Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations

Course Objective

This 2-week course aims to familiarize professionals with epidemiological techniques to determine impacts of disasters and conflicts and assess the needs of affected populations. The course will introduce participants to the methods and tools of epidemiology in the context of humanitarian emergencies and cover the different uses of different quantitative tools for the assessment of health needs in populations affected by catastrophic events. The course will be given by international expert with extensive experience in humanitarian settings.

Topics covered will include malnutrition, mortality, morbidity and population displacement.

Practical Information

Dates :
July 1 to July 12, 2013

Location :
Université catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium

Language of the course: English

Participation fee : € 1500

Application deadline: May 15, 2013

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How the course will be run

The course will last two weeks. Presentations will be given on how to assess impacts of disasters and conflicts on human health and how to use relevant survey and surveillance methods and tools to determine needs. The course will cover nutrition, mortality, water and sanitation, reproductive health, food security and infectious diseases.

Case-studies will be presented and a simulation exercise will be held under the supervision and guidance of international experts. This will allow the students to put the knowledge acquired during the theoretical classes into practice.

Evaluation will be based on the preparation by each student of a case-study presentation that will illustrate the concepts taught during the course and applied during the simulation exercise.

An university certificate will be awarded to students who successfully complete the course.

Applicants Profile

This course is open to professionals at the level of field officer, preferably with some experience in the humanitarian and emergency management sectors.

Two students from the European Masters in Humanitarian Action (NOHA) will also be selected to attend the course.

Selection Process

We strive to have a diversified group of participants, balancing gender, organizational and geographical representation. Participant selection is based on the candidate's profile, examined through the application form and CV and based on the requirements mentioned above.

Practical Information

The course registration fee covers coursework, printed materials, coffee breaks and lunches.

Accommodations are available on the university campus. These include single rooms in a dormitory of 6 to 8 private rooms with common kitchen and bathroom facilities (+/- 500 Euro). Please see our website for photos of the campus accommodations. Other solutions for accommodations are available in town, but must be organized by the individual participant.

Participant fees must be deposited and received by CRED by June 15 2013; otherwise, participation will be cancelled. Reimbursement will not be done on cancellations made after June 23, 2013.

Submission of applications

An application form is available on the following website: www.aphes.be

All applicants will be informed about the decision by June 1st 2013.