

Template Training Tuesday: Board Policy Manual



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Overview

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What is a Board Policy Manual?

It's a 12+ page document with five sections. It is designed to be adaptable to any organization.

- 1. Introduction – Explanation of document and instructions for use.**
- 2. Organizational Essentials – Purpose, Vision, Values, Staff, Stakeholders, Beneficiaries, Programs, Goals, and Faithful Activities.**



What is a Board Policy Manual?

- 3. Board Structure and Processes – Governing Style, Roles, Responsibilities (terms and committees), Duties of Officers, Code of Conduct.**
- 4. Board, CEO, and Staff Relationships – Delegation, Communication for Accountability and Sustainability.**
- 5. Executive Parameters – Empowerment with Limits. Compliance with Laws and Reporting to Committees.**



Why should God's workers use it?

- **Increases board effectiveness.**
- **Minimizes confusion regarding roles and potential conflict about governance and administrative responsibilities.**
- **Helps everyone's service (board, CEO, and staff) go more smoothly (e.g., Egypt).**



Why should God's workers use it?

- **Efficiency of having all ongoing board policies in one place. Here is a list of examples from GTP:**
 - **Travel and Expense Policy**
 - **Stewardship and Partnership Philosophy**
 - **Gift Acceptance Policy**
 - **Investment Policy**
 - **MOU Template**
 - **Conflicts of Interest Annual Disclosure**



Why should God's workers use it?

- **Board Annual Commitment Form**
- **Board Meeting Evaluation Form**
- **Board Self-Evaluation Form**
- **Privacy Policy**
- **Giver Privacy Policy**
- **Board Selection Process / Interview Template**
- **Whistleblower Policy**
- **Commitment Authority Policy**



Why should God's workers use it?

- **Aids in recruiting top-quality board members.**
- **Quickly orients new board members to current policies. Ensures stability (e.g., Nepal).**
- **Eliminates redundant or conflicting policies over time and facilitates policy review process.**
- **Helps ensure succession as board members can engage for a season and staff members know the boundaries of their service (e.g., Guatemala).**



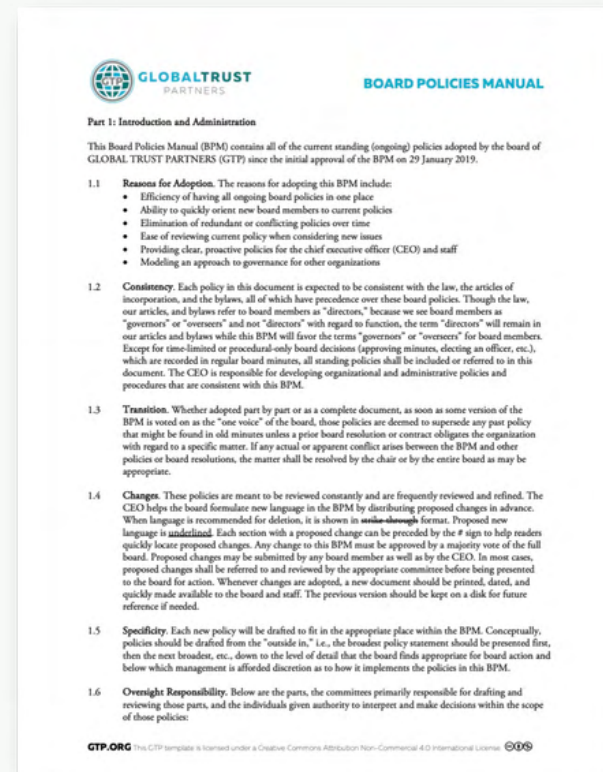
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- **Provides clear, proactive policies for the CEO and staff.**
- **Models an approach to governance for other organizations.**
- **Positions the ministry for sustainability because the mission is stewarded not just by a founder, but now by a board that knows and plays their roles (e.g. Philippines).**



How can you adapt it to your organization?

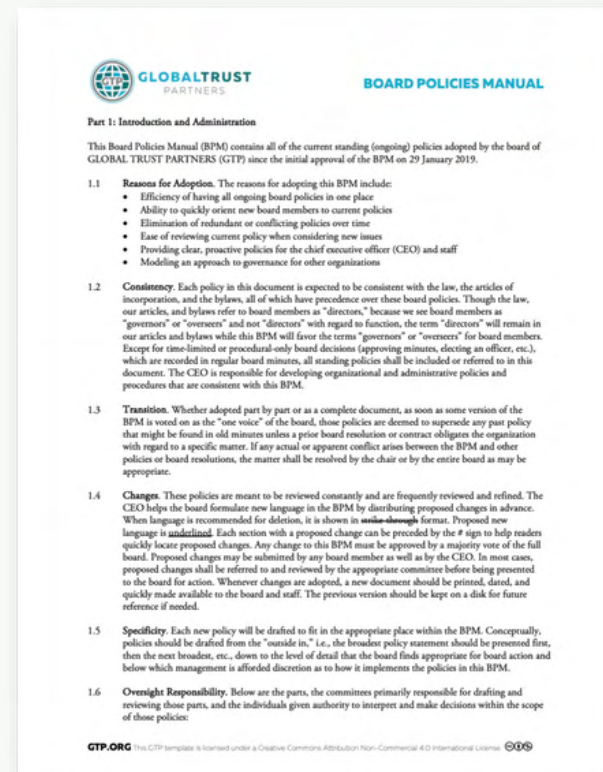
1. Read through the template – Grasp the value of it. Start with the GTP Template in English, Spanish, or Arabic (French is in process and other languages to come).





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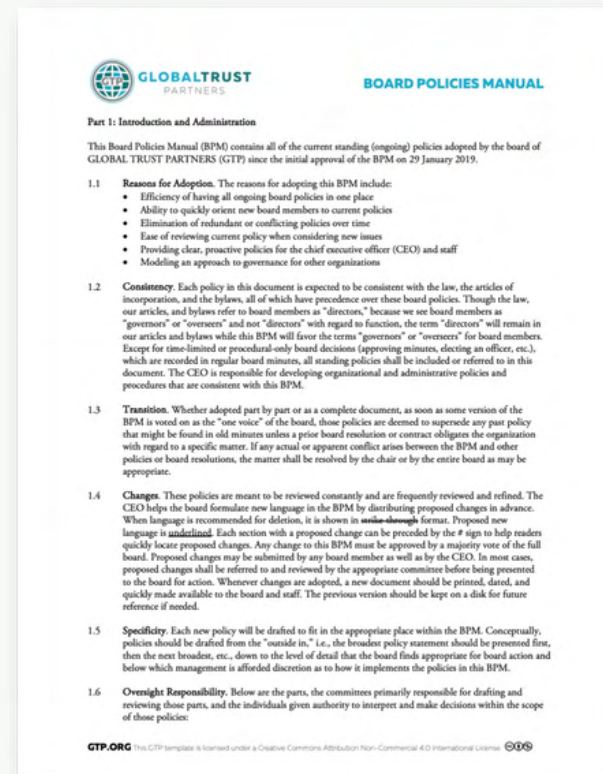
2. Adapt the template as needed – Go through it and change it to fit your organization. This is generally best done by the CEO with the board chair.





How can you adapt it to your organization?

3. Adopt – Read through with your board. Make edits as you go and then adopt it. This outlines the parameters for the board and the CEO to function efficiently and effectively.





What if you used it?

What outcomes can ministries anticipate?



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Questions & Answers



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