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# Data protection beyond compliance: a Kenyan perspective

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Data protection is more than a checklist. As Kenya's digital economy grows, the real question is how organisations can translate legal obligations into meaningful safeguards for the people whose data they hold.

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## From obligation to practice

Kenya's Data Protection Act, 2019 provides a framework for responsible handling of personal data. Meaningful compliance begins with recognising the people behind each record.

> A sound data protection programme is a practice of accountability, not merely a collection of documents.

## Questions for organisations

- What personal data do we collect, and why?
- How can individuals exercise their rights?
- Who takes responsibility when safeguards fail?

## Designing for accountability

Clear records, proportionate safeguards and regular reviews help organisations analyse their practices. These considerations should inform decisions from the outset.[^1]

| Principle | Practical consideration |
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| Purpose limitation | Define the reason for collection |
| Data minimisation | Collect only what is necessary |
| Accountability | Document and review decisions |

[^1]: This sample is an introductory discussion, not a statement of legal advice.

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