stewardship of funds
- Transparency: Clear, accurate, and timely financial reporting



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- Compliance: Adherence to legal, statutory, and donor norms
- Efficiency: Optimal utilization of resources
- **Integrity:** Zero tolerance for misuse or diversion of funds

#### 4. Sources of Funds

The Foundation may receive funds through:

- Donations and voluntary contributions
- CSR grants and partnerships
- Government schemes and support
- Program service income (if applicable)
- Other lawful sources aligned with objectives

All funds shall be accepted and utilized strictly for approved purposes.

## 5. Budgeting & Financial Planning

# 5.1 Annual Budget

- An annual organizational budget shall be prepared and approved by the Board
- Budgets shall align with strategic plans and program priorities

# **5.2 Project Budgets**

- Project-wise budgets shall be prepared for each donor or CSR-supported initiative
- Budget revisions require appropriate approvals



#### 6. Authorization & Financial Controls

#### **6.1 Authorization Levels**

- Clearly defined approval levels for expenditures
- Dual authorization for significant payments

### **6.2 Segregation of Duties**

- · Separation between authorization, execution, and accounting
- No single individual shall control all financial processes

### 7. Accounting & Bookkeeping

- · Accounts shall be maintained on a regular and accurate basis
- Project-wise and donor-wise accounting shall be followed
- · Accounting shall comply with applicable accounting standards and laws

## 8. Banking & Cash Management

- All funds shall be routed through designated bank accounts
- Cash transactions shall be minimized
- Proper documentation required for all receipts and payments

# 9. Procurement & Expense Management

- Procurement shall follow fair, transparent, and value-for-money principles
- Quotations and comparative statements obtained where feasible
- Expenses supported by bills, vouchers, and approvals



## **10. Financial Reporting**

- Periodic internal financial reports to management and Board
- Donor-wise utilization certificates and financial statements
- Timely submission of reports as per donor and statutory timelines

#### 11. Audit & Compliance

## 11.1 Statutory Audit

- · Annual audit by a qualified Chartered Accountant
- Audit reports presented to the Board

#### 11.2 Donor & CSR Audits

- · Cooperation with donor or CSR audits
- Compliance with specific grant conditions

#### 12. Asset Management

- · Proper records of fixed assets maintained
- Assets used only for organizational purposes
- Periodic physical verification of assets

#### 13. Fraud Prevention & Financial Misconduct

- Zero tolerance for fraud, embezzlement, or financial irregularities
- Immediate investigation of suspected misconduct



Disciplinary and legal action where applicable

#### 14. Financial Transparency & Disclosure

- Financial information disclosed to stakeholders as required
- Compliance with transparency norms and reporting standards

#### 15. Record Retention

- Financial records maintained for prescribed periods
- Secure storage of physical and digital records

#### 16. Monitoring & Review

- Financial performance reviewed periodically by management and Board
- · Policy reviewed and updated as required

### 17. Approval & Authority

This Financial Management & Transparency Policy is approved by the **Board of Trustees of Rudransh Education & Welfare Foundation** and is binding on all stakeholders associated with the organization