



Section 1 – Introduction to Stand Up

1. Introduction

Stand Up (formerly Jewish Aid Australia) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to pursuing social justice for disadvantaged communities in Australia. Jewish values urge us to question injustice, act, and take collective responsibility.

Our current community-based programs are Refugee Support and Indigenous Partnerships. We believe that creating long-term, meaningful partnerships is the most effective way of facilitating change. We aim to empower the communities with which we work by supporting them to develop the skills and networks to take action on their own behalf.

Our education programs engage the Jewish community towards pursuing social justice. Stand Up sparks and sustains social change by channelling the unlimited passion and potential of Jewish changemakers into action for a more just world.

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3. Vision

Jewish Australians pursuing social justice for all.

4. Mission

Effecting positive change by:

- Educate the Australian Jewish community toward social justice.
- Provide avenues for the community to become effective changemakers.
- Empower our partner communities to fulfil their aspirations.

5. Our Principles

Effective Development

STAND UP aims to follow international best practice in our work. Our indigenous partnerships and refugee programs are all planned in consultation with local communities, and emphasize participation, capacity building, and sustainable development. We build long-term relationships between our community and other communities, seeing relationships between individuals as a powerful catalyst in creating understanding, and proactive and positive partnerships for change.

Embody Jewish Values

Through our work, STAND UP realises the Jewish values of Chessed (Kindness), Tzedek (Justice) and Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World). We hope to inspire the Australian Jewish community to fulfil these obligations in their everyday lives.

Provide Meaningful Volunteering Experiences

We recognise the importance of a vibrant volunteer sector, understanding that volunteering benefits both the entire community, and each volunteer. Our volunteer base is diverse and represents all streams of the Jewish community. We welcome non-Jewish volunteers to join us.

Educate and Be Educated

At Stand Up, we consider learning to be vitally important in our efforts to affect positive change in the world. We seek to raise awareness, knowledge and understanding of global issues amongst Australian Jews. Through education we aspire to influence the behaviours and choices of individuals and organisations across all sectors of the Jewish community.



6. STAND UP's History

Originally named Keshet, Stand Up was established in 1994 in response to the tragic Rwandan genocide. In the late 90's the Keshet founders established FareShare as well, a food rescue organisation that today prepares and delivers over a million meals a year to Melbourne's hungry and homeless.

For many years Stand Up was fuelled by volunteers around dinner tables, discussing and responding to the social injustices around them.

In 2000 Jewish Aid Australia (JAA), Stand Up's precursor, shifted focus towards investment in long-term partnerships. Strong ties were forged with the Sudanese refugee communities in Melbourne and Sydney through the organisation's Refugee Programs, and several Indigenous communities through our Indigenous Partnerships Programs. JAA also built a vibrant social justice education department that delivers innovative programs for youth and young adults on a range of contemporary global issues.

In the last two decades, Stand Up has enabled Jewish Australians of all backgrounds to respond to humanitarian disasters, provide food security to the hungry, engage with indigenous communities, and assist Sudanese refugees integrate into Australian society.

Stand Up has mobilized hundreds of volunteers to create a meaningful difference in disadvantaged communities. Its volunteers reflect the diversity of the Jewish community; in age, skills, and religious affiliation.

A central value of the organisation has always been increasing awareness within the Australian Jewish community of important social justice issues and promoting understanding between the Jewish community and other communities.