

Brief Description: Directorate General Civil Defence - Pakistan – DGCD

1. Mandate

Directorate General Civil Defence operates under Ministry of Interior, Government of Pakistan. It's the national lead for civil protection, public safety, and community preparedness against disasters, war risks, and emergencies.

Legal basis: Civil Defence Act 1952 + rules.

Training: Runs national and provincial training centers. Trains volunteers, government staff, students, and communities in firefighting, rescue, first aid, CBRN, and disaster response.

Emergency Response: First responder during floods, earthquakes, building collapses, fires. Supports NDMA, PDMA, and district admin.

Civil Protection in War: Implements civil defence measures, blackout, evacuation planning as per Geneva Conventions.

2. Structure

HQ in Islamabad with DG Civil Defence. Provincial Directorates in Punjab, Sindh, KP, Balochistan, AJK, GB. District-level Civil Defence Offices in 150+ districts.

3. Link with ICDO

Pakistan joined ICDO in 1971. DGCD is Pakistan's national focal point for ICDO. Nominates officers for ICDO international training, hosts ICDO delegations