

4 key principles and core standards of Humanitarian action



Neutrality

Scouting is open and accessible to all, recognising, understanding and valuing the individual differences of members, local communities and all societies



Impartiality

Scouting gives equal access and opportunities, strongly opposing all forms of prejudice and discrimination we have regard for everyone.



Independence

NSO's are constituted as independent, non-political, voluntary movements of probity and effectiveness. Therefore NSO's have the autonomy of humanitarian objectives.



Humanity

Scouting mission is to contribute to the education of children and young people on fundamental values of dignity, solidarity, tolerance, respect and equality. Duty to others is a fundamental principle of Scouting.

Scouting

Scouting's values and method go hand in hand with humanitarian principles, even in the COVID-19 pandemic. Our response through: Awareness, skills for life, and improving opportunities for non-formal education, is essential.

Remember, as Scouts and actors in Humanitarian Action, we are continuously learning by doing and improving our response.



Humanitarian standards linked to Scouting



Community Engagement

As Scouts we are at the heart of many communities, respecting cultural diversity, promoting independence, collaborating safely and removing barriers for participation.

Quality, relevant and timely action; coordination with experts, communication and online activities all improve our community engagement throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.



Care and Dignity

Our foundation of shared values foster care and humanitarian response while ensuring quality resources are managed fairly.

Keeping our communities clean, promoting health & hygiene, advocacy and supporting mental health can remove risk, increase independence and support dignity of vulnerable persons.



Dialogue

By using our voice, all Scouts can raise awareness, address stigma, build trusting partnerships and ensure impartial access to all.

Dialogue helps us listen, learn, and improve our actions, while understanding others and safely addressing challenges.