

Law No. (8) of 2015
Concerning the
Community Development Authority in Dubai¹

We, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,

After perusal of:

Law No. (3) of 2003 Establishing the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai;

Law No. (27) of 2006 Concerning Management of the Government of Dubai Human Resources and its amendments; and

Law No. (12) of 2008 Establishing the Community Development Authority in Dubai and its amendments,

Do hereby issue this Law.

Title of the Law
Article (1)

This Law will be cited as "Law No. (8) of 2015 Concerning the Community Development Authority in Dubai".

Definitions
Article (2)

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Law, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

Emirate:	The Emirate of Dubai.
Ruler:	His Highness the Ruler of Dubai.
Executive Council:	The Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai.
CDA:	The Community Development Authority in Dubai.
Director General:	The director general of the CDA.

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¹Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict the Arabic text will prevail.

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Social Development:	An integrated system with the objective of developing individuals, families, and the society.
Social Sector:	The system of governmental and non-governmental Social Services, and the policies and strategies regulating them. This system includes public and private for-profit and non-profit entities, which provide Social Services.
Social Services:	All the services which contribute to Social Development in general, and to the care for and protection, empowerment, and inclusion of the Most Vulnerable Segments in particular. These services include raising awareness; counselling; providing shelter for non-health-related purposes; day care; home care; social habilitation; protection from abuse, negligence, and exploitation; and offering financial benefits, whether monetary or in-kind.
Most Vulnerable Segments:	Categories of individuals, determined by the CDA, having characteristics or traits which render them prone to social exclusion, or which make them less capable of predicting, confronting, or resisting natural or human dangers. These categories include the elderly; persons with disabilities; children, especially those deprived of family care; juvenile delinquents; delinquency-prone juveniles; homeless juveniles; foundlings; drug addicts and recovering addicts; prisoners and their families; patients of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome and similar diseases; and low-income persons.
Volunteer Work:	An activity to which a natural person contributes, by his own choice and outside of his family circle, his time, effort, or skills, with a view to benefiting and helping others, and not for the purpose of deriving any financial gain for himself.
Social Services Provider:	Any entity authorised by the CDA to provide Social Services in the Emirate.
Private Sector Social Responsibility:	A self-imposed commitment, by for-profit companies and establishments, to contribute to achieving sustainable development and to improving the quality of life of their employees and the community.
Civil Society Organisation:	A non-profit entity established by a founder(s) for a definite or indefinite term, and based on allocating money to activities that promote benevolence, solidarity, and cooperation among members of the community.
Civil Society:	A non-profit entity, comprising an organised group of natural and/ or legal persons, established for a definite or indefinite term, and

conducting any activities that promote benevolence, solidarity, and cooperation among members of the community.

Scope of Application

Article (3)

The provisions of this Law will apply to the Community Development Authority in Dubai, established pursuant to the above-mentioned Law No. (12) of 2008 as a public authority having legal personality and the legal capacity required to undertake all acts and dispositions that ensure achievement of its objectives.

Head Office of the CDA

Article (4)

The head office of the CDA will be located in the Emirate. The CDA may establish branches and offices within the Emirate.

Objectives of the CDA

Article (5)

The CDA will have the following objectives:

1. to contribute to positioning the Emirate as a safe and suitable place to live and work;
2. to contribute to regulating and improving Social Development in the Emirate;
3. to enhance the independence of the Most Vulnerable Segments, and help those among them who cannot meet their basic needs;
4. to undertake general supervision of the achievement of outputs of the Social Sector in the Emirate;
5. to contribute to providing comprehensive Social Services to all target segments of society; and
6. to promote innovation and development in the Social Sector with a view to fulfilling the social aspect of sustainable development.

