

# Evaluation of Humanitarian Action (EHA) Training Workshop



GRM International in association with Channel Research will be hosting the annual 3 day Evaluation of Humanitarian Action (EHA) training workshop in Geneva from 9 – 11 June 2015. This will be the 8th year of running this training workshop which has proved invaluable for engaging and networking with colleagues from the humanitarian community.

The aim of the training workshop is to make evaluations more effective in contributing to the improved performance of humanitarian interventions and to enhance the quality of the evaluation process. This course is recommended for evaluators, managers and users of evaluations. Previous evaluation experience is not necessary, but some knowledge and experience of humanitarian action is required.

The course is facilitated by highly experienced evaluators and trainers, Margie Buchanan-Smith and John Cosgrave, who also co-authored the ALNAP guide. (Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)).

Registration details are available at [www.grminternational.com/training](http://www.grminternational.com/training) or email: [training@grmfuturesgroup.com](mailto:training@grmfuturesgroup.com) for enquiries.

## Program Outline

- The purpose of EHA - What is the reason for evaluating humanitarian action? What can evaluation achieve?
- Initiating and planning EHA - What steps should you take to commission and plan an evaluation?
- Evaluation Criteria - What are the standard evaluation criteria? What do they mean?
- Frameworks for evaluation - What frameworks can you use to assess performance against broader policies and standards?
- Evaluation methods - What are the typical evaluation methods in EHA and how do you choose between them? a) Qualitative methods, b) Quantitative methods.
- Management - How can you manage the evaluation process to produce a robust evaluation? What challenges are you likely to encounter?

- From Data to Reports - How do you turn the findings from your fieldwork into a useful evaluation report?
- Use and dissemination of EHA - How can you promote real change based on your evaluation?
- Ethics - What ethical dilemmas are you likely to face and how can you deal with them?

## Learning Outcomes

- Greater clarity of the purpose and objectives of EHA, and of the principal challenges of doing EHA.
- Better understanding of evaluation criteria and of the most relevant frameworks against which humanitarian assistance should be evaluated.
- A practical approach to planning, designing, implementing and following through on evaluations of humanitarian assistance.

## Course Facilitators

### Margie Buchanan-Smith

Margie works as a consultant, trainer/facilitator and coach in the international humanitarian aid sector, with expertise in both natural disasters and conflict-related emergencies. She is an experienced evaluator of humanitarian relief operations, for international NGOs, donor governments and UN agencies, and has participated in a number of joint agency evaluations.



### John Cosgrave

John is a multi-sectoral professional with strong evaluation, assessment and communication skills. He has excellent training, planning, project management and problem solving expertise. Mr Cosgrave has twenty-seven years of broad experience in over forty countries covering all aspects of managing both relief and development. He has extensive experience in designing and delivering training, facilitation and mentoring. His training style based around participatory methods, founded on a core of teaching of key concepts, tools and information.



## What past participants had to say:

"I will recommend this training wherever I go, it would be most useful for any programme staff." *Tania Brems, Desk-Federal Public Service, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Belgium*

"I would highly recommend this course. It looks at evaluations holistically – with a strong emphasis on practical guidance." *Hannah Reinhardt, Emergencies, M&E and Accountability Advisor, Save the Children UK*

"Thorough, participatory to the right level, flexible and really useful to programme staff, not just M&E people" *Claire Sayce, Emergency Programme Officer, CARE International UK*

## Notes:

- Course fee is CHF2400 (Swiss Francs).
- Course fee includes: course & materials, lunch and refreshments during the course and 2 nights accommodation (on dinner, bed & breakfast basis).
- 10% discount - early bird registration for payments received 4 weeks before course date.
- 15% discount to past participants of GRM Futures Group courses.
- 20% discount for full-time students, self-funding/freelance participants, Local/ Small NGOs and groups of 3 or more participants.
- Group discounts are available, please contact us directly via email.

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