



Gravitazz Institute

For disaster reduction and emergency management

Training Outline:

Humanitarian Logistics in Disaster Relief Operations

There is a concern that logistics are often neglected in contingency planning for relief operations. In fact, there is a tendency for many countries to leave logistics in the hands of the military. Although the military is a great resource for provision of logistics operations in times of emergency, they must take part in conception and planning in order to execute their task to the maximum within civilian structures. Even in cases where logistics are planned for, planning is often not well thought out. On a continent where basic necessities, including shelter, water, food, education, access to basic health care and road infrastructure are not always optimal, logistics planning becomes the lifeblood of humanitarian operations. This training will therefore address major challenges and identify logistics as a part of a strategic model for successful humanitarian relief operations.

Target Audience: This training is meant for disaster management practitioners, logistic officers or managers working in the humanitarian and disaster risk management fields, as well as volunteers and staff working with organizations tasked with both preparedness and response. This includes individuals working with government institutions, NGOs the UN, intergovernmental bodies and the private sector. Students and young professionals who would like to increase their knowledge in the field are also welcome.

Duration: 3 days

Language: English

PLEASE NOTE:

This course can be customized for your institution upon request.

About this Course

This course will focus on the crucial role of logistics in disaster relief operations through the provision of essential goods and services to affected populations. The course will cover humanitarian principles, as well as give a thorough overview of the procurement cycle. It will also touch on some of the challenges faced by logisticians and relief workers in emergency situations. Stakeholders, processes and categories of humanitarian logistics will be identified in order to give participants the tools to make the necessary logistical arrangements in times of disasters. From the needs identification phase to the distribution of goods, through warehousing and transport, no stone will be left unturned in this very technical course which will make use of practical examples.

Expected Outcomes

The objective of this module is to strengthen participants' understanding of the procurement cycle in disaster relief operations and to enable them to plan ahead for products and services that might be required should a disaster strike, further allowing them to easily navigate through possible operational challenges.

Proposed Content

NOTE: *This content is subject to change and can be customized for your institution upon request.*

Session 1: Introduction

- Concepts and definitions of logistics and DRM
- Humanitarian principles

Session 2: The Procurement Cycle

- Procurement cycle: from needs identification to distribution
- Financial aspects
- Legal aspects

Session 3: Categories of Humanitarian Logistics

- Purchases, transport and warehousing
- Construction and shelter
- Energy and cold chain
- Communications
- Water and sanitation

Session 4: Logistics in the Preparedness phase

- Needs assessments and purchases

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- Warehousing and contingency/emergency storing

Session 5: Logistics in the Response Phase

- Needs assessments and scoping missions
- Transport, delivery and distribution of goods

Training fee

The **course fee of \$800 per participant** covers the course tuition, training materials, two break refreshments, lunch, and study visits. A **discount of \$150** will be applied should an organization decide to cover venue and catering costs for the 3 days of the training.

All participants will additionally cater for their travel expenses, accommodation, visa application, insurance, and other personal expenses. Accommodation and shuttle services can be arranged upon request. Gravitazz will also provide invitation letters for the trainings should it be necessary.

Payment Information

Payment should be transferred to Gravitazz Institute bank account (See details below) 15 days before commencement of training. Please send proof of payment to info@gravitazzcontinental.com

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