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# IMPROVING HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

## COURSE DATE SUMMARY 2020 - 2021

### MAS MASTER OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

This Master programme is a cutting-edge interdisciplinary postgraduate course on humanitarian action providing current and future humanitarian professionals with the conceptual and practical tools necessary to optimise responses to contemporary crises.

#### Objectives

On completion of the course, students will be able to critically analyse humanitarian responses through a thorough understanding of the concepts of humanitarian action and use of management and strategy tools to develop, coordinate and evaluate a humanitarian response.

#### Programme

The Master programme is a modular, executive training of 60 ECTS credits composed of four terms:

#### Term One: Critical Analysis of Humanitarian Action 24 ECTS Credits

- **M1:** Humanitarianisms
- **M2:** Contexts, Actions and Consequences
- **M3:** Revisiting Vulnerability and Needs
- **M4:** Humanitarian Governance, Norms and Principles
- **M5:** The Humanitarians

#### Term Two: Designing Strategies and Projects for Humanitarian Action 10 ECTS Credits

- **Option I:** Residential, in Geneva, Switzerland (duration: 7 weeks)
- **Option II:** Distance Learning (duration: 8 months)

#### Term Three: Humanitarian Programme Management and Implementation 10 ECTS Credits

Selection of five elective courses from the following list:

- Participatory Approaches with Crisis-Affected Communities
- Designing an Advocacy Strategy for Humanitarian Action
- Managing Staff in Humanitarian Crises
- Media and Humanitarian Action
- Negotiation in Humanitarian Crises
- Non-communicable Diseases in Humanitarian Contexts
- Sexual and Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Crises
- Climate Emergency and its Impacts on Health
- Livelihood and Cash Transfer Interventions in Humanitarian Action
- Protection in Humanitarian Action

#### Term Four: Dissertation or Work Experience 16 ECTS Credits

Dissertation to include:

- Literature review
- Context analysis
- Thematic issues analysis
- Case studies

Report on work experience placement during course

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# MAS MASTER OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## Option I – One year full - time

**Note:** Only this option is available for students applying for a scholarship.

**Duration:** from 15 September, 2020 to 31 August, 2021

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** 30 June, 2020

**Scholarship application deadline:** 29 February, 2020

**Credits:** 60 ECTS

**Tuition fee:** 15,000 CHF

## Option II – Flexible 2/3 years

With this option, the MAS can be taken over a two to three year period.

Students can commence at various times to suit their needs.

**Duration:** 2/3 years

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** 30 June, 2020

**Credits:** 60 ECTS

**Tuition fee:** 17,000 CHF

# DAS DIPLOMA OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Participants will understand the concepts of humanitarian action and will be able to critically analyse humanitarian responses and defend a well argued and clear positioning.

**Duration:** 14 weeks from 15 September to 17 December, 2020

**Dissertation period:** January to February, 2021

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** 30 June, 2020

**Scholarship application deadline:** 29 February, 2020

**Credits:** 30 ECTS

**Tuition fee:** 8,000 CHF

# CAS CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES

## DESIGNING STRATEGIES AND PROJECTS FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION

This certificate aims to reinforce the knowledge and skills necessary to confront current challenges faced by humanitarian actors. It emphasizes on designing adapted and flexible strategies and projects which integrate quality and accountability throughout all processes.

### Option I – Residential course

**Duration:** Seven weeks from 1 February to 19 March, 2021

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** 18 December, 2020

**Credits:** 10 ECTS

**Tuition fee:** 5,000 CHF

### Option II – Humanitarian Distance Learning Option

Eight month course studied remotely (approximately 8 hours per week) and a two-week residential course in Kampala, Uganda.

**Duration:** 7 September 2020 to 7 May, 2021

**Registration deadline:** 30 June, 2020

**Scholarship application deadline:** 31 May, 2020

**Credits:** 10 ECTS

**Tuition fee:** 6,500 CHF

## HEALTH OF POPULATIONS AFFECTED BY HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES

This course explores how and why maintaining and improving the health of populations affected by emergencies lies at the heart of humanitarian preparedness and response.

**Duration:** Seven weeks from 20 April to 5 June, 2020

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** 10 March, 2020 for people needing a visa and 30 March, 2020 for EU citizens

**Credits:** 10 ECTS

**Tuition fee:** 5,000 CH

## OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATION, ADVOCACY AND NEGOTIATION

This course explores how and why clear and efficient communication is essential to the success of projects carried out in humanitarian settings.

**Duration:** Seven weeks from 20 April to 5 June, 2020

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** 10 March, 2020 for people needing a visa and 30 March, 2020 for EU citizens

**Credits:** 10 ECTS

**Tuition fee:** 5,000 CH

## ESC EXECUTIVE SHORT COURSES IN COMMUNICATIONS, ADVOCACY AND NEGOTIATION - 2 ECTS CREDITS

### **PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES WITH CRISIS-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES**

This executive short course focuses on the understanding of the opportunities, challenges and limits of dialogue with communities to build constructive relationships; studying theories, case studies and practical implementation.

