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HEALTH SYSTEMS through CONFLICT & RECOVERY

INTENSIVE COURSE - SCUOLA SUPERIORE SANT'ANNA - PISA - ITALY - 10TH EDITION

BACKGROUND

Millions of people do not have access to health care, because health systems in many countries are either non-existent or dramatically failing. Most of them live in areas chronically affected by violent conflict or slowly re-emerging from it.

The volatility and complexity of conflict and post-conflict contexts pose daunting challenges to health workers – both national and international – who are called to rehabilitate derelict health structures. Lack of properly prepared professionals in this field has often resulted in reconstruction efforts characterized by weak analysis, little understanding, inadequate planning and poor implementation. This training programme intends to alleviate this gap.

NATURE OF THE COURSE

The Course, held for the first time in 2005, has evolved substantially since then. It is actively kept in progress, by constantly updating its contents, introducing new study topics and materials, and inviting new experienced lecturers. The Course programme maintains a degree of flexibility to discuss in detail topics of particular interest to participants.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The Course aims to:

- Introduce participants to the main features of conflict-ridden environments;
- Identify and discuss the main features of health systems during protracted crises and recovery processes, and the most common distortions plaguing healthcare provision;
- Analyse and reflect upon the challenges faced by health actors in countries affected or recovering from a conflict;
- Introduce participants to recovery processes, to the dangers they pose and to the opportunities they provide for correcting long-standing distortions and creating more efficient and fair health systems;
- Familiarize participants with the existing literature in this field and stimulate their interest in conducting further research.

MAIN TOPICS

The Course content is updated and modified every year. These are some of the main topics regularly discussed:

- The conflict environment; international and humanitarian law; the aid system and its politics; aid management;
- Information and intelligence in protracted crises;
- The interpretation of epidemiological and mortality data in protracted crises; communicable diseases and conflict;
- Health policy analysis, planning and financing in troubled health sectors;
- Health-related resources: personnel, medicines, facilities, and their management;
- Contributing to the recovery of disrupted health sectors, through analysis, research, negotiation, appraisal of options, and forecasting.

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METHODOLOGIES

The Course is taught in English. It is intensive in nature and demands from participants a pro-active attitude. Interaction with the trainers is encouraged through the use of case studies, practical exercises and by devoting ample space to testimonies and reflections drawn from the personal experience of trainers and trainees.

Participants will conduct an in-depth analysis of the health sector of countries affected by protracted crisis, through the study of selected documents and group work. Standard sessions might be complemented by elective ones on topics chosen by the participants from a list of options.

The study materials revolve around a variety of troubled countries, which include Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Central African Republic, DR Congo, Haiti, Iraq, Kosovo, Liberia, Mozambique, Palestine, the Philippines, Somalia, the Former Soviet Union, South Sudan, Timor Leste, Uganda, Yemen. An exploration of existing literature will complement each training session. Participants will receive a rich portfolio of key selected documents .

Participants are required to prepare themselves by familiarizing with selected reading materials, which will be made available on-line in advance of the Course. This preparatory work requires about 20 hours.

WHO CAN APPLY

The Course is mainly intended for health professionals working in the field, but is also open to other professionals working in (or preparing to join) development co-operation or humanitarian assistance programmes.

Applicants must have a university degree in a health-related field or the equivalent of 3 years of relevant working experience. **They must have a sound working knowledge of English.**

SELECTION PROCESS

The Course is open to a maximum of 30 participants. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Accepted applicants will be informed within two weeks from the moment of the submission of their application.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of the information provided in their CVs and in the on-line application form which is available at: **www.sssup.it/HSCR2015/application/**. Upon submitting the application form, please remember to attach your CV. In case of problems with the on-line procedure please contact **hscr@sssup.it**. Applications must be received no later than **19 March 2015, 12:00 noon (CET)**.

Successful applicants who are citizens of non-EU member states and who reside outside Italy, are strongly advised to immediately contact the Italian Embassy or consular authorities in their country of residence (for the addresses please see: http://www.esteri.it/visti/index_eng.asp) in order to apply for a visa.

COURSE FEE

The total cost for the Course is: **1,500** euros for participants sponsored by any organization or by their employer; **1,200** euros for self-sponsored participants. The cost includes tuition fee, reference material and lunch on class days. Participants are required to make their own arrangements for accommodation, travel and visa (a list of possible accommodations will be made available). Please consider that the costs for a two-week stay in Pisa amount to roughly 1,100 euros. Prospective participants may apply for the full or partial waiver of the tuition fee by explaining their request on the application form.

CERTIFICATE AND CREDITS

A maximum of 4 academic credits (in accordance with the European Credits Transfer and Accumulation System - ECTS) will be awarded to candidates successfully completing the Course. Participants who have attended at least 80% of the classes will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

DIRECTION COMMITTEE & TEACHING STAFF

The Course is designed and coordinated by **Enrico Pavignani MD**, assisted by **Maurizio Murru MD** and Dr. **Emanuele Sommario**. Other lecturers and trainers are selected among public health practitioners with considerable field and research experience, academics, officials of international organisations and NGOs.

THE ITPCM & THE SCUOLA SUPERIORE SANT'ANNA

The International Training Programme for Conflict Management (ITPCM) is a post graduate programme of the **Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna**, a public university which promotes education and research through under and post-graduate studies.

The **ITPCM** was established in 1995 with the aim of creating a structure able to respond to the training needs of personnel involved in international field operations. It has since expanded its activities to include research and consultancy in the areas of human rights, humanitarian assistance, election monitoring, DDR, project design, monitoring and evaluation.

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