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Saudi Arabia.

Vision 2030 sets a national volunteering target, supported by a National Volunteer Platform run by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development. A 2015 Law on Associations and Foundations, effective March 2016, provides the framework for charitable organizations, and the national Ihsan donation platform was launched in March 2021. A general statutory duty to help a stranger could not be verified beyond traffic accident drivers.

DUTY TO HELP A STRANGER
Limited

PROTECTION FOR HELPERS
None found

GIVING AND SERVICE
5 programs and laws

Is there a legal duty to help a stranger?

LIMITED

A reference article states that the Traffic Law requires a driver involved in an accident to stop, report it and assist those injured, with penalties for failure. The article number was not verified, and no general duty for bystanders was found.

Traffic Law in Saudi Arabia (Saudipedia) Saudi Arabia: Eight types of traffic accidents deemed major crimes (Gulf News)

Are people who help protected?

NONE FOUND

No law giving protection to people who help strangers in good faith was found in the sources reviewed.

How the government promotes giving and service

Saudi and Global Volunteer Day and National Volunteer Work Award

The ministry's news page reports the 2023 event on December 5 under the slogan "Giving to the Nation", an award ceremony, and the minister's statement of a Vision 2030 goal of one million volunteers.

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

National Volunteer Platform

The same ministry page reports 725,744 volunteers in 2023 and 427,481 opportunities on the National Volunteer Work Platform.

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Volunteering target reported as met

In December 2024 the CEO of the National Center for Non-Profit Sector told Arab News that the Vision 2030 target of 1 million volunteers had been surpassed. This is a single official's statement.

ARAB NEWS

Ihsan national platform for charitable giving

Arab News reported, citing the Saudi Press Agency, that SDAIA launched the Ihsan platform on March 20, 2021. The platform's own site offers donation options such as general donation, endowment and zakat.

ARAB NEWS (SAUDI PRESS AGENCY REPORT)

Law on Associations and Foundations

ICNL reports the Cabinet approved a Law on Associations and Foundations on December 1, 2015, effective March 17, 2016, with implementing regulations in April 2016; it describes provisions on public benefit status and a lower founder minimum.

ICNL

Ways to give and volunteer

Charity in Saudi Arabia is highly regulated: fundraising and nonprofit work need government authorization, and giving is encouraged through official licensed platforms. The one thing to know first: donate only through authorized channels such as the national Ehsan platform.

Check a charity before you give

The government body that licenses and oversees nonprofits, where you can check whether a nonprofit is authorized.

National Center for Non-Profit Sector (NCNP)

Give your time

National Volunteer Portal (Vision 2030)
The Vision 2030 page describing the government's national volunteer portal, which lists volunteer opportunities.

Saudi Red Crescent Authority
The national Red Crescent society, an official body running emergency medical response with volunteer programs.

United Nations Volunteers (UNV)
The UN's volunteer program lists international and national volunteer assignments, including some in Saudi Arabia.

Give money, blood or a donation

Ehsan National Platform for Charitable Work
The government-backed platform for donating to authorized charitable projects.

Saudi Red Crescent Authority
The official Red Crescent body, which also runs blood donation information.

In an emergency or a crisis

Ministry of Health 937 Call Center: 937
The Ministry of Health's 24/7 call center, which the WHO regional office lists as a mental health and psychosocial support hotline for Saudi Arabia.

Ministry of Health
The national health ministry, with information on health services and blood donation.

Before you act

- **Collecting money without government authorization is not allowed, so never give cash to unofficial collectors or to personal accounts and use only licensed platforms. Fake appeals circulate on social media and messaging apps, so check any group with the NCNP first. Foreign visitors and residents should volunteer or donate only through official channels and check the rules first.**

This list covers only official, licensed channels and does not cover informal or private giving. Checked 2026-10-28. Listing an organization is not an endorsement, and none of them has endorsed this site. Some official sites block automatic checks, so a link may need a second try.

One thing worth knowing

The National Volunteer Platform and an annual volunteer day with an award are run by the ministry as stated steps toward a numeric Vision 2030 volunteering goal.

What this does not mean

Official statute texts (Bureau of Experts) were not read; the laws are described from secondary sources, and the Vision 2030 portal blocked automated access. Reports of targets met come from single statements. Not legal advice. This is a plain-language summary of public sources, not legal advice, and it does not rank countries. No government named here has endorsed this site. Not reviewed by a lawyer. Statutes were read in public sources and may have changed. Last checked October 26, 2026.

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