

Law No. (22) of 2019

**In respect of the Emergency, Crisis and Disasters Management for the
Emirate of Abu Dhabi**

- We, Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Ruler of Abu Dhabi.
- Having perused Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the Reorganization of the Governmental Body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments.
- Law No. (2) of 1971 regarding the National Consultative Council and its amendments.
- Law No. (7) of 1977 Concerning the Police and Security Force in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments.
- Law No. (2) of 2000 on Civil Retirement Pensions and Benefits in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments.
- Law No. (6) of 2016 regarding Human Resources in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments.
- Law No. (1) of 2017 regarding the Financial System of the Government of Abu Dhabi.
- Federal Decree-Law No. (2) of 2011 regarding the establishment of the National Emergency, Crisis and Disasters Management Authority (NCEMA), and its amendments.
- Federal Law No. (6) of 2014 regarding the National Military Service and Reserve Force and its amendments.
- Executive Council Resolution No. (19) of 2012 Concerning Forming the Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Management Team in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments.
- And based on what was presented to the Executive Council and approved by the Council.
- We hereby issued the following Law:

Article (1)

In enforcement of the provisions of such Law, the following words and expressions, wherever mentioned therein, shall have the meaning indicated in front of each unless the context implies otherwise:

The State	State of United Arab Emirates (UAE).
The Emirate	Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
The Government	Government of Abu Dhabi.
The Executive Council	The Executive Council of Abu Dhabi.
PHQ	Abu Dhabi Police General Headquarters.
NCEMA	The National Emergency, Crisis and Disasters Management Authority.
The Center (ADCMC)	Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Management Center (ADCMC) for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
The Team	Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Management Team in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
ADP Commander-in-Chief	Commander-in-Chief of the Abu Dhabi Police (ADP).
General Director	General Director of the Center (ADCMC).
Concerned entities	Federal and local government entities concerned with managing emergencies, crises and disasters.
National level	The level that represents the federal government entities in the State.
Local level	The level that represents the local government entities in the Emirate.
Emergencies, Crises and Disasters	A major incident or set of incidents which bring serious damage to individuals or property or threaten public order, continued functioning of the government, human health, environment, or economy. It requires special mobilization and coordination with several entities, ranging based on the size of the incident from emergency to crisis to disaster.
Preventive Measures	Measures aimed at eliminating the causes of emergencies, crises and disasters and reducing the likelihood of any of the same. This process involves a set of measures, including evaluating risks and then setting priorities appropriate for them, proposing the necessary legislation and taking all security and preventive measures to be taken by concerned entities.
Alternative Service	A service that is alternative to the National Service and is performed within a specified period of time for those who did not meet the conditions for joining the National Service.

Article (2)

An Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Management Team shall be formed in the Emirate by a decision of the Chairman of the Executive Council aimed at raising the level of preparedness and response to emergencies, crises and disasters. The Team is concerned with the following:

1. Approving the general policy, strategies and plans related to the management of emergencies, crises and disasters in the Emirate, submitting the same to the Executive Council for approval, and supervising their implementation, in coordination with the concerned entities.
2. Approving the regulations governing emergency, crisis and disaster management at the local level, including regulations related to risk management and business continuity, and submitting the same to the Executive Council for approval.
3. Managing emergency, crisis and disaster operations at the local level, by supervising the implementation of the responsibilities and duties specified at each level of emergency, crisis and disaster, and issuing the necessary instructions therefor.
4. Taking measures to prevent and preparing for emergencies, crises and disasters in the Emirate, in coordination with the concerned entities as per the assessment of the risks and threats to which the Emirate may be exposed.
5. Approving the requests for activation of the Alternative Service in the local entities in accordance with the legislation in force.
6. Approving the controls and plans to benefit from the Reserve Service members in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in accordance with the legislation in force.
7. Submitting periodic reports to the Executive Council.
8. Any other functions or tasks assigned to the Team by the Executive Council.

Article (3)

- According to the provisions of this Law, a Center called the "Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Management Center (ADCMC) for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi" shall be established. The Center shall have an independent legal personality, have full legal capacity to act, and follow GHQ.
- The Executive Council may change the affiliation of the Center to any entity it determines.

Article (4)

The headquarters of the Center is located in the city of Abu Dhabi. Upon a decision of the ADP Commander-in-Chief, branches or offices may be established for it inside or outside the Emirate, after the approval of the Executive Council.