Functions of the CDA

Article (6)

For the purpose of achieving its objectives, the CDA will have the duties and powers to:

1. draft the social policies and social strategic plans of the Emirate, particularly those related to Social Development, Social Sector, Private Sector Social Responsibility, human rights,

- and national identity promotion; and supervise, in coordination with the concerned entities within and outside of the Emirate, the implementation of such policies and plans upon their approval;
2. propose legislation related to Social Development, Social Services, and Social Sector regulation;
 3. regulate, license, monitor, and supervise Civil Society Organisations and Civil Societies in the Emirate, excluding organisations and societies established pursuant to legislation, or those which fall within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government;
 4. regulate, license, monitor, and supervise Social Services Providers, in accordance with the legislation in force in the Emirate;
 5. regulate, license, monitor, and supervise persons engaged in providing Social Services, in accordance with the legislation in force in the Emirate;
 6. regulate individual and group Volunteer Work, and issue the required permits;
 7. create and manage a social information system and a comprehensive social database in the Emirate;
 8. develop the plans and programmes required to ensure the quality and availability of human rights services in the Emirate, submit these plans and programmes to the Executive Council for approval, and provide such services;
 9. develop the plans and programmes required to ensure the availability of Social Services to members of the society in general and to the Most Vulnerable Segments in particular, submit these to the Executive Council for approval, and provide such services in accordance with the relevant requirements and rules approved by the CDA;
 10. provide urgent financial aid to critical humanitarian cases, in accordance with the relevant standards adopted by the CDA;
 11. attract, develop, and qualify the human resources required by the Social Sector;
 12. develop Social Development-related awareness and educational programmes and activities for community members and institutions;
 13. develop the plans and programmes that contribute to developing and socially empowering youth;
 14. own and take lease of real property and movables required to enable the CDA to perform the functions assigned to it; and
 15. enter into contracts and agreements with third parties in fields related to the work of the CDA.

Executive Body of the CDA

Article (7)

The executive body of the CDA will be comprised of the Director General and a number of employees to whom Law No. (27) of 2006 Concerning Management of the Government of Dubai Human Resources and its amendments will apply.

Director General

Article (8)

- a. The Director General will be appointed by a decree of the Ruler.
- b. The Director General will supervise the management of the CDA, represent it before third parties, and take the resolutions and measures he deems appropriate and required for achieving the objectives and performing the functions of the CDA. For these purposes, the Director General may:
 1. approve the general policy and strategic plans of the CDA, and submit these to the Executive Council for final approval;
 2. approve the strategic plans of the Social Sector and Social Development in the Emirate, and submit these to the Executive Council for final approval;
 3. approve the draft annual budget and final accounts of the CDA, and submit these to the competent entities for final approval;
 4. approve the organisational structure of the CDA and submit the same to the Executive Council for final approval;
 5. approve the operational and implementation plans of the CDA;
 6. approve the bylaws regulating the administrative, financial, and technical work of the CDA;
 7. propose the fees and charges for the services rendered by the CDA, and submit these to the competent entities for approval;
 8. coordinate with the concerned entities within and outside of the Emirate in relation to fulfilling the requirements of Social Development;
 9. supervise the work of the executive body of the CDA;
 10. execute the agreements, contracts, and memoranda of understanding to which the CDA is party; and
 11. perform any other duties related to the objectives of the CDA.

Financial Resources of the CDA

Article (9)

The financial resources of the CDA will consist of:

1. appropriations allocated to the CDA in the general budget of the Government of Dubai; and
2. grants, gifts, and any other resources acceptable to the Executive Council.

Accounts and Financial Year of the CDA

Article (10)

In regulating its accounts and records, the CDA will follow the rules and principles of government accounting. The financial year of the CDA will commence on 1 January and will end on 31 December of each year.

Issuing Implementing Resolutions

Article (11)

The Chairman of the Executive Council will issue the resolutions required for the implementation of the provisions of this Law.

Repeals

Article (12)

This Law supersedes the above-mentioned Law No. (12) of 2008. Any provision in any other legislation will also be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Law.

Commencement and Publication

Article (13)

This Law comes into force on the day on which it is issued, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Ruler of Dubai

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