

Privacy Policy

How NextGEM Foundation collects, uses, and protects your personal information.

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. 1. Who We Are

NextGEM Foundation is a non-profit foundation based in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, Nigeria, dedicated to empowering orphaned children through education, talent development, healthcare support, and structured volunteer programmes.

We operate this website and collect certain personal information in the course of our work. If you have any questions about this policy, you can contact us at nextgemfoundation@gmail.com.

. 2. What Information We Collect

We collect information you provide directly to us, including:

- Donors: Name, email address, phone number, country, and donation amount.
 - Volunteers: Full name, date of birth, contact details, home address, occupation, skills, availability, references, and consent declarations.
 - Partners: Organisation name, contact name, email address, phone number, and partnership details.
 - Orphanage suggestions: Orphanage name, address, state, and contact person details.
 - Website visitors: General browsing data collected automatically.
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. 3. How We Use Your Information

We use the information we collect to:

- Process and acknowledge your donations
- Review and respond to volunteer applications
- Communicate with partners about collaboration opportunities

- Review orphanage suggestions for inclusion in our programme
- Send you updates about our work and impact, where you have opted in
- Improve our website and services
- Meet our legal and financial reporting obligations

We will never sell, rent, or trade your personal information to third parties for marketing purposes.

. 4. Donations and Payment

When you make a donation, payment is processed either via bank transfer to our foundation account or through Paystack, our payment processor. We do not store your full card details on our systems.

Donation records are retained for a minimum of seven years for financial accountability and legal compliance purposes.

. 5. Cookies and Analytics

Our website may use basic cookies and analytics tools to understand how visitors use the site. This data is aggregated and does not personally identify you. You can disable cookies in your browser settings at any time.

. 6. How We Store and Protect Your Data

Your data is stored securely using Supabase, a cloud database platform with industry-standard security measures including encryption at rest and in transit. Access to personal data is restricted to authorised foundation staff only.

While we take reasonable precautions to protect your information, no method of transmission over the internet is 100% secure.

. 7. How Long We Keep Your Data

- Volunteer applications: retained for the duration of your involvement and up to 2 years after
 - Donation records: retained for a minimum of 7 years
 - Partner enquiries: retained for 3 years
 - Orphanage suggestions: retained until reviewed and acted upon
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. 8. Your Rights

You have the right to:

- Request access to the personal data we hold about you
- Request correction of inaccurate data
- Request deletion of your data, subject to our legal obligations
- Withdraw consent for communications at any time

To exercise any of these rights, email nextgemfoundation@gmail.com with the subject line "Data Request".

. 9. Children's Privacy

Our website is not directed at children under the age of 18. We do not knowingly collect personal data from minors. The children we serve are supported through their registered orphanages and guardians — we do not collect their personal data directly through this website.

. 10. Third-Party Services

Our website uses the following third-party services, each with their own privacy practices:

- Sanity.io — content management for our blog
 - Supabase — database and form submission storage
 - Paystack — payment processing
 - Vercel — website hosting
 - Google Fonts — typography
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. 11. Changes to This Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. When we do, we will update the "Last updated" date at the top of this document. We encourage you to review this policy periodically.

. 12. Contact Us

- Email: nextgemfoundation@gmail.com
 - Address: NextGEM Foundation, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, Nigeria
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