



Participatory Approaches with Crisis-Affected Populations

Credits	2 credits ECTS
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Format	Residential
Language	English
Fees	CHF 1'500
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Course overview

Short description

This course focuses on the development of a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the challenges, opportunities and limits of dialogue with communities – including intercultural communication, accountability and strategy – to build constructive relationships. Based on the experience and know-how of various organisations, the course is a mix of theory and practical exercises.



Objectives of the course

At the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Analyse the impact acceptance and accountability concerns have on project implementation
- Develop critical analysis on the scope of present experiences in terms of Dialogue with Communities and Accountability
- Identify emergence of rumours and adopt an adapted communication response
- Distinguish the various tools and strategies experienced to develop the dialogue according to its different objectives.
- Apply a strategy for acceptance to a case study

Workload

Around 50 hours of work for the whole course, including:

- App. 20 hours of face-to-face teaching (lectures, debate, group work)
- App. 30 hours of self-study time (pre-readings, reflexive analysis, case study)

Structure of the course

- Concepts and definitions related to participatory approaches and dialogue with communities
- Accountability & Feedback mechanisms
- Intercultural communication
- Humanitarian anthropology
- Participatory communication
- Management of rumours
- Monitoring & Evaluation of participatory approaches



Promotion

Audience (existent and potential)

- Professionals in the humanitarian, development or social sector, specifically field staff, looking to develop their competencies in Communication and dialogue
- Professionals from the communication sector who wish to increase their understanding of Communication methods and philosophy in humanitarian projects

Particularly useful for humanitarian field workers and managers