



**The Health Emergencies in Large Populations (HELP) Course
Tehran, Iran
7 to 18 October 2017**

The HELP course was created in 1986 by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the University of Geneva, to upgrade professionalism in humanitarian assistant programs conducted in emergency situations as well as to promote professional ethics and humanitarian principals.

The course provides a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary learning experience geared towards addressing the key thematic areas in health within the country's context. So far, roughly 160 courses have taken place in 25 countries.

The course explores the principles underlying the provision of humanitarian assistance in health emergencies and major health crises, and the methods of providing such assistance. The two-week course begins with a consideration of certain key concepts: public-health tools, humanitarian principles, professional ethics, and effective decision-making in crises. After that, various aspects of health emergencies are examined: health care, nutrition, economic security, water and habitat, environmental health, prevention and control of communicable diseases, epidemiology in the field, mental health, sexual violence, the safety of humanitarian workers and the stress to which they are subjected, and the imperatives of humanitarian law. Depending on the local context and current events, other topics may also be addressed.

(Additional information about the course could be found in the following link:
<https://www.icrc.org/en/document/helpcourse>)

Who can participate?

Since 1986, around 4,000 health professionals and humanitarian aid workers from the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, United Nations agencies, Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), ministries of Health, military medical services and academic institutions attended the HELP Course. Health professionals including doctors, nurses, nutritionists, environmental engineers, epidemiologists, Public Health Officers and humanitarian workers with experience in humanitarian context in countries affected by war or natural disasters and in management of humanitarian assistance or emergency programs are encouraged to apply.

Training Venue and Dates

HELP Course will be conducted in Tehran, Iran between 7 to 18 October 2017.

Language

The course will be held in English.

Partnering Organizations

The HELP Course in Iran will be organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in cooperation with the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) and the Department of Disaster and Emergency Health at the School of Public Health of Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TSPH).

Course Fees

The HELP Course fee is CHF 1,000 which should be transferred into the ICRC bank account in Switzerland. Participants are expected to cover their tickets, accommodation, and visa expenses.

Visa

Iranian Red Crescent Society will facilitate the visa issuance for the participants. The selected applicants will be contacted in due time regarding visa application process.

Certification

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be awarded a certificate of attendance signed by the three organizers of the course.

Learning Methods

Lectures, case studies, focus group discussions, presentations and scenario-based learning and simulations.

Registration

The application form should be filled out and returned to the ICRC Iran by 10 July 2017 through the following email address: (teh_teheran@icrc.org).

Note:

- The participants will be selected according to their professional experiences and academic background.
- All the participants are expected to deliver a 15 minutes presentation during the course on one of their professional experiences. The purpose of the presentations is sharing experiences from different contexts and creating the opportunity to discuss about the humanitarian principles, operational challenges, and ethical dilemmas.