**Duration:** One week from 27 to 30 April, 2020

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

### **DESIGNING AN ADVOCACY STRATEGY FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION**

This executive short course helps develop strategic skills to better analyse specific contexts, map stakeholders, and design effective advocacy strategies in support of operational humanitarian projects.

**Duration:** One week from 4 to 8 May, 2020

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

### **MEDIA AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION**

This executive short course provides participants with a better understanding of traditional and social media and the use of media relations in humanitarian settings.

**Duration:** One week from 11 to 15 May, 2020

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

### **NEGOTIATION IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES**

This executive short course is a full time training which focuses on the design of adapted negotiation strategies, as well as the development of participant's self-awareness, using real case studies brought by participants.

**Duration:** One week from 25 to 29 May, 2020

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

### **ADVOCACY FOR HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS IN HEALTH**

This executive short course focuses on the tools and skills necessary to develop effective advocacy strategies for humanitarian interventions in the health area.

**Duration:** New dates for 2021 to be announced

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

## ESC EXECUTIVE SHORT COURSES IN HEALTH AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

### **SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT SETTINGS AND EMERGENCIES**

This executive short course is a full-time training which focuses on the design, implementation and evaluation of programmes dedicated to the prevention and mitigation of sexual violence. This course is delivered in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross, Médecins sans Frontières, Handicap International, OHCHR, UNFPA and UNHCR.

**Duration and Location:**

16 to 20 March 2020, Geneva

21 to 25 September 2020, Geneva,

22 to 27 November 2020, Entebbe (Uganda)

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

Please note for the Uganda course the registration fees do not include the cost of accommodation and meals, which is 650 CHF.

### **NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN HUMANITARIAN CONTEXTS**

This executive short course is a full-time training, which focuses on the particular challenges presented by non-communicable diseases in emergencies, as well as the design of adapted and effective projects to address non-communicable diseases. The course is delivered in partnership with the Centre for Global Chronic Conditions.

**Duration:** One week from 4 to 8 May, 2020

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

### **NEW CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND ITS IMPACTS ON HEALTH**

This executive course is a full time training, given by climate experts and humanitarian health practitioners, which focuses on the climate emergency and its impacts on health.

**Duration:** One week from 11 to 15 May, 2020

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

## SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

This executive course is a full time training, given by academic staff and humanitarian practitioners, which focuses on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) in humanitarian crises, using specific methods and tools. This course is delivered in partnership with the UN Population Fund (UNFPA).

**Duration:** One week from 18 to 22 May, 2020

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

## NEW HEALTH SYSTEM ASSESSMENT IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

Participants will familiarise with a health systems approach to health care for communities in low/middle-income countries affected by humanitarian crises, through case studies and taught by experts coming from or have lived in low/middle-income countries during or after humanitarian crises.

**Duration:** One week from 29 June to 3 July, 2020

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

## INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

This executive short course is a full-time executive training, which focuses on the analysis of the main issues arising in humanitarian crises, in order to develop a relevant context analysis.

**Duration:** New dates for 2021 to be announced

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

## NEW FIELD EPIDEMIOLOGY IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

This executive course is a full time training, given by epidemiologists, and humanitarian practitioners, which focuses on epidemiological methods and tools commonly used in the field during humanitarian crises.

**Duration:** New dates for 2021 to be announced

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

# ESC EXECUTIVE SHORT COURSES IN MANAGEMENT

## NEW MANAGING STAFF IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

Recent developments have pushed humanitarian actors to adapt their policy, revising measures to be taken to expose their staff to risks and adopt integrative decision-making processes. Participants will identify best practices that are relevant to their own management style, context and organisation.

**Duration:** New dates for 2021 to be announced

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

## NEW PROTECTION IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

This executive short course aims at analyzing the activities undertaken by humanitarian actors and the international community to protect the fundamental rights of specific categories of vulnerable communities, in accordance with human rights law, international humanitarian law and refugee law.

**Duration:** New dates for 2021 to be announced

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

## NEW LIVELIHOOD AND CASH TRANSFER INTERVENTIONS IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

This executive course is a full time training, which focuses on the assessment, design and implementation of effective livelihoods-related interventions for humanitarian responses, using specific tools and methods including Cash Transfer Programming and Rapid Market Assessment.

**Duration:** New dates for 2021 to be announced

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

## HUMANITARIAN PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT

This executive short course is a full-time training which focuses on the design of projects that take into account the specificity of humanitarian contexts.

**Duration:** New dates for 2021 to be announced

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.

**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

## AUDIENCE

- Professionals in the humanitarian, development or social sector looking to develop their competencies as well as reflect and capitalise on their experiences
- Professionals from other sectors who wish to increase their understanding of the humanitarian sector for a potential career change
- Graduate students with relevant volunteer or intern experience, looking to undertake a post-graduate course with a view to entering the humanitarian sector.

## LANGUAGE

All CERAH courses are run in English. Students need to prove their level of competence when applying.

**For more information visit:** [www.cerahgeneve.ch/educationapplication/](http://www.cerahgeneve.ch/educationapplication/)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who come from and work in countries designated as “least developed” “lower income” and “lower middle income” are eligible for scholarships in the **DAC list of ODA Recipients**

**Candidates can apply for a scholarship by filling in the [online application form](#).**

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