



CHARTER OF PRINCIPLES (COP) SYRIA CIVIL DEFENCE (SCD)

Who We Are

We, the Syrian Civil Defence teams and team members, act neutrally, impartially and are humanitarians. We do not pledge allegiance to any political party or group. We serve all the people of Syria – we are from the people and we for the people.

Our Mission

Our mission is to save the greatest number of lives in the shortest possible time and to minimise further injury to people and damage to property.

The Pledge Of Allegiance

All members of Syria Civil Defence are required to make the following pledge of allegiance:

I, ..(State name)...share the Civil Defence ideal of protection and assistance for all.

I pledge to fulfill all missions which will be entrusted to me in the spirit of the fundamental values of Civil Defence which are neutrality, impartiality and humanity.

I pledge myself to always act in a self-less manner.

Our Work

We operate in accordance with International Humanitarian Law. As defined in Protocol I (Article 61) of the Geneva Conventions of 1949, we pledge to provide the services listed at paragraph 5 for the following purposes:

- To protect the civilian population against the dangers arising from hostilities or other disasters
- To speed recovery from the immediate effects of such events
- To provide the conditions necessary for survival of the civilian population.

To the best extent possible, we seek to provide the following services to the people of Syria:

1. Warning the civilian population of attacks and dangers
2. Urban Search and Rescue
3. Evacuation of the civilian population from areas into which fighting is encroaching
4. The provision of medical services – including first aid – at the point of injury.
5. Fire-fighting
6. Management of emergency shelters
7. Detection and marking of danger areas (such as areas with unexploded ordnance)
8. Provision of emergency accommodation and supplies
9. Emergency repair of indispensable public utilities
10. Decontamination and similar protective measures
11. Assistance in the preservation of objects essential for survival
12. Emergency assistance in the restoration and maintenance of order in distressed areas
13. Emergency disposal of the dead
14. Management of blackout measures
15. Complementary activities needed to carry out any of the tasks mentioned above.

Our Vision

We hope and pray for the cessation of bombing and fighting which targets civilians and for peace and stability. We pledge that once fighting ends, we commit the Syria Civil Defence organisation to embark on the generational task of rebuilding Syria into a stable, prosperous and peace loving nation in which the social, economic and political aspirations of her people can be realised.