

## Addressing sexual violence in conflict and emergency settings (online)

<b>Credits</b>	2 credits ECTS
<b>Dates</b>	23 June – 18 July 2025
<b>Format</b>	<p>Online courses combine self-study time and live sessions. Live sessions are mandatory and take place on Mondays and Thursdays in the early PM, CET.</p> <p><b><i>Online course requires 12-15 hours of dedicated work per week. We recommend that participants allow at least 50% of their time for the course and adapt their professional activity accordingly.</i></b></p>
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Full price:</b> CHF 1'700</li> <li>• <b>Partner rate (UNICEF, MSF, ICRC):</b> CHF 1'360 (20% discount)</li> <li>• <b>Special Rate for Government and NGO/CBO Staff:</b> CHF 850. Available exclusively to staff from local and national NGOs, CBOs, and government employees in low/middle-income countries. Proof of local employment and salary required.</li> </ul>
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## Course overview

### Short description

The primary objective of this executive short course is to equip mid-level and senior humanitarian managers with the knowledge, skills and competencies necessary to develop and implement a multidisciplinary approach to preventing and responding to sexual violence in conflict and emergency settings. The course enhances participants' understanding of sexual violence, including its root causes, contributing factors, and impacts on individuals and communities. It adopts a survivor-centered and holistic approach to multi-sectoral responses, encompassing health, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), access to justice, and interventions for specific groups such as male survivors and children born of sexual violence. Participants will learn to design safe and ethical interventions and will gain competencies 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), UNHCR, Refugee Law Project (Uganda), Utu Wetu Trust (Kenya), Sofepadi (DRC), as well as academic scholars, independent sexual violence experts and practitioners, and in collaboration with survivor leaders and groups.

### Objectives of the course

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

- Deepen understanding of sexual violence dynamics, its root causes and contributing factors, and its impacts on individuals and communities
- Conceive safe and ethical multi-sectoral interventions centred on victims/survivors' rights, needs and wishes
- Design activities contributing to sexual violence risk mitigation and prevention

### Workload

Around 50 hours of work in total, including:

1. Asynchronous self-study activities (such as case studies, videos, recorded slideshows, readings, written assignments etc.)
2. Synchronous live sessions on Zoom

### Thematic structure of the course

- Core concepts and holistic approaches to sexual violence prevention and response

- Ethics and methods of data collection on sexual violence
- Leveraging survivor expertise and voices : collaboration with survivor leaders and networks
- Addressing sexual violence against men and boys
- Medical Care and management of pregnancy as a result of rape
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- Addressing the needs of children conceived in sexual violence
- Enabling access to Justice for survivors of sexual violence
- Sexual violence prevention and risk mitigation

## 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.
- Other participants with relevant experience and expertise may be accepted if space is available.

### Distance Learning

- Broadband/high speed connection - 2.5 Mbps minimum.
- Please note that a PC/laptop/tablet is preferred to access most weekly content and activities
- Microphone and webcam

### 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 to work in the humanitarian sector