Public Statement Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA 20 September 2018

The report in this morning's Courier Mail is a false and disgraceful smear against our organisation.

Any suggestion that Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA is "terror-linked" is wholly untrue and seems designed to damage our reputation.

The person referred to in the report does not work for us, has never worked for us, does not work on any project we administer, does not receive funding from us, and is not listed by the Australian Government on its consolidated list of terrorist entities and individuals

Today's report recycles false accusations from earlier reports to attempt to damage the reputation of a charity that performs vital work for vulnerable people around the world.

Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA is a fully accredited organisation with the Australian government for the delivery of international development projects, is a registered charity and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct.

Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA complies with every aspect of DFAT's due diligence requirements for organisations delivering overseas aid.

We will continue to work closely with Australian and international authorities including DFAT to ensure that our projects and partnerships are of the highest ethical standard.

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