

Privacy policy

Love Mercy Foundation commitment to privacy

Love Mercy Foundation Ltd ABN 71 142 069 645 (**Love Mercy Foundation**) is committed to managing personal information in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and in accordance with other applicable privacy laws.

This document sets out our policies for managing your personal information and is referred to as our **Privacy Policy**.

In this Privacy Policy, “we” and “us” refers to Love Mercy Foundation and “you” refers to any individual about whom we collect personal information.

About Love Mercy Foundation

Love Mercy Foundation is a non-for-profit charitable organisation registered as a charity and public benevolent institution with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission.

Love Mercy Foundation provides resources, relief, technical assistance, training, self-help programs, development of infrastructure and communal facilities and aid to the needs and priorities of particular locations and communities including in Uganda to relieve poverty, malnutrition, hunger, illiteracy and discrimination and to strengthen the capacity for self-help and to provide economic opportunity.

What information does Love Mercy Foundation collect about you?

(a) Beneficiaries and clients and prospective beneficiaries and clients

In respect of prospective beneficiaries and clients and beneficiaries and clients of Love Mercy Foundation, a record is made which includes your personal information.

The type of personal information that we collect will vary depending on the circumstances of collection and the kind of relief or aid that you request us to make or we make to you, but will typically include:

- (i) your name, e-mail, postal address and other contact details;
- (ii) information about your employer or an organisation who you represent;
- (iii) your professional details; and
- (iv) any additional personal information you provide to us, or authorise us to collect, as part of your interaction with Love Mercy Foundation.

(b) Donors and prospective donors

When you enquire about donating or when you become a donor of Love Mercy Foundation, a record is made which includes your personal information.

The type of personal information that we collect will vary depending on the circumstances of collection and the kind of donation that you propose to make or make to us, but will typically include:

- (i) your name, e-mail, postal address and other contact details;
- (ii) information about your employer or an organisation who you represent;
- (iii) your professional details; and

- (iv) any additional personal information you provide to us, or authorise us to collect, as part of your interaction with Love Mercy Foundation.

(c) Volunteers and participants and prospective volunteers and participants

When you enquire about volunteering or participating in or when you become a volunteer of or participant in Love Mercy Foundation, a record is made which includes your personal information.

The type of personal information that we collect will vary depending on the circumstances of collection and the kind of volunteering that you propose to undertake or undertake for us, but will typically include:

- (i) your name, e-mail, postal address and other contact details;
- (ii) information about your employer or an organisation who you represent;
- (iii) your professional details; and
- (iv) any additional personal information you provide to us, or authorise us to collect, as part of your interaction with Love Mercy Foundation.

(d) Prospective employees or applicants

We collect personal information when recruiting personnel, such as your name, contact details, qualifications and work history. Generally, we will collect this information directly from you.

We may also collect personal information from third parties in ways which you would expect (for example, from recruitment agencies or referees you have nominated). Before offering you a position, we may collect additional details such as your tax file number and superannuation information and other information necessary to conduct background checks to determine your suitability for certain positions (for example, positions which involve working with children).

(e) Other individuals

Love Mercy Foundation may collect personal information about other individuals who are not clients of Love Mercy Foundation. This includes customers and members of the public who participate in events we are involved with, individual service providers and contractors to Love Mercy Foundation, and other individuals who interact with Love Mercy Foundation on a commercial basis. The kinds of personal information we collect will depend on the capacity in which you are dealing with Love Mercy Foundation. Generally, it would include your name, contact details, and information regarding our interactions and transactions with you.

If you are participating in an event we are managing or delivering, we may take images or audio-visual recordings which identify you.

In limited circumstances, Love Mercy Foundation may collect information which is considered sensitive information. For example, if you are injured at an event promoted or delivered by Love Mercy Foundation we may collect health information about you in an emergency or otherwise with your consent.

We may collect personal information about children (for example, when children participate in events we are involved with). Where children do not have sufficient maturity and understanding to make decisions about their personal information, we will require their parents or guardians to make decisions on their behalf.

You can always decline to give Love Mercy Foundation any personal information we request, but that may mean we cannot provide you with some or all of the services you have requested. If you have any concerns about personal information we have requested, please let us know.

- (f) Visitors to our websites

The way in which we handle the personal information of visitors to our websites is discussed below.

How and why does Love Mercy Foundation collect and use your personal information?

Love Mercy Foundation collects personal information reasonably necessary to carry out its operations, to assess and manage our beneficiaries' and clients' needs, and provide aid, relief and other services including agricultural seed loans to women living in remote and rural areas of Otuke District, northern Uganda, health services (including via the Kristina Health Clinic) and drilling and repair of water wells. We may also collect information to fulfil administrative functions associated with these services, for example billing, entering into contracts with you or third parties and managing client relationships.

