

PUBLIC HEALTH IN COMPLEX EMERGENCIES TRAINING PROGRAM

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The *Public Health in Complex Emergencies* training program (PHCE) is a two-week residential course that focuses on critical public health issues faced by NGO/PVO personnel working in complex emergencies. The goal of the course is to enhance the capacity of humanitarian assistance workers and their organizations to respond to the health needs of refugees and internally displaced persons affected by these emergencies. Participants will master key competencies in all of the following sectors:

Context of Emergencies
Epidemiology
Communicable Disease
Environmental Health
Nutrition

Reproductive Health
Weapons, Violence and Trauma
Protection and Security
Psychosocial Issues
Coordination

Who should take this course?

- NGO/PVO staff who are responsible now (or may be in the near future) for making decisions that affect the health of refugees and internally displaced persons.
- District medical officers and other Ministry of Health staff working in regions affected by complex emergencies.
- Staff from international and governmental organizations instrumental in planning services for people affected by complex emergencies.

Medical Coordinators, Health Coordinators, Program Managers and District Medical Officers from international and national health organizations are typical candidates for the course.

Who are the trainers?

The trainers are leading international and regional experts with a wide variety of field experience in complex emergencies. Trainers represent a range of backgrounds from NGO's to multi-lateral organizations, international agencies, academic and research centers. They all have significant hands on experience and many have trained for many years Public Health in Complex Emergencies training program and/or were involved in designing the curriculum.

What is the cost?

Tuition is **\$2,400** and includes accommodation, three meals daily, and all course materials. Participants can expect to have a private room. In some cases it might be necessary to share single-sex bathroom/shower facilities. Participants are responsible for all of their travel expenses and incidentals such as laundry, personal phone calls, faxes, Internet or email usage, and shipping of personal items from the course. Unfortunately, there are no scholarship funds available. However,

in the past some participants have secured financial aid from ministries of health, WHO regional offices and private sources.

What makes this training program different?

Field staff from humanitarian, international and academic organizations have developed the curriculum specifically to meet the needs of NGO/PVO organizations working in complex emergencies. This course is truly “of the field, by the field and for the field.” Preference will be given to participants currently working in emergency situations.

Participants are expected to meet with their supervisors prior to attending the course to discuss an action plan for applying their new skills and knowledge. A structured exercise during the course will help to finalize these plans. Participants will be contacted approximately 3 months later and asked to report on their progress.

Language and teaching methods.

The course is currently offered in **English only**. Extensive reading and participatory learning methods are used. Participants will receive pre-reading materials before arriving at the course site. An interactive simulation exercise on the last day gives participants an opportunity to use the skills and knowledge learned during the course. Participants should be fluent in reading and speaking English.

What is the application procedure?

Applications should be submitted directly to the partner organization. Once accepted, applicants will receive detailed registration information and procedures for payment. Tuition includes a \$250 non-refundable registration fee.

Please apply at least one month prior to the date of the course you wish to attend.

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