



## Holding, moving and receiving funds safely in the UK and internationally

# Checklist of issues for trustees to consider when using other charities or NGOs to transfer funds outside of the UK

### Basic information:

- name and address of the other charity or NGO ('partner')
- website
- main contact details
- legal status of organisation/registration number as applicable
- governing document
- partner's objects and activities
- bank details/sort code/account name and number of partner

### Assurance issues to be considered by charity:

- why is such a transfer through a partner necessary: what other means have been considered and is this the most effective way of moving funds?
- have relevant due diligence checks been done - advice may be found in **Tool 8: Know your partner in Chapter 2** of this Toolkit
- is the partner complying with other legal requirements - see **E4** for advice
- does the partner have the legal power to hold and transfer funds in this way?
- are there any other risk management issues to be considered by the trustees?

### Key elements of any agreement between the charity and the partner:

- key details of the charity and its partner (as above)
- details of proposed holding and transfer of funds by partner
- agreement on when and how funds are to be released to final destination for the charitable objectives
- evidence of receipt of funds by partner - copy documentation
- evidence of transfer to intended destination once it happens - copy documentation
- declaration by the partner that the funds have been held and transferred in accordance with the agreement