

Volunteer Charter

We the Volunteers of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

United in our mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found,

will uphold and abide by the Fundamental Principles of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary service, Unity and Universality.

We protect life and health and we ensure respect for human beings. We promote human dignity, mutual understanding, solidarity, cooperation and lasting peace.

We accomplish our mission in total independence, free from any political, ideological or economic interference that could divert us from helping people in need.

We endeavour to relieve the suffering of people, guided solely by their needs, giving priority to the most urgent cases of distress.

Never do we discriminate against nationality, gender, race, religious beliefs, class, political opinion or any other grounds.

We do not take sides in hostilities, nor do we engage in controversies of a political, racial, religious, ideological or similar nature.

We are not prompted by any desire to gain.

We know that our emblems should protect us from harm, nevertheless our lives are sometimes put at risk.

We call upon our National Society to ensure our participation, protection, respect, and to provide the means and support we need to accomplish our humanitarian commitment.

We are the Red Cross and the Red Crescent