

The Hygiene Bank Ireland Beneficiary Policy

1. Purpose

The Hygiene Bank Ireland works for the benefit of individuals and families who are in financial difficulty and are being supported by a local poverty relieving organisation. We rely on the expertise of these organisations (“Community Partners”) to distribute the products we collect to individuals and families. THBI isn’t equipped to know which families or individuals are in need of support but the organisations we work with do.

2. Objective

Our objective is to support people who are struggling financially and therefore cannot afford hygiene products. This might be in the short or long term.

3. Scope

This policy is to be adhered to by all projects across Ireland

4. What types of organisations can be a Community Partner?

- Community Partners must be non-profit organisations. They don’t need to be a charity, but they must have constituted charitable aims.
- Community partners must have a constitution that details their aims and objectives.
- We can support organisations with one or both of the following aims and objectives:
 - The relief of poverty or economic hardship
 - The promotion of health, including the prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering
- *Community Partners may also be a school*
- We may be able to support organisations that aren’t defined by one of these objectives, but we will assess them on a case-by-case basis.
- We should not limit or target organisations to support based on certain characteristics, unless they fall into one or more of the categories above.
 - As an example, we shouldn’t support a minority ethnicity organisation just on our assumption that they need our help. But we can support poverty relieving organisations who support minority ethnicities.
- In times of national emergency- eg Covid-19 lockdown, many organisations shift the way they are supporting their service users. This might mean that a school might start providing food and hygiene hampers.
- Community Partner eligibility should be reviewed yearly, or more often if needs be.

5. What types of organisations cannot be Community Partner?

- For profit organisations
- Unconstituted organisations (organisations without a constitution to define their aims and objectives)
- Organisations working outside of ROI