Article (5)

- The Center shall undertake the following functions:
 1. Preparing the general policy, strategies and plans related to the management of emergencies, crises and disasters in the Emirate in coordination with the concerned entities, and submitting the same to the Team.

2. Proposing regulations governing emergency, crisis and disaster management at the local level, including regulations related to risk management and business continuity, in accordance with the applicable legislation, and submitting the same to the Team.
 3. Preparing and coordinating the necessary response plans, including response plans for vital facilities and infrastructure in the Emirate, as well as following up their implementation in cooperation and coordination with the concerned entities.
 4. Communicating and coordinating with the concerned entities in everything related to emergencies, crises and disasters in order to achieve integration between the local and national levels.
 5. Preparing the Local Risk Register and ensuring its compatibility with the National Risk Register.
 6. Preparing databases of the resources and capabilities available in the Emirate and following up on their updating.
 7. Developing capabilities and building capacities in response to emergencies, crises and disasters, by suggesting and coordinating programs between entities at the Emirate level and updating them periodically.
 8. Ensuring the ability of the responding entities in the Emirate to recover and withstand.
 9. Preparing, coordinating and implementing joint exercises related to emergency, crisis and disaster management at the local level, and participating in them at the national level.
 10. Preparing studies and scientific research related to emergency, crisis and disaster management.
 11. Enhancing the culture of emergencies, crises and disasters in the local entities through developing training plans.
 12. Developing controls and plans to benefit from the Reserve Service members in the Emirate in accordance with the applicable legislation and submitting the same to the Team.
 13. Submitting periodic reports to the Team.
 14. Any other functions or tasks assigned to it by the Executive Council or the Team.
- The Executive Council may amend the Center's competencies contained in this Law or any other legislation by deleting, adding or transferring.
 - The Center may delegate some of its competencies to any other government entity, or outsourcing some thereof to the private sector, after the approval of the Executive Council.

Article (6)

- The Center shall have a General Director appointed by a decision of the Executive Council, who shall manage and supervise the Center's business, and in particular he shall do the following:
 1. Approving the plans and priorities of work to be accomplished in order to achieve the Center's objectives.
 2. Developing annual and long-term plans and programs necessary to enable the Center to achieve its objectives.
 3. Formation of permanent and temporary committees.

4. Proposing the organizational structure of the Center and submitting it for approval in accordance with the legislation in force.
5. Proposing the Center's draft annual budget and submitting it to the Executive Council for approval in accordance with the legislation in force.
6. Considering and approving the periodic financial reports related to the Center's work in accordance with the rules applicable in the Center.
7. Approving the training programs required to provide sufficient numbers of qualified cadres.
8. Issuing decisions related to the temporary suspension of the work of private institutions, companies and other relevant entities that have an impact on the management of emergencies, crises and disasters in the Emirate, as well as making the precautionary evacuation of the buildings and facilities affiliated to the same or preventing their use, in coordination with NCEMA.
9. Approving the local response plan and the mechanism of interaction between the concerned entities.
10. Representing the Center before the judiciary and others.
11. Any other functions assigned to him by the Executive Council.
 - The General Director may delegate some of his competencies to any of the Center's senior employees, provided that the delegation is in writing.

Article (7)

The financial resources of the Center consist of the following:

1. The annual appropriations allocated to it by the government.
2. Any other revenue approved by the Executive Council.

Article (8)

The Center's fiscal year begins on the 1st of January and ends at the end of December of each year, with the exception of the First fiscal year, which starts from the date of enforcement of this Law and ends at the end of December of the following year.

Article (9)

The Center shall have one or more external auditors of the accredited auditors, in order to audit the accounts and financial statements of the Centre. A decision shall be issued by the ADP Commander-in-Chief for their appointment and determination of their own fees in accordance with the legislation in force.

Article (10)

- The Financial Laws and Regulations in force in the Emirate shall apply to the Center.

- The Human Resources Laws and Regulations in force in the Emirate shall apply to the Center's employees.
- Citizens therefrom are subject to the Civil Retirement Pensions and Benefits Law in force in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Article (11)

Any text or provision that contradicts or is in conflict with the provisions of this Law shall be repealed.

Article (12)

This Law shall be implemented as of its issue date, and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Issued in Abu Dhabi

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