



Life for African Mothers

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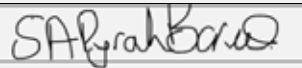

# Environmental Impact Policy

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## **Environmental Impact Policy – Life for African Mothers (LFAM)**

LFAM is committed to the principles of environmental protection and sustainable development.

We recognise that environmental impact is one of the most serious and important issues that faces society. This policy sets out our commitment in this area.

### 1. Commitment to monitor and control our environmental impact

LFAM recognises its responsibility to reduce its environmental footprint, commits to continuous improvement in our actions to monitor and control our environmental impact, and formally commits itself to being an environmentally responsible charity, including in terms of the objectives of the campaigning work we do.

### 2. Legal obligations

We seek to comply with relevant environmental legislation as a minimum level of performance and strive to better our practices to minimise waste, energy and carbon footprints whilst achieving the charity's objectives.

### 3. #everyone's business

We encourage environmental responsibility amongst all of our staff, volunteers and trustees. All volunteers, trustees and staff members are clearly informed about their responsibility to be aware of, and have a sufficient understanding of the issues covered in this policy.

### 4. Travel/Meetings

Our volunteers, trustees and staff members are based in different areas around the UK. Where possible, we make use of telephone or IT-based remote meeting facilities. When LFAM organises face-to-face meetings, we seek to maximise the benefit of these meetings for the charity, take full opportunity of the enhanced opportunity for connecting face-to-face and strongly encourage attendees to travel to the meeting by public transport (or to car share if necessary). Similarly, we strongly encourage travel arrangements to meetings not organised by LFAM to be planned with our environmental policy in mind.



## 5. Catering

At our meetings, it is our usual practice to provide our own shared catering. We encourage attendees to minimise their use of single use plastic and to recycle as much as possible.

## 6. Purchasing and booking policy

Where there is a choice of acceptable suppliers or venues, LFAM will favour the use of those who are actively working to reduce their environmental impact as long as this does not incur excessive cost to the charity.

## 7. Reducing our carbon footprint by taking care about our working methods

We encourage our trustees, volunteers and staff to minimise the printing of documents.

## 8. Publishing

LFAM will try to minimize the amount of printing & paper use when undertaking. Where LFAM has to use printed documents it will aim to use paper manufacturers who use sustainable sources, & will seek to use refillable ink cartridges. Most of the information with regards to LFAM is digital, located on the website and is available to download.

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