

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,
solemnly vow to uphold and abide by the Fundamental Principles of
Humanity, Independence, Impartiality and Neutrality.**

**We protect life and health and we ensure respect for the human being.
We promote mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation
and lasting peace amongst all peoples.**

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

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

**Never do we discriminate as to
nationality, gender, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions.
We do not take part nor take sides in hostilities, nor do we engage in controversies of
a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.
We are not prompted by any desire to gain, nor can we be subjugated to the will of
others.**

**We are the members and leaders of our National Society
on which we rely for protection, support and respect.
We exhort our National Society to give us the means to accomplish our mission, and,
while we may be fearless and sometimes risk our lives, and because we know our
emblem does not always shield us from harm and harassment,
we call on our Brothers and Sisters of the Red Cross Red Crescent
to protect us and preserve our families and communities.**

We are The Red Cross Red Crescent