The purposes for which Love Mercy Foundation usually collects and uses personal information depends on the nature of your interaction with us, but may include:

- (a) responding to requests for information and other general inquiries;
- (b) managing, planning, advertising and administering programs, events, competitions and promotions;
- (c) researching, developing and expanding our facilities, services, aid and relief;
- (d) informing you of our activities, events, facilities, services, aid and relief;
- (e) recruitment processes (including for donors, volunteers, internships and work experience); and
- (f) responding to enquires and complaints

Love Mercy Foundation generally collects personal information directly from you. We may collect and update your personal information over the phone, by email, over the internet or social media, or in person. We may also collect personal information about you from other sources, for example:

- (a) our affiliated, associated and related companies and organisations, including Love Mercy Uganda; and
- (b) third party suppliers and contractors who assist us to operate our business.

Love Mercy Foundation also collects and uses personal information for market research purposes and to innovate our delivery of products and services.

How does Love Mercy Foundation interact with you via the internet?

You may visit our websites (<https://www.lovemercyfoundation.org>) without identifying yourself. If you identify yourself (for example, by providing your contact details in an enquiry), any personal information you provide to Love Mercy Foundation will be managed in accordance with this Privacy Policy.

Love Mercy Foundation's websites may use cookies. A "cookie" is a small file stored on your computer's browser, which assists in managing customised settings of the website and delivering content. We collect certain information such as your device type, browser type, IP address, pages you have accessed on our websites and on third-party websites. You are not identifiable from such information.

You can use the settings in your browser to control how your browser deals with cookies. However, in doing so, you may be unable to access certain pages or content on our website.

Love Mercy Foundation's websites may contain links to third-party websites. Love Mercy Foundation is not responsible for the content or privacy practices of websites that are linked to our website.

Can you deal with Love Mercy Foundation anonymously?

Love Mercy Foundation will provide individuals with the opportunity of remaining anonymous or using a pseudonym in their dealings with us where it is lawful and practicable (for example, when making a general enquiry). Generally, it is not practicable for Love Mercy Foundation to deal with individuals anonymously or pseudonymously on an ongoing basis. If we do not collect personal information about you, you may be unable to utilise our services or participate in our events, programs or activities we manage or deliver.

How does Love Mercy Foundation hold information?

Love Mercy Foundation stores information in paper-based files or other electronic record keeping methods in secure databases (including trusted third party storage providers based in Australia and overseas). Personal information may be collected in paper-based documents and converted to electronic form for use or storage (with the original paper-based documents either archived or securely destroyed). We take reasonable steps to protect your personal information from misuse, interference and loss and from unauthorised access, modification or disclosure.

Love Mercy Foundation maintains physical security over paper and electronic data stores, such as through locks and security systems at our premises. We also maintain computer and network security, for example, we use firewalls (security measures for the internet) and other security systems such as user identifiers and passwords to control access to our computer systems.

Our websites do not necessarily use encryption or other technologies to ensure the secure transmission of information via the internet. Users of our websites are encouraged to exercise care in sending personal information via the internet.

We take steps to destroy or de-identify information that we no longer require.

Does Love Mercy Foundation use or disclose your personal information for direct marketing?

Love Mercy Foundation may use or disclose your personal information for the purpose of informing you about our services, upcoming promotions and events, or other opportunities that may interest you. If you do not want to receive direct marketing communications, you can opt-out at any time by contacting us using the contact details below.

If you opt-out of receiving marketing material from us, Love Mercy Foundation may still contact you in relation to its ongoing relationship with you.

How does Love Mercy Foundation use and disclose personal information?

(a) For clients and beneficiaries

The purposes for which we may use and disclose your personal information will depend on the services, aid and/or relief we are providing you. For example, if you have engaged us to deliver a service, we may disclose information about you to service providers where this is relevant to our services.

(b) For clients and participants

If you are a client or participant in an event, we may disclose your personal information to our contractors and venues where this is reasonably necessary for, and relevant to, the delivery of the event. We may use images or audio-visual recordings which identify you for promotional purposes where you would reasonably expect this to occur.

(c) Disclosure to contractors and other service providers

Love Mercy Foundation may disclose information to third parties we engage in order to provide our services, including contractors and service providers used for data processing, data analysis, customer satisfaction surveys, information technology services and support, website maintenance/development, printing, archiving, mail-outs, and market research.

Personal information may also be shared between related and affiliated companies of Love Mercy Foundation, located in Australia and overseas, including in Uganda. This may include in connection with the Cents for Seeds, Kristina Health Centre and Well Worth It Charity programs conducted by us and our affiliates.

Third parties to whom we have disclosed your personal information may contact you directly to let you know they have collected your personal information and to give you information about their privacy policies.

