



# Key differences between Non-Government Organizations (NGO) and Non-Profit Organizations (NPO)

## Non-Government Organizations (NGO) Quick Facts

- organization that operates independently from any government
- may receive funding from a government
- operates without oversight or representation from that government
- there are over 40,000 international NGOs, with the most found in India

## NGO Duties

- community health promotion & education
- managing emerging health crises
- environmental issues *i.e. sustainable water & energy resources*
- economic empowerment *i.e. micro loans, skills training, financial education*
- development projects *i.e. school and infrastructure construction*
- women & children's' rights

## NGO Types

BINGO = Big International NGO

CSO = Civil Society Organization

DONGO = Donor Organized NGO

ENGO = Environmental NGO

GONGO = Government-operated NGOs

INGO = International NGO

QUANGO = Quasi-autonomous NGO

TANGO = Technical Assistance NGO

GSO = Grassroots Support Organization

MANGO = Market Advocacy Organization

## Non-Profit Organizations (NPO) Quick Facts

- group organized for purposes other than generating profit
- no part of the organization's income is distributed to its members, directors, or officers
- offer services and programs through federal, local or state entities
- hire management personnel, and aim to raise substantial funds
- also known as endowments, or foundations that could have large stock fund
- Non-profit organizations do have legal responsibilities, and these may include reporting on:
  - Supervision and management
  - Economic activity
  - Accountability and Auditing provisions
  - Tax status of corporate and private donors

**NPOs usually fulfill purposes that are:**

- Religious
- Charitable
- Scientific
- Public safety
- Literary
- Educational
- Fostering national or international amateur sporting,
- Preventing cruelty to children or animals but all on a much smaller scale than NGO

**Summary NGO vs NPO**

In some countries NGOs and NPOs are one in the same. Both often work for the benefit of human welfare and to better society.

The biggest difference with an NGO is the scope of work that most non-profits assume. Many non-profits are affiliated with churches, boys and girls clubs, and alumni associations. An NGO, on the other hand, has broader and internationally driven footprint. They are often working in isolated lands with widespread famine and disease, military bases, and large scale disaster such as hurricane relief.

**Where can I find NGO internships & full-time jobs?**

1. [List of NGOs](#)
2. [InterAction: A United Voice for Global Change](#)
3. [idealist.org: We connect idealists with opportunities for action](#)
4. [OneWorld365: meaningful work](#)

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