

EVALUATION OF HEALTH PROGRAMMES IN COMPLEX EMERGENCIES

SHORT COURSE



The Mission of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is to contribute to the improvement of health world-wide through the pursuit of excellence in research, postgraduate teaching, advanced training and consultancy in international public health and tropical medicine.

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This innovative course will provide an introduction to the theory, practice and methodologies required for the evaluation of health sector interventions in situations characterized as conflict induced humanitarian emergencies. It will take place at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine from 17 – 21 September 2001.

The course is co-ordinated by Dr Egbert Sondorp and Dr Tania Kaiser of the Conflict and Health Programme (Health Policy Unit, Department of Public Health & Policy). The course is part of a joint LSHTM / Merlin initiative to enhance the “Evidence Base for Humanitarian Aid”. It will be taught by staff members of the School and outside experts in the fields of evaluation, health programme implementation and humanitarian assistance.

BACKGROUND

Until fairly recently, evaluations of humanitarian assistance programmes were relatively rare. Concerns about the quality of the humanitarian response to the crisis in Rwanda and its aftermath precipitated recognition of the need for such assessment. The subsequent evaluation undertaken there was influential in developing and testing appropriate methodologies. Evaluation methods continue to evolve to meet the specific challenges of humanitarian programming. These include the need to assess agency performance in challenging circumstances and to utilize varied criteria to address complex issues such as protection. One concern is the extent to which beneficiary participation is an often stated, but rarely implemented component of evaluation processes. Another is the need to incorporate mechanisms of lesson learning as well as upward and downward accountability.

The gradual increase in the number and sophistication of humanitarian evaluations implies a demand for evaluators with relevant skills in evaluation and health sector interventions in the humanitarian context. Since a combination of these skills is still relatively rare, this Short Course aims to increase the number of people available to perform such evaluations. By these means we hope to contribute to increased learning capacity within the humanitarian system.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course has a dual focus; it offers instruction in practical evaluation tools as well as exploring some of the unresolved challenges of humanitarian assistance evaluation. It examines alternative approaches to evaluation and learning in the context of health programmes, and invites participants to share and debate their experiences. Informed by the latest thinking and experience in the fields of emergency health intervention and evaluation, the focus is on improving understanding and using this knowledge as a basis for change.

Field experience in humanitarian work is required. Applications would be welcome from health professionals who want to upgrade their evaluation skills. The course will also be relevant to evaluators with non-health sectoral specialisms. The course will be receptive to the expressed needs

and interests of registered participants. The number of participants will be limited to facilitate group work. Competence in English must be assured.

COURSE CONTENT

- An introduction to evaluation in emergency situations
- Evaluation and the project cycle; planning, choosing methods and incorporating lessons learned
- Evaluation criteria; humanitarian principles and the differences between work in emergency and non-emergency situations
- Evaluation, accountability and international standards for health; codes of conduct, the Sphere project, the Humanitarian Accountability Project
- Impact assessment and the unintended consequences of programming
- The need for participative approaches; involving beneficiaries / health service users
- Humanitarian assistance and its relationship to national and local health care systems
- Health sector interventions in context; the role of governments, donors, warring parties, organisations of civil society
- Data collection methodologies; qualitative and quantitative approaches, involving stakeholders and other key actors
- The human resource and other requirements of evaluation at different levels; project, programme, organisational, policy, system wide
- Analysis, interpretation, dissemination and use of evaluation findings

TEACHING METHODS

Teaching will be through a combination of lectures, discussions, seminars and informal workshops, involving group work and practical sessions.

Course notes and reference material will be provided at the start of the course. There will be no formal examination, but a Certificate of Attendance will be issued to those completing the course.

COURSE FEE

The total course fee is £650. The fee covers participation in the course, course materials, lunch on the first day and tea/coffee, but does not cover travel costs or accommodation. The full course fee is payable on notification of acceptance for the course and must be paid before 31 August 2001.

APPLICATIONS

Applicants should complete the application form and return it as soon as possible to:

Registry
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
50 Bedford Square
London WC1B 3DP
UNITED KINGDOM

Telephone: +44 (0)20 7299 4648
Fax: +44 (0)20 7323 0638
e-mail: shortcourses@lshtm.ac.uk
Internet: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk>

Those requiring further information about the course should contact the Course Co-ordinator,
Dr Tania Kaiser

Telephone: +44 (0)20 7927 2374
e-mail: tania.kaiser@lshtm.ac.uk

ACCOMMODATION

The School cannot provide accommodation for participants. A list of hotels and other accommodation located in the vicinity of the School can be supplied on request to the Registry.

APPLICATION FORM

Evaluation of Health Programmes in Complex Emergencies 17-21 September 2001

PLEASE WRITE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Surname or family name: _____

Forename(s) _____ Title: _____

Male/Female (delete as appropriate) Date of Birth: / /19

Nationality: _____

Country of Birth: _____

Country of normal residence: _____

Address for correspondence: _____

Post Code: _____

Daytime Telephone No: _____ Mobile No: _____

Fax No. _____

e-mail address: _____

If you have any medical condition, physical or other disability of which the School should be aware or which might call for special arrangements or facilities, you should attach a confidential letter.

How and where did you hear about the London school and the course to which you have applied?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement in | <input type="checkbox"/> University Careers Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> From an ex-student of the London School | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference or Fair in | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please give details | |

Main degrees or qualifications, diplomas and certificates held:

Approximate dates	Educational Institution	Name of course	Degree or Diploma
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Most recent employment

Employer _____

Position held _____

Dates of employment _____

Please describe briefly the work involved _____

Why do you wish to attend this course? _____

(Other) training or experience in evaluation? Please specify:

Course Fees:

If the course fee is to be paid on the candidate's behalf, please enclose a letter from the sponsors to confirm this. Otherwise the applicant will be held responsible for payment. Fees are payable in advance and attendance on a course may not begin until fees are fully paid. Cancellation of attendance on a course may lead to loss of all or part of the fee.

Declaration and signature of candidate seeking admission:

I declare that the information given on this application form is correct. I have read and understood the arrangements for payment of tuition fees to which arrangements I will adhere. I confirm that if admitted and while in attendance at the School I will follow the instructions given to me by the course organizers and the authorities of the School. I understand that School may cancel courses if numbers prove insufficient and in those circumstances course fees will be refunded.

Signature: _____

Date: / /