(d) Use and disclosure for administration and management

Love Mercy Foundation will also use and disclose personal information for a range of administrative, management and operational purposes. This includes:

- (i) administering billing and payments and receipt of donations;
- (ii) planning, managing, monitoring and evaluating our services;
- (iii) quality improvement activities;
- (iv) statistical analysis and reporting;
- (v) training staff, contractors and other workers;
- (vi) risk management and management of legal liabilities and claims (for example, liaising with insurers and legal representatives);
- (vii) responding to enquiries and complaints regarding our services;
- (viii) obtaining advice from consultants and other professional advisers; and
- (ix) responding to subpoenas and other legal orders and obligations.

(e) Other uses and disclosures

We may use and disclose your personal information for other purposes explained at the time of collection or otherwise as set out in this Privacy Policy.

Does Love Mercy Foundation disclose your personal information overseas?

Love Mercy Foundation is a global organisation and works with clients, service providers, sponsors and commercial interests across the globe. It is likely that your personal information will be disclosed to overseas recipients.

Unless we have your consent, or an exception under the Australian Privacy Principles applies, we will only disclose your personal information to overseas recipients where we have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the overseas recipient does not breach the Australian Privacy Principles in relation to your personal information.

Entities which are related entities of Love Mercy Foundation or are otherwise affiliated with Love Mercy Foundation, have operations in Uganda. In circumstances where your information is disclosed to overseas recipients, those recipients are likely to be located in countries in the regions in which Love Mercy Foundation and its related entities and affiliates operate.

Data breaches

A data breach occurs if personal information that the Group or its Entities hold is subject to unauthorised access or disclosure or is lost. We will take all reasonable steps to prevent a data breach from occurring.

A data breach will be notified to you and the Australian Privacy Commissioner (Commissioner) if:

- (a) There is unauthorised access to or disclosure of your personal information.
- (b) The unauthorised disclosure is likely to result in serious harm to you; and
- (c) We have been unable to prevent the likely risk of serious harm with remedial action.

We will also conduct an assessment if it is not clear if a suspected data breach meets the above criteria. The assessment will determine whether the data breach is an 'eligible data breach' that triggers notification obligations to you and to the Commissioner.

Once you are notified about a data breach that we have assessed as an eligible data breach, you are encouraged to take steps to reduce your risk of harm, through measures such as changing passwords and being alert to identity fraud or scams.

How can you access or seek correction of your personal information?

You are entitled to access your personal information held by Love Mercy Foundation on request. To request access to your personal information please contact our privacy officer using the contact details set out below.

You will not be charged for making a request to access your personal information but you may be charged for the reasonable time and expense incurred in compiling information in response to your request.

We will take reasonable steps to ensure that the personal information we collect, use or disclose is accurate, complete and up-to-date. You can help us to do this by letting us know if you notice errors or discrepancies in information we hold about you and letting us know if your personal details change.

However, if you consider any personal information we hold about you is inaccurate, out-of-date, incomplete, irrelevant or misleading you are entitled to request correction of the information. After receiving a request from you, we will take reasonable steps to correct your information.

We may decline your request to access or correct your personal information in certain circumstances in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles. If we do refuse your request, we will provide you with a reason for our decision and, in the case of a request for correction, we will include a statement with your personal information about the requested correction.

What should you do if you have a complaint about the handling of your personal information?

You may contact Love Mercy Foundation at any time if you have any questions or concerns about this Privacy Policy or about the way in which your personal information has been handled.

You may make a complaint about privacy to the privacy officer at the contact details set out below.

The privacy officer will first consider your complaint to determine whether there are simple or immediate steps which can be taken to resolve the complaint. We will generally respond to your complaint within a week.

If your complaint requires more detailed consideration or investigation, we will acknowledge receipt of your complaint within a week and endeavour to complete our investigation into your complaint promptly. We may ask you to provide further information about your complaint and the outcome you

are seeking. We will then typically gather relevant facts, locate and review relevant documents and speak with individuals involved.

In most cases, we will investigate and respond to a complaint within 30 days of receipt of the complaint. If the matter is more complex or our investigation may take longer, we will let you know.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your complaint, or you consider that Love Mercy Foundation may have breached the Australian Privacy Principles or the Privacy Act, a complaint may be made to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner. The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner can be contacted by telephone on 1300 363 992 or by using the contact details on the website www.oaic.gov.au.

How changes are made to this Privacy Policy?

Love Mercy Foundation may amend this Privacy Policy from time to time, with or without notice to you. We recommend that you visit our website regularly to keep up to date with any changes.

How can you contact Love Mercy Foundation?

The contact details for Love Mercy Foundation are:

Contact: Attention: CEO/Privacy Officer
Suite 1 Civic Arcade
768 Old Princes Hwy
Sutherland NSW 2232

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