

# CHILDFUND ETHIOPIA WEBSITE PROTECTION POLICY

## 1. Introduction

This policy explains how ChildFund Ethiopia (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”) collects, uses, stores, and protects personal data in accordance with Ethiopian law. In particular, this policy reflects the requirements of the Personal Data Protection Proclamation No. 1321/2024 and relevant provisions of the Computer Crime Proclamation No. 958/2016.

This policy applies to all personal data processed through the website [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org).

Under Ethiopian law, the operation and use of websites for lawful purposes is permitted. These laws also protect the privacy of individuals and safeguard websites and digital systems from illegal access, abuse, or cyberattacks.

By accessing or using [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org), users agree to respect applicable Ethiopian laws governing data protection, cybersecurity, and responsible digital conduct.

## 2. Data Controller

ChildFund Ethiopia is the data controller responsible for personal data processed through [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org).

## 3. Personal Data Collected

ChildFund Ethiopia may collect personal data through [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org), including:

- Names and contact details
- Donation information
- Online identifiers such as IP addresses or device information
- Correspondence submitted through email or website forms
- Any other information voluntarily provided through the website

Where content or data relates to children, such information is collected and processed only with the informed consent of a parent or legal guardian and in accordance with safeguarding standards.

#### **4. Lawful Basis for Processing**

Personal data collected through [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org) is processed in accordance with applicable Ethiopian law, including the Personal Data Protection Proclamation No. 1321/2024.

Processing may occur where it is necessary for legitimate organizational purposes, legal obligations, consent of the individual, or other lawful grounds permitted by Ethiopian law.

#### **5. Use of Personal Data**

Personal data collected through [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org) is used only for lawful and specified purposes, including:

- Communication with partners, supporters, and stakeholders
- Program implementation and service delivery
- Safeguarding and child protection activities
- Fundraising and donor engagement
- Legal and regulatory compliance

#### **6. Children's Privacy and Safeguarding**

The Organization places the highest priority on the protection, dignity, and safety of children.

Personal data, images, stories, or testimonials relating to children published through [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org) are used only where it is lawful, necessary, and supported by informed consent from a parent or legal guardian.

All use of such information is guided by the best interests of the child and the Organization's safeguarding and child protection policies.

#### **7. Data Subject Rights**

Under the Personal Data Protection Proclamation No. 1321/2024, individuals may have rights relating to their personal data, including:

- The right to request access to personal data held about them

- The right to request correction of inaccurate or incomplete data
- The right to request deletion of data where legally permissible
- The right to object to certain forms of processing in accordance with the law

Requests may be submitted through the contact details provided on [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org).

## **8. Data Security and Protection Against Cybercrime**

The Organization takes appropriate technical and organizational measures to safeguard personal data collected via [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org).

In accordance with the Computer Crime Proclamation No. 958/2016, unauthorized access, misuse, interference, or attacks against digital systems, data, or websites constitute criminal offenses under Ethiopian law.

Users of the website are expected to respect these legal protections and use the website responsibly and lawfully.

## **9. Data Retention**

Personal data collected through [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org) is retained only for as long as necessary to fulfill lawful organizational purposes, comply with legal obligations, or meet safeguarding and operational requirements.

## **10. Cross-Border Data Transfers**

The Organization operates within a global network. Personal data collected through [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org) may be stored or processed by regional or international offices, service providers, or secure cloud-based systems located outside Ethiopia.

Where such transfers occur, appropriate legal and technical safeguards are applied to ensure the protection of personal data in accordance with Ethiopian law.

## **11. Disclosure of Information**

Personal data collected through [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org) will not be disclosed to third parties except where:

- Required by law
- Necessary for program implementation

- Necessary to protect individuals, children, or organizational systems
- Permitted under applicable Ethiopian law

Any requests that would compromise personal privacy, security, or the safety of children may be lawfully refused.

## **12. Legal Compliance and Awareness**

The Organization is committed to complying with Ethiopian laws governing data protection and cybersecurity. As part of responsible website management, staff and relevant stakeholders may receive periodic legal briefings or guidance regarding obligations under the Computer Crime Proclamation No. 958/2016 and the Personal Data Protection Proclamation No. 1321/2024.

## **13. Reporting Concerns and Contact Information**

Individuals may contact the Organization through [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org) to:

- Exercise their data protection right
- Request information regarding personal data processing.
- Report concerns related to privacy or safeguarding.

Safeguarding concerns involving children may be reported confidentially through the Organization's established reporting mechanisms.

## **14. Updates to this Policy**

This Privacy Policy may be updated periodically to reflect legal, operational, or policy developments. Updated versions will be published on [www.childfundethiopia.org](http://www.childfundethiopia.org) and will take effect upon publication.