

Core Professional Training

20-22 January 2020

The Core Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy – an intensive three-day program – serves as an opportunity for experienced humanitarian practitioners, policymakers, and others operating in or dealing with conflict settings to deepen their understanding of international humanitarian law (IHL) and other legal frameworks applicable in times of war, and to explore related policy and operational challenges. Suitable for those both with and without prior legal training, the course covers the sources and development of IHL, key distinctions between international and non-international armed conflicts, the applicability of international human rights law in armed conflict, the obligations of State and non-State actors, implementation and enforcement of IHL, and the role of humanitarian actors in situations of armed conflict. Additional “flex sessions” respond to the interests and concerns of registrants and specific issues they are currently facing in their work.

Discussions, case studies, and exercises reinforce the learning objectives and connect theory with practice, exploring challenging issues that arise in humanitarian response settings, such as civilians participating in hostilities, the conduct of hostilities in urban settings, the use of certain weapons in highly populated areas, and the norms governing humanitarian access and assistance. Throughout the course, examples from contemporary conflicts illustrate the applicability of legal rules taking into account operational challenges faced by practitioners and highlighting how a deeper understanding of IHL contributes to a more effective protection and assistance work.

Thematic Workshop on Engaging Non-State Armed Groups for Humanitarian Protection

23-24 January 2020

The prevalence of armed conflicts involving armed non-State actors carries important legal, policy, and operational implications for humanitarian professionals. Focusing on their application to non-State armed actors, this workshop provides a review of the relevant bodies of international law, in particular international humanitarian law and international human rights law. It also offers an analysis of frameworks and methods for engagement with non-State actors on specific issues such as negotiating humanitarian access or developing humanitarian protection strategies. This workshop, organized in partnership with Geneva Call, aims at strengthening participants’ capacity to use international law to engage with non-State armed actors when appropriate in those challenging contexts and promote their respect of international norms in conflict situations.

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Agenda overview

This overview provides an indication the scope of the program – the details of the program are subject to change. For the latest information, please see the event page at <https://phap.org>

Core Professional Training

Monday, 20 January

- IHL as part of public international law
- Understanding the logic of IHL through its foundations and development
- Classification of situations of violence
- Analysis of conflict situations and identification of applicable law
- Status of individuals and targeting: Combatants and civilians

Tuesday, 21 January

- Conduct of hostilities and the law on targeting
- Targeting exercise
- Means and methods of warfare
- Human rights law in armed conflict
- Implementation of IHL

Wednesday, 22 January

- Children in armed conflict
- IHL and international criminal law (including war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity)
- Humanitarian access under IHL
- Principles and methods of humanitarian action

Thematic Workshop on Engaging Non-State Armed Groups for Humanitarian Protection

Thursday, 23 January

- The basis for humanitarian engagement with non-State armed groups (NSAGs)
- The obligations of NSAGs under international law
- Engagement actors and approaches
- In Focus: the approach of the ICRC
- Methods of engagement with NSAGs for humanitarian protection
- Group exercise

Friday, 24 January

- The challenge of counter-terrorism
- Other challenges and dilemmas
- In Focus: engaging with armed gangs
- Lessons learned and case studies
- Group exercise

Practical information

Regular cost-recovery participation fees

Core Professional Training (3 days): € 990
(non-member fee: € 1090)

Thematic Workshop only (2 days): € 690
(non-member fee: € 760)

Core Professional Training and
Thematic Workshop (5 days): € 1500
(non-member fee: € 1650)

The fee includes tuition, training materials, and meals provided during the training event. Member dues are € 80 annually. Read more about our group pricing and returning participant discount at www.phap.org

Applications

The Advanced Professional Training is open to professionals with a minimum of two years of relevant experience.

Applications can be submitted online via the PHAP website at www.phap.org/PDP-BKK2020-register



Course venue:

The Sukosol Bangkok

Note: Special rates for accommodation available at the Sukosol Bangkok.

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