

APPROACH TO PARTNERSHIPS

WHAT GUIDES US?

At ATSIPP we work with and through our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partner organisations. We carry out inclusive community consultations to confirm what our partner organisations want and need, to determine our clear Value-Add and to ensure we are not duplicating existing programs. We strive to build respectful relationships with partners; aiming to work with them by sharing knowledge and power, collaborating, and responding to local contexts for better outcomes for communities. We are guided by three sets of principles:

Oxfam Australia's Cultural Protocols

Oxfam Australia developed a set of cultural protocols for engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities. These Protocols guide our work with partners by ensuring that cultural and intellectual property rights of partners and communities are respected:

- Respect
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Control
- Interpretation and Integrity
- Secrecy and Confidentiality
- Attribution
- Sharing of Benefits
- Legal Recognition and Protection

Oxfam Australia's Partnership Principles

In 2012 Oxfam Australia developed a set of common principles to guide our engagement in partnerships across our work globally and in Australia:


- Shared commitment to trust and relationships
- Shared responsibility and accountability for shared objectives and activities
- Shared vision and values
- Complementarity of purpose and value added
- Autonomy and independence
- Transparency and mutual accountability
- Clarity on roles and responsibilities
- Commitment to joint learning

Aboriginal Peak Organisations in the Northern Territory (APONT) Principles

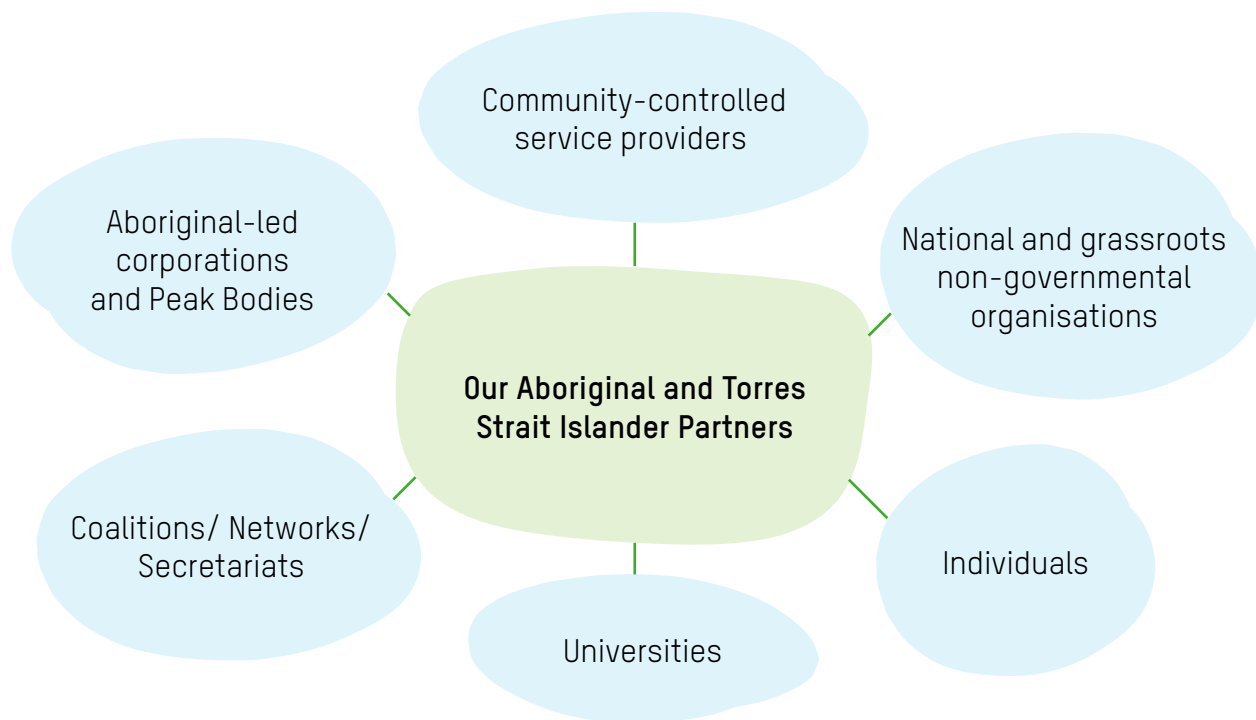
ATSIPP is a signatory to the 2013 APONT principles for organisations working with Aboriginal organisations and communities, calling on these organisations to:

- Consider their own capacity to partner meaningfully and recognise and promote existing development practice
- Seek partnerships to ensure they are not competing with Aboriginal organisations
- Work together with Aboriginal people to create strong and viable Aboriginal organisations and ensure Aboriginal control
- Develop a clear exit strategy and ensure robust evaluation and accountability
- Adhere to cultural competency and appropriate development practice

WHY DO WE PARTNER?

- To collaborate with and support the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to bring about change in their lives and communities;
 - To build local ownership and capacity, including that of partner organisations;
 - To value the understanding possessed by local organisations of their unique contexts and environments;
 - To network and advocate to influence government and key power holders;
 - To undertake joint research which will support our programs and influencing work.
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WHAT TYPES OF PARTNERS DO WE WORK WITH?



WHAT TYPES OF PARTNERSHIPS DO WE HAVE?

Coalitions or Networks: Joining alliances to combine resources to better advocate or campaign on a specific issue, policy or area of change

Community-led and owned services: Supporting community controlled and culturally embedded organisations to most effectively implement programs, projects or events

Research and Evidence: Engaging with individuals or research institutions to contribute to a rights and strengths-based field of knowledge and evidence base

Strategic relationships: Building relationships of trust and respect where we share knowledge, opportunities, resources and engage in joint actions

WHAT IS OUR VALUE-ADD?

At ATSIPP we engage in partnerships which are financial, non-financial, short term and long term. We use the resources of Oxfam to build on the knowledge and expertise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and organisations to talk about the issues that matter most to them, what works, and where to change. We offer technical advice and resources related to:

- Participatory community development, program management, design, monitoring, evaluation, learning and business development;
- Collaborations with internal Oxfam teams in Media, Policy, Advocacy and Government Relations
- Advocacy, community organising and campaigning skills
- Research capabilities to support the growth of an evidence base around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues

