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Course at a Glance

Certificate of Advanced Studies
Designing Strategies and Projects in Humanitarian Action
(Blended learning course)

- **DATES:** 12 October, 2020 - 27 June, 2021
- **DURATION:** Eights months (approximately eight hours of work per week)
- **LOCATION:** Online, with 2-week residential course in Kampala (31 Jan-10 Feb 2021)
- **LANGUAGE:** English
- **ECTS CREDITS:** 10
- **FEES:** CHF 6,500 (tuition fees 5,000 CHF + 1,500 including accommodation and food in Uganda during the residential weeks).
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** 31 August, 2020.

Course Introduction

This eight-month course aims to reinforce the knowledge and skills that humanitarian professionals need when working in complex environments. The course puts emphasis on adaptive and flexible strategies and projects. It focuses on your working situations and enables you to reflect on your current practice as you learn.

The course programme takes into account the major contexts for humanitarian action (armed conflict, “natural” disasters, social exclusion, complex emergencies). In addition, the course investigates the relationship between humanitarian and development aid.

The course is delivered in partnership with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and Groupe urgence réhabilitation développement (URD).

More information about the course and its coordinators is available here.

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Structure of the course and key topics

Around 250 hours of individual work in total, including:

- E-learning (courses: E-learning modules, videos, documents, educational games, forum discussions, individual and collective work, research, exercises, reflective analysis
- Face-to-face sessions (lectures, case studies, individual and collective work)
- Personal work with coaching (reflexive analysis, writing, and implementation of an individual plan of action, individual and bilateral work)

- Phase 1: Initialization process

1 week (4 hours/week) by distance

- Phase 2: Foundation: Myself within this training + basic concepts

1 week (4 hours/week) by distance

- Phase 3: Institutional strategic framework

3 weeks (6 hours/week) by distance

- Phase 4: Operational strategic framework: Project Cycle Management and related operational stakes

7 weeks (7 hours/week) by distance

- Phase 5: Decentralized residential session preparing/sharing/strengthening

4 weeks (96 hours in total) at distance and residential in Uganda

- Phase 6a: Deepening my learning and preparing for my PoA design

10 weeks (5 hours/week) at distance with coaching

- Phase 6b: Deepening my PoA in my current working context 7 weeks (4

hours/week) at distance with coaching

- Phase 7: Closing: recap / evaluation / final feedback

2 weeks (5 hours/week) by distance

Residential session

More details about the Uganda two-week residential session are available here.

Audience

- Professionals in the humanitarian, development or social sector looking to develop their competencies as well as reflect and capitalize on their experiences.
- Professionals from other sectors who wish to increase their understanding of the humanitarian sector for a potential career change.
- Graduate students with relevant volunteer or intern experience, looking to undertake a post-graduate course with a view to entering the humanitarian sector.

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For more information about the course and to apply visit the online course page:
https://humanitarianstudies.ch/education/blended-learning-certificate-in-humanitarian-action/