



Data Sharing Policy

Purpose

The Aotearoa Food Rescue Alliance (AFRA) is committed to collecting and sharing accurate, consistent, and meaningful data that demonstrates the collective impact of food rescue in Aotearoa. This policy sets out how data will be shared within the alliance and with external stakeholders to enable advocacy, best practice, and continuous improvement, while protecting the privacy and interests of individual members.

Principles

Transparency – Data sharing supports evidence-based decision-making, builds trust, and enhances accountability to members, funders, and partners.

Collaboration – Data is a shared resource that strengthens the collective voice of AFRA and enables members to learn from one another.

Privacy and Integrity – All data sharing complies with the Privacy Act 2020 and respects the confidentiality of sensitive information.

Value for Members – Data is shared in ways that reduce duplication of effort, provide useful insights, and support operational and strategic decision-making.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- Data provided by members to AFRA for collective reporting and advocacy
- Data generated by AFRA through research, analysis, or aggregation
- Data shared by AFRA with members, funders, government, and other stakeholders

What Data is Shared

Aggregate Alliance Data (Shared Quarterly)

- Volumes of food received from rescue, donation, purchase, and transfer, by product category
Volumes of food redistributed for feeding people, and lost to waste, by product category
- Environmental impact (e.g. CO₂e avoided, water saved)
- Social impact (e.g. meals provided, community reach)
- Trends and insights from across the alliance

Member-Specific Data

- Shared back to the member that provided it through reports, dashboards, or benchmarking tools
- Published externally only with the member's consent
- AFRA will not share member-specific data with other members. Individual members may share their own data as they wish

Sensitive or Identifiable Data

- Not shared unless or explicitly agreed to by the member

How Data is Shared

- **With Members** – through reports, insights, benchmarking, and peer-learning resources.
- **With Funders and Stakeholders** – primarily in aggregated form to demonstrate the collective impact of AFRA members.
- **With the Public** – key statistics and sector-wide insights, published in AFRA reports, website, and communications.

Responsibilities

AFRA will:

- Ensure data is aggregated and anonymised where appropriate
- Seek member input on how shared data is used and presented
- Provide guidance and support to members on data use

Members will:

- Provide accurate data to AFRA, at least quarterly or as often as required for stakeholder reporting purposes
- Provide data either by using the AFRA Data Platform **or** in one of the following formats:
 - Excel (.xlsx)
 - CSV/TSV (.csv or .tsv)
 - JSON (.json)
 - When using one of the above formats, provide data in a single table
- Use shared data responsibly to support their own operations and AFRA's collective goals

Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years, in consultation with members, to ensure it continues to meet AFRA's strategic priorities, legal obligations, and best practice in data governance. An earlier review may be undertaken if required by operational or legal circumstances. Reviews will consider member feedback, sector developments, and the evolving needs of the food rescue sector.