

## **United Nations Vetting Process** (As reported by Matt Goodwin)

Broadly, the categories of due diligence fall under:

- Financial** (both an org's resources and its internal controls to prevent fraud, embezzlement, etc)
- Ask for financial statements, tax returns, independent audits (do they have money? source of funding? financial controls?)
  - Ask to see if they have any stories of corruption/fraud/etc, and how they've dealt with them (how they deal with is more important than their occurrence)

- Capacity/Effectiveness** (can it do what it says it does? And do it well? Using what standards?)
- Are they part of organizations? 3rd party certificate programs? Registered with the government? Licensed? Ask for all these docs.
  - Do a site visit to see their work. Are they doing a good job? Make the visit unannounced.

- Reputational** (Would partnering with them expose you to reputational risks?)
- Do Google news searches for them. Any controversies?
  - Any legal problems?
  - Have them fill out applications, sign them, and swear by their accuracy. Ask about ALL of these questions. Include references to other orgs they've worked with, including contact information there. Call those people.

- Management/Leadership** (is it run well?)
- Who's running the org? Search them. LinkedIn, etc. Do they have experience?
  - Is there a board that runs them? Who's on the board?

The need for regular (at least biannual) reports was also identified.