



Environment and Sustainability Policy

1. Purpose

Lovemore Project recognises that environmental sustainability is integral to ethical development practice and the long-term wellbeing of the communities it serves. This policy establishes the principles and commitments that guide Lovemore Project's approach to environmental responsibility across governance, fundraising, partnerships, and project delivery.

This policy supports compliance with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct, Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission requirements, and recognised good-practice international development standards.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- The Board of Directors
- Volunteers and representatives of Lovemore Project
- Partners, contractors, and implementing organisations engaged by Lovemore Project
- All activities undertaken by or on behalf of Lovemore Project, including overseas development projects, fundraising, and administration

3. Policy Statement

Lovemore Project is committed to minimising negative environmental impacts and, where possible, contributing positively to environmental sustainability in the communities where it operates. Environmental considerations are integrated into organisational decision-making, project design, and partner engagement.

Lovemore Project acknowledges that environmental degradation disproportionately affects vulnerable communities and that sustainable development outcomes require responsible stewardship of natural resources, consistent with the principles of the ACFID Code of Conduct.

4. Guiding Principles

Do No Harm

Activities must avoid causing environmental degradation or increasing environmental risk to communities or ecosystems.

Sustainability and Longevity

Projects are designed to be environmentally appropriate, durable, and maintainable over the long term.





Local Context and Knowledge

Environmental decisions must respect local ecological conditions, cultural practices, and community knowledge.

Shared Responsibility

Environmental sustainability is a shared responsibility between Lovemore Project, its partners, and local stakeholders.

Continuous Improvement

Environmental performance will be reviewed periodically, with improvements implemented where feasible.

5. Environmental Risk Management

Lovemore Project will:

- Identify environmental risks associated with proposed activities during planning and approval stages
- Consider environmental risks alongside social, financial, governance, and operational risks
- Rely on partner organisations with demonstrated environmental management capacity for on-the-ground implementation
- Avoid activities that would cause significant or irreversible environmental harm

Environmental risk management processes align with the expectations of the ACFID Code of Conduct regarding responsible and sustainable development practice.

6. Sustainable Project Design and Delivery

In relation to development and humanitarian activities, Lovemore Project will:

- Promote environmentally appropriate materials and construction methods where feasible
- Encourage efficient use of energy, water, and natural resources
- Support designs that minimise waste and reduce long-term environmental maintenance burdens
- Avoid wasteful or environmentally harmful practices during construction and implementation
- Consider climate resilience, local environmental conditions, and long-term sustainability in project design
- Where Lovemore Project operates as a fundraising and oversight body, environmental due diligence is undertaken through partner selection, governance arrangements, and reporting mechanisms.





7. Partner Expectations and Due Diligence

Lovemore Project works through trusted delivery partners and will:

- Select partners with strong environmental, governance, and accountability frameworks
- Require partners to comply with local environmental laws, regulations, and standards
- Expect partners to integrate environmental sustainability into project planning and delivery
- Monitor partner performance through reporting, oversight, and governance mechanisms

Partner engagement practices are aligned with ACFID expectations for ethical partnerships and responsible program delivery.

8. Internal Environmental Practices

Lovemore Project commits to reducing its organisational environmental footprint by:

- Operating as a volunteer-led organisation to minimise resource consumption
- Limiting unnecessary travel and prioritising digital communication where appropriate
- Reducing waste through responsible procurement and administrative practices
- Maintaining transparency and accountability to support efficient use of resources

9. Monitoring, Review, and Accountability

- Oversight of this policy rests with the Board of Directors
- Environmental considerations will be reviewed as part of broader governance and risk management processes
- This policy will be reviewed at least every two years, or sooner if required due to operational, regulatory, or environmental changes
- Any material environmental risks or incidents identified will be documented and addressed in a timely manner





11. Related Documents

- Governance and Risk Management Framework
- Partner Due Diligence Policy
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Code of Conduct

12. Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years

- Approved by: Board of Directors – Lovemore Project
- Date: 12/09/25
- Next Review: 12/09/28

