



# THE ICRC

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

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## WHO WE ARE

The International Committee of the Red Cross is an independent, neutral organization whose mission is to protect lives and dignity of people affected by conflict and violence, and to provide them with assistance. It also seeks to prevent hardship by promoting humanitarian laws.

ICRC staff treat ALL people with the highest standards of conduct and respect.

# WHAT WE DO

**1. We listen and dialogue** with people affected by conflict to better understand their needs



**2. We assist communities** affected by armed conflict and violence, providing food and basic necessity items, clean and accessible water, basic health care services and rebuilding basic infrastructure, among others.



3. We help survivors of sexual violence

4. We provide mental health support



**5. We help reunite families** separated due to armed violence or migration



6. We dialogue with all armed actors and explain that **civilians should never be attacked**





# WHAT WE DO NOT DO

## 1. We do not take sides in the conflict



## 2. We do not discriminate anyone



**3. We do not carry weapons** or armed people in our vehicles  
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**4. We do not share confidential information** with parties to the conflict

**5. We do not collect information** for other organisations or journalists

**6. We do not participate** in any investigations or court proceedings

**7. We do not ask for payment** for our services













The ICRC helps people around the world affected by armed conflict and other violence, doing everything it can to protect their dignity and to relieve their suffering, often with its Red Cross and Red Crescent partners. The organization also seeks to prevent hardship by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and championing universal humanitarian principles.



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