

## ¿WHAT IS A N.G.O?:

A **non-governmental organization (NGO)** is a legally constituted organization created by natural or legal persons that operates **independently from any form of government**. The term originated from the United Nations (UN), and is normally used to refer to organizations that are not a part of the government and are **not conventional for-profit business**. In the cases in which NGOs are funded totally or partially by governments, the NGO maintains its non-governmental status by excluding government representatives from membership in the organization. The term is usually applied only to organizations that pursue wider social aims that have political aspects, but are not openly political organizations such as political parties.

(From wikipedia)

NGO Monitor defines NGOs as autonomous non-profit and non-party/politically-unaffiliated organizations that advance a particular cause or set of causes in the public interest. The range of causes on which an NGO can focus is unlimited, but a cardinal principle is that NGOs operate in a manner consistent with the objectives for which they receive funds. Donations are an NGO's lifeline because they are independent organizations. Funding can come from governments, the UN, private trusts and philanthropies, individual donations, religious institutions, and, in many cases, other NGOs. NGOs can contribute to democracy through challenging governments and promoting social interests.

(from: [http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/what\\_is\\_an\\_ngo\\_](http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/what_is_an_ngo_))

A non-governmental organization (NGO) is a citizen-based association that operates independently of government, usually to deliver resources or serve some social or political purpose. The World Bank classifies NGOs as either operational NGOs, which are primarily concerned with development projects, or advocacy<sup>1</sup> NGOs, which are primarily concerned with promoting a cause.

(from: <http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/NGO-non-governmental-organization>)

ACTIVITY 1-Make a NGO definition with the information below:

- a. The acronym N.G.O. means.....
- b. A N.G.O. is.....
- c. N.G.O goals are.....
- d. It's funds come from.....

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<sup>1</sup> Supporting, arguing for..



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Together we campaign to defend freedom of expression, protect women’s rights, abolish the death penalty and demand justice for crimes against humanity. We do not support or oppose any government or political system and neither do we necessarily support or oppose the views of those whose rights we seek to protect

ACTIVITY 2- Searching: my favourite ngo

Features:

Name	logo & motto	Targets	Focus : global, national, local	Source of income	Reasons to choose it.

ACTIVITY 2- In group: make your own NGO

Name	Logo & motto	Targets	Focus: global, national, local...	Source of income	Reasons to work on it.