



TERMS OF REFERENCE

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) derives its mandate from the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their Additional Protocols of 1977. The Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement give it other tasks in situations not covered by the Geneva Conventions.

The ICRC works for the faithful application of the provisions of international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflicts and undertakes the tasks incumbent upon it under this law.

The ICRC and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, together with the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, form the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The ICRC, which gave rise to the Movement, is an independent humanitarian institution. As a neutral intermediary in the event of armed conflict or unrest it endeavours, on its own initiative or on the basis of the Geneva Conventions, to bring protection and assistance to the victims of international and non-international armed conflict and internal disturbances and tension.

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The International Committee
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This Panorama gives a glimpse of some
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