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A non-governmental organization (NGO) is a group that functions independently of any government. It is usually non-profit. NGOs, sometimes called civil society organizations, are established on community, national, and international levels to serve a social or political goal such as a humanitarian cause or the protection of the environment.

Non-governmental organizations, or NGOs, were first called such in Article 71 in the Charter of the newly formed United Nations in 1945. While NGOs have no fixed or formal definition, they are generally defined as nonprofit entities independent of governmental influence (although they may receive government funding).

For example, NGOs might focus on activities in areas involving health or health emergencies, education, infrastructure, advocacy of minority rights, support of the poor, and the reduction of crime.

The term NGO is generally accepted to refer to usually non-profit, private organizations that operate outside of government control. Some NGOs rely primarily on volunteers while others support a paid staff. The World Bank identifies two broad groups of NGOs:

**Operational NGOs**, which focus on the design and implementation of development projects

**Advocacy NGOs**, which defend or promote a specific cause and seek to influence public policy<sup>1</sup>

Some NGOs may fall under both categories simultaneously. Examples of NGOs include those that support human rights, advocate for improved health, or encourage political participation.

A non-governmental organization, or NGO, is an organization established by a group of individuals that wishes to pursue goals and aspirations that relate to the public, social, or political good of a nation or the world. NGOs focus on a wide range of issues and areas. These might include women's rights, the health of the environment and planet, healthcare, political advocacy, labor unions, religious faith, care of aging adults, and youth empowerment.

**Read the text carefully and Answer the following questions:**

- 1/ Give a title to the text.
- 2/ What are the activities of non-governmental organizations?
- 3/ When did non-governmental organizations begin to appear?
- 4/ Translate the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph into Arabic.