



**T**he Public Health in Complex Emergencies training program (PHCE) is a two-week residential course that focuses on critical public health issues faced by NGO/PVO personnel working in complex emergencies. The goal of the course is to enhance the capacity of humanitarian assistance workers and their organizations to respond to the

health needs of refugees and internally displaced persons affected by these emergencies.

Participants will master key competencies in all of the following sectors:

Context of Emergencies	Reproductive Health
Epidemiology	Violence, Weapons and Trauma
Communicable Disease	Protection and Security
Environmental Health	Psychosocial Issues
Nutrition	Coordination

## WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?

- ◆ NGO/PVO staff who are responsible now (or may be in the near future) for making decisions that affect the health of refugees and internally displaced persons.
- ◆ District medical officers and other Ministry of Health staff working in regions affected by complex emergencies.
- ◆ Staff from international and governmental organizations instrumental in planning services for people affected by complex emergencies.

Medical Coordinators, Health Coordinators, Program Managers and District Medical Officers from international and national health organizations are typical candidates for the course.

## WHO ARE THE TRAINERS?

The trainers are leading international and regional experts with a wide variety of field experience in complex emergencies. In the past trainers have included staff from Columbia University, Tufts University, and the Burnet Institute. Trainers represent a range of backgrounds from NGO's to multi-lateral organizations, international agencies, academic and research centers. They all have significant hands-on experience and many have taught in the original Public Health in Complex Emergencies training program and/or were involved in designing the curriculum.

## WHAT IS THE COST?

Tuition is \$2,400 and includes room, three meals daily, and all course materials. Participants can expect to have a private room. Participants are responsible for all of their travel expenses and incidentals such as laundry, personal phone calls, faxes, Internet or email usage, and shipping of personal items from the course. Unfortunately, there are no scholarship funds available. However, in the past some participants have secured financial aid from ministries of health, WHO regional offices and private sources.

## WHAT MAKES THIS TRAINING PROGRAM DIFFERENT?

Field staff from humanitarian, international and academic organizations have developed the curriculum specifically to meet the needs of NGO/PVO organizations working in complex emergencies. This course is truly "of the field, by the field and for the field." Preference will be given to participants currently working in emergency situations.

Participants are expected to meet with their supervisors prior to attending the course to discuss an action plan for applying their new skills and knowledge. A structured exercise during the course will help to finalize these plans. Participants will be contacted approximately 3 months later and asked to report on their progress.

## LANGUAGE AND TEACHING METHODS

The course is currently offered in English only. Extensive reading and participatory learning methods are used. All participants will be expected to complete pre-course reading materials that will be assigned. An interactive simulation exercise on the last day gives participants an opportunity to use the skills and knowledge learned during the course. Participants should be fluent in reading and speaking English.

## HOW TO APPLY

An application form is attached, and can also be electronically obtained by visiting the IRC website at [www.theirc.org/phce](http://www.theirc.org/phce), or the World Education website at [www.worlded.org/News/phce\\_2004.html](http://www.worlded.org/News/phce_2004.html). You can also write to [Lorna@theirc.org](mailto:Lorna@theirc.org) to obtain a copy of the application.

***"The course was excellent in providing information. (It) provided tools and examples of real-life working programs that I can adjust and use in complex emergencies. The course encourages and challenges decision-makers to improve health services among people in complex emergencies..."***

**— Bangkok, March 2000**

Completed applications should be sent to IRC as follows:

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Tel: 212-551-3005  
Fax: 212-551-3185  
Email: [shortcourse@theirc.org](mailto:shortcourse@theirc.org)

## DEADLINES

Applications should be received by the following deadlines:

PHCE Beirut, Lebanon: May 28th, 2004  
PHCE Bangkok, Thailand: June 26th, 2004  
PHCE Entebbe, Uganda: October 1, 2004

Please apply at least one month prior to the dates of the course you want to attend. Applications are accepted and reviewed year round.

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Following confirmation of acceptance, participants should arrange payment by the date listed above. Payment must be received in U.S. dollars only. Certified or personal checks for \$2,400 USD should be made out to WORLD EDUCATION, INC. and sent to Lorna Stevens c/o IRC at the address listed above. The payment will also be accepted by wire transfer.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Tuition of \$2,400 includes a non-refundable registration fee of \$250.

Course participants should consider bringing extra luggage to carry course materials back home or budget money towards shipping materials.

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## 2004 Course Dates

June 28-July 10  
American University of Beirut - Lebanon  
July 26-August 7  
Asian Disaster Preparedness Center - Thailand  
November 1-November 14  
Institute of Public Health - Uganda