## WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMME?

# HUMANITARIAN Capacity Building

## Taking charge of health in emergencies



"I am a medical doctor of 20 years' but before the training had only a basic knowledge of nutrition. Since, I have been deployed and reached over 13,000 people. I am now courageous, not afraid to put my ideas forward."

Rachel Makunde, Programme Manager, Maternal New-born and Child Health, Tanzania.

Health capabilities in countries affected by disaster or conflict can become severely challenged. Individuals can become vulnerable to a range of health risks and problems from: child mortality to epidemics such as malaria; from HIV to mental health; and more.

Sustaining health of communities is fundamental and requires a professional response. Planning, integration, monitoring and evaluation and mobilising communities, are all key elements.

We partner humanitarian responders from across the sector, supporting them in their professional development, enabling them to identify their learning needs or practice their skills, working to their own goals, in the context in which they work. In the last five years, we have worked with practitioners from Tanzania to DRC, Somalia to Syria.

An effective partnership results in a country having the capacity to anticipate, prepare, deliver and sustain humanitarian responses. Professionals can then minimise the impact of emergencies and foster safe, healthy environments before, during and after.

We offer a tailored learning environment so humanitarians can make the difference needed.

## HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA:

This is a six-month course accredited by the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, combining face to face residential (including immersive simulations) online, and mentoring support.

Participants learn, and put their skills into action, across a range of subjects ranging from: how health and nutrition are affected by emergencies to HIV; from gender, health and nutrition in emergencies to vaccination; from health system strengthening to Infant and Young Child Feeding; from reproductive health to preventing epidemics- and much more.

"The training exceeded my expectations and helped standardise my skills in responding to different types of emergencies" The diploma is most suitable for programme managers or leaders currently working in health or nutrition programmes. A relevant degree and at least five years' professional are ideal.

AS OF 2019, A TOTAL OF 158 PEOPLE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE HEALTH AND NUTRITION DIPLOMA.

"The course enabled me to develop the technical, operational and decision-making skills necessary. Since, I have helped reactive the country (cholera) epidemic response team, give them a plan, and help improvise a cholera treatment unit. As a result, we contained the outbreak"

Alice Oyuko, Health Programme Manager, South Sudan (Diploma)

Participant, Professional Diploma in Humanitarian Health and Nutrition, 2018

#### OTHER PROGRAMMES WE OFFER INCLUDE:

## Effects of Emergencies on Health and Nutrition

Introduction and Advanced: these are available, free, online in English, Arabic, French or Spanish.

### OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH MODULES AVAILABLE:

## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) This is a package of modules: these are usually 3 -5 days' practical training, adapted based on participants' needs and their local context.

The Public Health team also works closely with a Training of Trainers team: Helping ensure that technical training continues to be rolled out to a high standard, strengthening the capacity of local areas to respond.

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"After my training, I wrote a proposal for UNICEF to conduct capacity building in Syria. It was agreed and next month I start training"

Nermin Dakkak, Integrated Management of Childhood Illness, Senior Officer.



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During 2018 and 2019 we have been active in delivering programmes for communities in Syria using funds from our Syria Appeal. For example:

- 25 people, from a range of national and international organisations, successfully completed the Health and Nutrition Diploma.
- We delivered 2 Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) short courses for Syrian 'nutrition cluster' (NW Syria, Southern Syria); 2 WASH courses, and 2 Training the Trainer courses.
- We developed a Mid-Level WASH training package, with an Arabic translation.