

# Privacy Policy

**Global NTDs Youth Platform**

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## Introduction

The Global NTDs Youth Platform (hereinafter referred to as “the Platform”) is an international online platform that connects youth-led organizations and individuals working toward the elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) worldwide.

The Platform is operated and administered by **NTDs Youth Organization Japan**, which serves as the Secretariat and is responsible for the management and protection of personal information.

The Platform handles personal information in accordance with the **Act on the Protection of Personal Information of Japan (APPI)**, as well as other applicable international laws and guidelines, including the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** where relevant.

## 1. Definition of Personal Information

“Personal Information” means information relating to a living individual that can identify a specific individual, either directly or indirectly.

This includes, but is not limited to, names, organizational affiliations, country or region, email addresses, contact details, and any other information that can identify an individual on its own or in combination with other data.

## 2. Collection of Personal Information

The Platform collects personal information through lawful and fair means, including but not limited to the following circumstances:

- When users register on or apply to join the Platform
- When individuals or organizations participate in events, projects, or surveys
- When inquiries are submitted via email or web-based forms
- Through automated means, such as cookies, when users browse the Platform’s website

## 3. Purpose of Use and Legal Basis

The Platform uses personal information for the following purposes:

- To operate, maintain, and secure the Platform
- To communicate with members, partners, and participants
- To publish and showcase organizational profiles and youth-led activities

- To organize events, projects, research, and analytical activities
- To improve Platform functionality and user experience

## Legal Basis

Personal data is processed based on one or more of the following legal bases, as applicable:

- Where necessary to perform agreements with users (such as membership or participation)
- Based on the Platform's legitimate interests in fostering a global youth network, ensuring platform security, and improving services
- Where required by law, based on the user's explicit consent

## 4. Data Retention

Personal information is retained only for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes described in this Privacy Policy:

- **Membership Data:** Retained for the duration of active registration
- **Inquiry Records:** Retained for up to two (2) years following resolution
- **Public Profiles:** Information intended for public display remains available until the user requests removal or terminates membership

## 5. Publicly Displayed Information

Some information provided by users—such as organizational profiles, activity descriptions, names of organizations, and publicly designated contact details—is intended for public display on the Platform.

Users are responsible for ensuring that they do not submit personal data they do not wish to make publicly available.

The Platform is not responsible for personal information voluntarily disclosed by users in publicly visible areas.

## 6. Disclosure to Third Parties and International Sharing

The Platform does not provide personal information to third parties without prior consent, except in the following cases:

- When required by applicable laws or regulations
- When necessary to protect human life, physical safety, or property
- When disclosure is necessary for Platform operation to trusted service providers (such as IT, hosting, or analytics providers), under strict confidentiality and data-protection obligations

## International Transfers

Due to the global nature of the Platform, personal data is stored and processed in Japan, Australia and may be accessed across national borders.

Appropriate safeguards are implemented to ensure adequate protection of personal information.

## **7. Cookies and Tracking Technologies**

The Platform uses cookies and similar technologies to improve user experience and analyze website traffic (for example, through Google Analytics).

Users may disable cookies through their browser settings; however, some Platform features may not function properly as a result.

Where required by applicable law, the Platform will obtain user consent before using non-essential cookies.

## **8. Your Rights (Access, Correction, and Deletion)**

Individuals may request access to, correction of, or deletion of their personal information held by the Platform.

The Platform will respond to such requests within a reasonable period, typically within thirty (30) days, in accordance with applicable laws.

## **9. Security Measures**

The Platform implements appropriate technical and organizational security measures to protect personal information, including but not limited to SSL/TLS encryption for data transmission, access controls, and internal data-handling guidelines.

## **10. Contact and Data Controller**

For the purposes of applicable data protection laws, including the GDPR where relevant, **NTDs Youth Organization Japan acts as the Data Controller.**

**Secretariat of the Global NTDs Youth Platform**

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## **Appendix A: GDPR-Specific Privacy Notice (EU/EEA Users)**

This Appendix applies to users located in the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA).

Where this Appendix conflicts with the main Privacy Policy, this Appendix shall prevail for EU/EEA users.

## **A1. Data Controller**

For the purposes of the GDPR, the Data Controller is:

Secretariat of the Global NTDs Youth Platform  
(Operated by NTDs Youth Organization Japan)  
Email: platform@ntds-youth-japan.org

## **A2. Legal Basis for Processing (Article 6 GDPR)**

Personal data is processed based on one or more of the following legal bases:

- **Consent (Article 6(1)(a)):** Registration, newsletters, and optional communications
- **Contract (Article 6(1)(b)):** Participation in Platform activities and membership
- **Legitimate Interests (Article 6(1)(f)):** Platform security, administration, improvement, and community-building

Where processing is based on consent, consent may be withdrawn at any time.

## **A3. International Data Transfers**

Personal data of EU/EEA users is transferred to and processed in Japan.

Such transfers are conducted based on Japan's adequacy status as recognized by the European Commission, ensuring a level of data protection essentially equivalent to that of the European Union.

## **A4. Rights of EU/EEA Data Subjects**

EU/EEA users have the right to:

- Access their personal data
- Rectify inaccurate or incomplete data
- Request erasure of their data ("right to be forgotten")
- Restrict or object to processing (including objections to direct communications)
- Receive their data in a portable format
- Withdraw consent at any time

### **Right to Lodge a Complaint**

Users may lodge a complaint with a competent Data Protection Authority in their country of residence, place of work, or place of the alleged infringement.

## **A5. Automated Decision-Making**

The Platform does not engage in automated decision-making or profiling within the meaning of Article 22 of the GDPR.