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# Achievements

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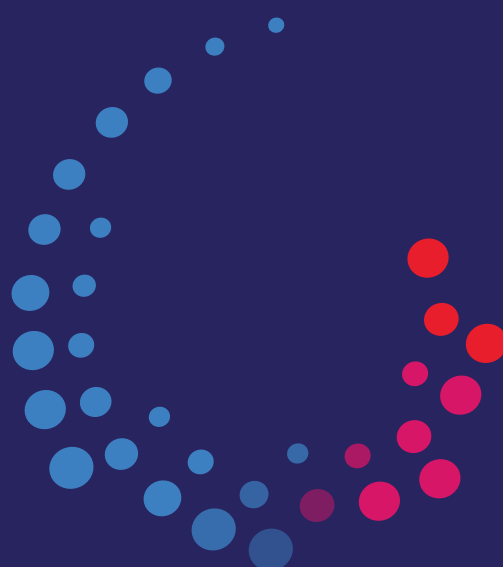
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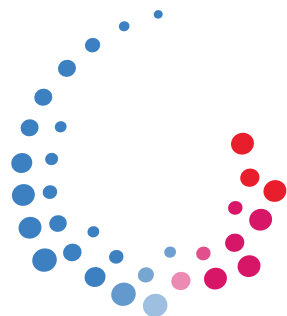
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# New Identity, logo and brand

In June 2020 we are embarking on a new chapter for the centre. This will be illustrated with a new logo and brand to capture our new modern, innovative and flexible approach to our courses and research.



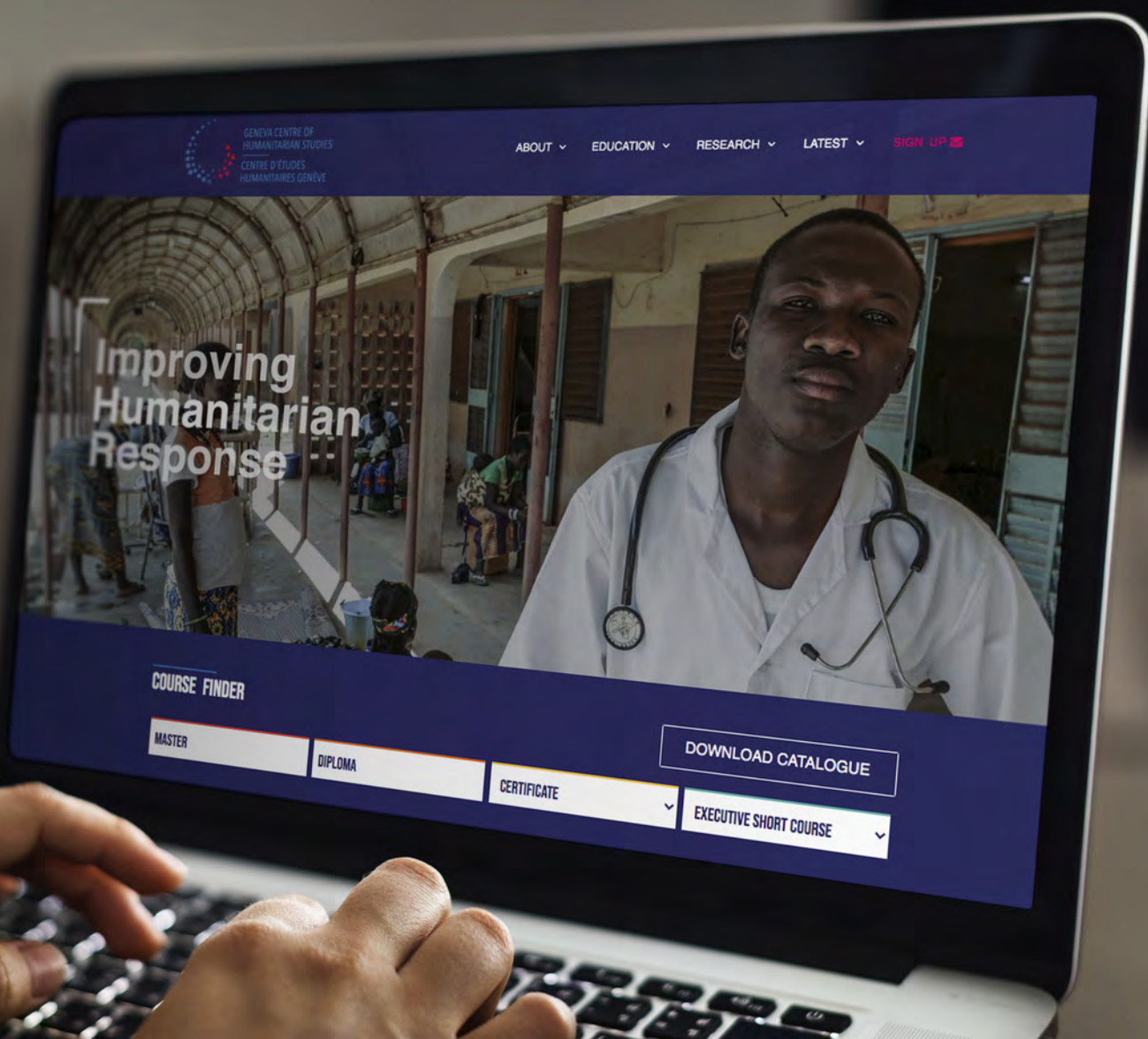
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# New website

We are also launching a new website this Summer which will be intuitive for users wishing to get information on our courses, research, events and news.



