INTRODUCTION

Humanitarian Action (response to humanitarian crisis) is a major field for working and personal opportunities and challenges for all types of professional backgrounds.

In this seminar we will introduce participants to the main components required to respond to humanitarian emergencies. How major humanitarian organizations achieve positive results reducing mortality, morbidity and suffering of population in precarious situation. At the end of the training, based on case studies, participants will be able to plan a comprehensive response to a refugee population, by designing, planning and deploying key activities in a refugee camp.

This will serve us to present the bigger picture. What are the challenges, opportunities and constraints in humanitarian aid? We will tackle this approaching the politics and economics behind the work in the field.

We will also gain tools, specific knowledge, and learn about different ways of managing teams highly independent, focused on achieving results, extremely operative and much identified with the principles and policies of the organisation.

In a global world and economy, individuals and corporations hold different levels of responsibility. Elements to build a solid Social Corporate Responsibility dossier will be introduced.

The private sector has long been a major contributor to humanitarian action and are increasingly at the forefront of humanitarian response, whether as a partner, donor or producer of goods and services for people in need. There is a

AIMS

To address challenges ahead of humanitarian response. The politics and economy in humanitarian aid. Access and security.

To present management and operational systems used by major INGOs to achieve positive results in crisis situations. Facing and enduring critical contexts.

To introduce main components of humanitarian response, useful to participants to explore professional and personal opportunities as well as to gain knowledge to build a comprehensive SCR dossier.

To present current roles and potential fields of collaboration between humanitarian sector and the private business.

METHODOLOGY

- Case studies will be the main tool used to present the different subjects. Through this we will engage in discussions and debates about the broader topics.

- Students will be divided in working groups. Proactive attitude and team work will be valued.

- Students are expected to read and work the seminar theoretical contents before attending the sessions. These contents will be discussed and reinforced in plenary.

- If conditions allow, a practical session outdoor will be help, and an emergency facility and a simulated refugee camp will be built, with real materials used by ONGs in the field and with a team of largely experience humanitarian workers as facilitators.
EVALUATION

Participants will be evaluated on the basis of:

Class participation 33%
Exam / Final test 33%
Group project 33%

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