

Introduction to Needs and Resources Assessment

Course Aim

The purpose of the course is to improve the effectiveness of humanitarian aid workers engaged in disaster relief by looking at good practice in needs and resources assessment procedure, including frameworks and principles of emergency assessments.

Who is the course for?

This course is designed particularly for those who have experience of working in a relief context or are new to the sector and are likely to carry out needs assessments in their work. Also open to those who have a good understanding of the sector and plan to use needs assessments in future assignments.

Course Objectives

- [Take participants to the next level of competence in conducting accurate, effective and timely assessments.
- [To identify and describe a good approach to the carrying out of emergency assessments
- [Compare and contrast commonly used assessment frameworks, tools and techniques, including planning and preparation for assessment missions
- [Understand and apply underlying principles of emergency assessments

Completing the course

By completing this course, participants will be able to promote and share the relevant technical skills and knowledge and will be equipped with adequate analytical skills through developing key understanding of needs assessment concepts and procedures, principles and values.

Learning Methodology

It will encourage participants to think creatively and will utilise contemporary adult learning methodologies including: interactive lectures, group work, classroom exercises, activities, work sheet, mapping, discussion, presentations, case studies, video show, games and brainstorming.

Course Duration

The duration of the course is generally 1-3 days, subject to required depth.

Typical Course Programme

- Introduction to assessment
- Types of assessment
- Coordination in assessment
- Data sources and collection techniques
- Standards and indicators
- Tools and gadgets
- Project cycle and assessment
- Assessment team (composition, skills, ToR)