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# COVID19 Resources

In March we launched a COVID19 Science resource page on our website to inform governments, humanitarian organisations and media representatives of the latest evidence on the COVID-19 virus. The page includes systematic reviews and primary and secondary analysis.



## COVID19 Humanitarian platform

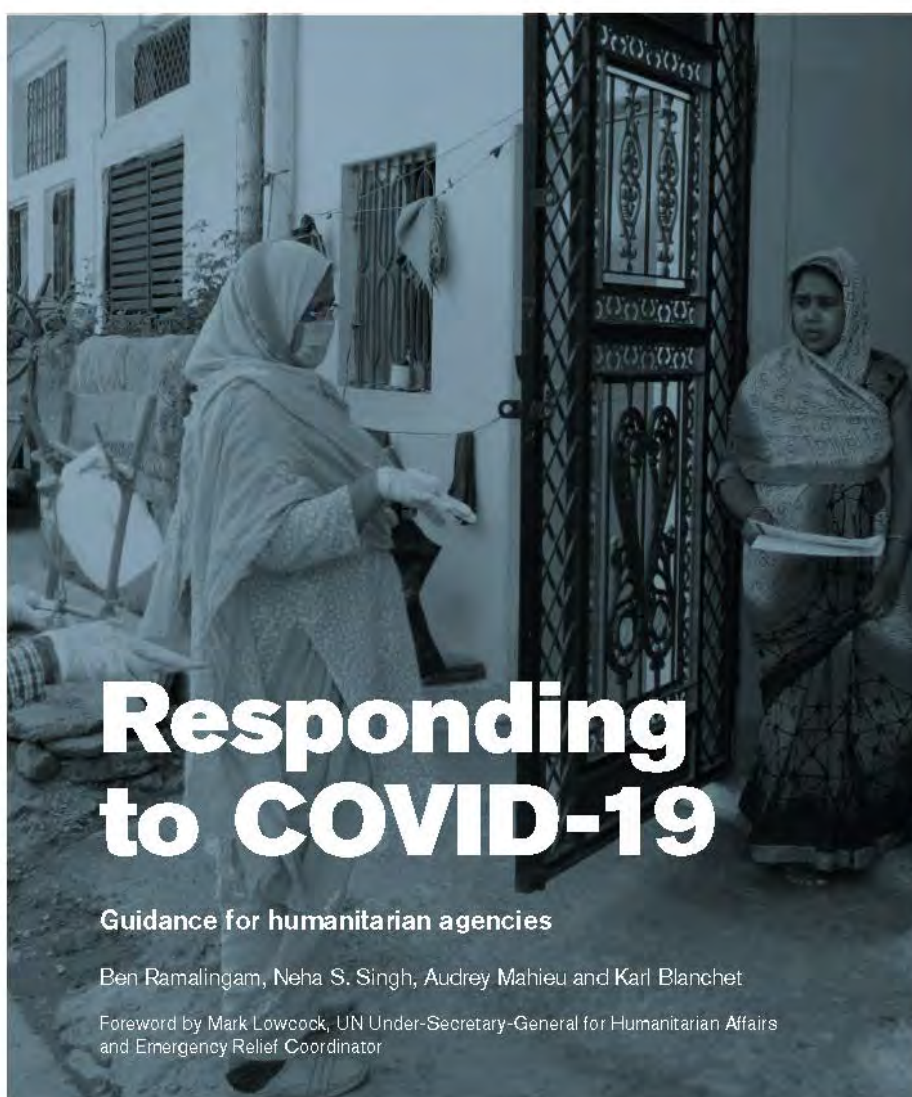
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Together with John Hopkins University and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine we launched the COVID-19 Humanitarian platform, an open-access web-based platform to promote the exchange of field-based COVID-19 programme adaptations and innovations.



# COVID19 ALNAP report

In April, our Director co-authored a report with ALNAP that outlines 14 guidance points for humanitarian actors to consider in their COVID-19 responses. It summarises and synthesises the best available knowledge and guidance for developing a health response to COVID-19 in low- and middle-income settings.



**RAPID LEARNING  
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# COVID19 webinars

In April we launched a series of COVID19 webinars with the READY Initiative, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the Centre for Humanitarian Health at Johns Hopkins University. Each week the webinars looked at a different angle of the pandemic and the impact on the humanitarian sector.

