



Addressing sexual violence in conflict and emergency settings (residential session)

Credits	2 credits ECTS
Dates	Monday 27 th November – Friday 1 st December 2023
Format	This is a one-week face-to-face course that will take place in Entebbe, Uganda.
Language	English
Fees	CHF 1'700 + 650 accommodation costs (total 2,350 CHF)
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Course overview

Short description

The overall objective of this executive short course is to provide humanitarian mid-level and senior managers with the knowledge, competencies and skills required to conceive and operationalise a multidisciplinary approach in sexual violence prevention and response, both adapted to conflict and emergency settings and as an integral part of humanitarian operations. The course offers to deepen participants' understanding of sexual violence, its root causes and contributing factors, and its impact on individuals and communities with a particular focus on the East Africa region. The content adopts a survivor-centred and comprehensive approach to the core principles, challenges and practices by exploring multi-sectoral responses, including health, mental health and psycho-social support and justice. Participants will be able to conceive safe and ethical interventions centred on victims/survivors' rights, needs and wishes, and will be competent to prevent and mitigate risks of sexual violence.



The course is delivered in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Refugee Law Project (RLP), UNHCR, Utu Wetu Trust, academic scholars, independent sexual violence experts and practitioners and in collaboration with survivor leaders and groups.

In 2022 the Steering Committee decided to localise the course to the East African region in order to have more contextually meaningful, culturally adequate and effective learning processes by creating locally-owned curricula and tools, by developing meaningful relations with local and regional partners and survivor groups, and by making the course more reflective of regional contextual realities.

Objectives of the course

The overall objective of the course is to provide mid-level and senior humanitarian managers working in East Africa or with populations from the region the knowledge, competencies and skills required to conceive multidisciplinary survivor-centered interventions in the field of sexual violence prevention and response, both adapted to specific contexts and as an integral part of humanitarian operations.

This course focuses on the East Africa region and will provide participants with an overview of the context and a deeper understanding of programmes and approaches to sexual violence prevention and response. At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Deepen their understanding of sexual violence, its root causes and contributing factors, and its impacts on individuals and communities
- Comprehend the core principles, challenges and promising practices of a survivor-centred approach to health, MHPSS, justice and other multi-sectoral responses across the region
- Conceive safe and ethical interventions centered on victims/survivors' rights, needs and wishes, and competent to prevent and mitigate risks of sexual violence

Workload

Around 50 hours of face-to-face teaching, including lectures, debate, group work. A 3-5-page essay for the participants who would like to earn the 2 credits ECTS.



Thematic structure of the course

The course includes the following sessions:

- Core concepts, causes and introduction to a survivor-centred approach
- Survivor voices and networks
- Ethics and methods of data collection
- Sexual violence against men and boys
- Access to medical care
- Pregnancy as a result of rape
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- Access to justice
- Prevention and risk mitigation
- Programme design



Prerequisites

Audience

- Mid-level and senior humanitarian managers currently working directly with victims/survivors of sexual violence, or providing technical advice to or supervision of such programmes.
- The content of the course focusses on the East African region, thus those working in or with populations from East Africa will be prioritised.
- Other participants with relevant experience and expertise may be accepted if space is available.

Admission requirements

1. A university qualification (Bachelor's degree or equivalent)
2. At least three years of relevant professional experience
3. Excellent command of English
4. Motivation for working in the humanitarian sector