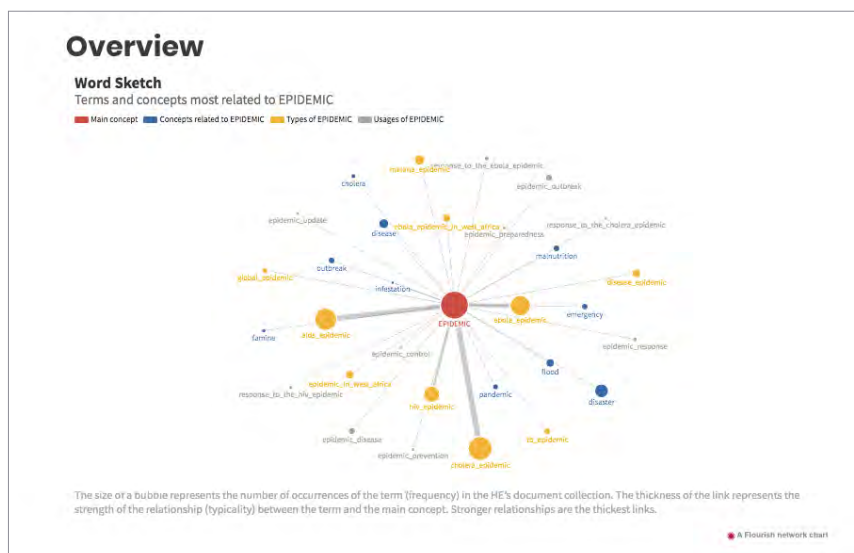


# COVID19

## Humanitarian Encyclopedia

priority concepts

As part of our active engagement in the response to COVID-19, the Humanitarian Encyclopedia team has prioritised analysis of concepts relevant to the crisis and its impact on humanitarian situations. By analysing key humanitarian concepts, such as ‘epidemic’, ‘crisis’ and ‘care’, we aim to support global and local humanitarian actors to speak a clear, common language, share knowledge as a public good, and foster the co-production of new knowledge to guide humanitarian response.



# Courses went online

Determined to continue our courses with our current students we rapidly adjusted our offer due to the COVID19 crisis, and moved with great success three courses online in a matter of weeks. The courses that went online are:

**CAS Health in Humanitarian Settings**  
**CAS Communications, Advocacy and Negotiation**  
**ESC Sexual Violence in Conflict Settings and Emergencies**

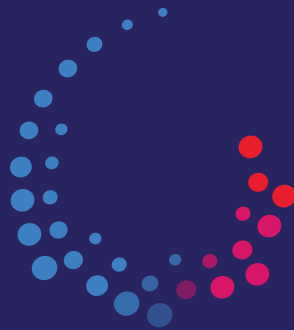






## 200 students

This year through our various courses we taught some 200 students who took advantage of our unique and flexible courses.



# New Perspectives

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# New MAS structure

Due to the ongoing uncertainty of travel due to the COVID19 crisis, we have adapted our Master programme, due to start in September, so that it becomes a blended learning experience. Students will learn online in term one, and then join us in Geneva for terms 2 and 3. We will keep a watch eye of the developing situation and are prepared to increase the online element if necessary.



## New executive short courses

In 2021 we will add a new range of Executive Short Courses to our current portfolio. New courses will include:

- Health system assessment in humanitarian settings
- Field epidemiology in humanitarian crises
- Managing staff in humanitarian settings



# Decentralisation approach

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As part of our new, flexible approach, and after talking to our strategic organizational partners including MSF and ICRC, we will be embarking on the development of a range of decentralized courses, based in regional humanitarian hubs. The aim is to bring training closer to frontline humanitarian workers, to increase access to training for this key audience.



## RIAH research project

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A consortium of researchers led by the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at The University of Manchester in collaboration with the Geneva Centre of Education and Research in Humanitarian Action and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, have developed a new research programme: **Researching the Impact of Attacks on Healthcare (RIAH)**. Funded by the UK Department of International Development, the programme aims to improve the understanding of the nature, frequency, scale and impact of attacks on healthcare in conflict.



# New Humanitarian Encyclopedia platform

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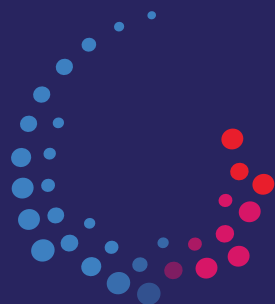
This project will be an extension of the current research project. A new platform is being developed with the University of Geneva. It will have the capability to analyse big data, and will allow the user to experiment with the information provided to produce their own reports and analytics.



## Humanitarian Perspectives range of events

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Later in 2020 we will launch a series of webinars and events looking at various relevant aspects to humanitarian action – unpacking the theoretical and practical aspects to humanitarian approaches.



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