Core Professional Training
11 - 13 December 2017
The Core Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy serves as an opportunity for experienced humanitarian practitioners and policy professionals to explore international humanitarian law (IHL) issues relevant to their work through an intensive, fast-paced, three-day program. The training is also designed to ensure that IHL norms and related legal frameworks are discussed in a tailored manner to address the practical needs and challenges participants face in their respective professional activities. Interactive sessions, case studies, and simulation exercises are therefore integrated into the curriculum. Expert academics and practitioners lead sessions covering 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. Throughout the course, instructors and participants use examples from contemporary conflicts to illustrate the applicability of legal rules to concrete challenges and how to make the best use of the legal language in complex situations, shaped by the interests of the parties to a conflict and by the need to uphold humanitarian principles.

Thematic Workshop on Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding in Armed Conflict
14-15 December 2017
The Thematic Workshop on Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding (MRF) in Armed Conflict is designed to enhance the capacity of humanitarian practitioners to conduct or support monitoring, reporting, and fact-finding activities on allegations of violations of international law during armed conflict. Considering the different roles and mandates of humanitarian actors when engaged in this work, it will address the relevant legal frameworks and the interplay between international law norms and related fact work on alleged violations, the various mechanisms involved in MRF and how they interact with one another, as well as the underlying objectives and goals of MRF. The Workshop will also look into the methodological, policy, and operational questions to consider to ensure credible and effective MRF activities.

The trainings are organised very well, those leading the sessions were clearly experts in their fields, and the combination of presentations/ discussions/ simulation exercises helps bridge between the theoretic principles and practical application. I would definitely recommend the training, and would suggest taking the thematic training that follows the core training.

- Participant in Jericho
Core Professional Training

**Monday, 11 December**
- Foundations and development of international humanitarian law (IHL) as part of public international law (PIL)
- Classification of situations (international and non-international armed conflicts)
- Status and classification of individuals under IHL (including protected persons)
- Implications of those qualifications for humanitarian actors

**Tuesday, 12 December**
- Regulating the conduct of hostilities: The law on targeting
- Challenges associated with civilians directly participating in hostilities
- Implementation and enforcement of IHL
- Human rights law in armed conflict

**Wednesday, 13 December**
- IHL and humanitarian engagement with armed non-State actors
- International criminal law (including war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide)
- Principles and methods of humanitarian action
- Challenges and opportunities related to IHL and humanitarian work
- Developing a protection strategy

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**Thursday, 14 December**
- Introduction to MRF: Definition, overview of the MRF landscape, and specifics of MRF in armed conflict
- Understanding the interplay between the facts and the law
  + How the relevant legal frameworks shape MRF work: Mandate, methodology, and goals
  + Identifying IHL and Human Rights violations
- Selected MRF mechanisms and their interactions:
  Convergence and differences, including the link between non-judicial MRF activities and criminal courts and tribunals
- Various standards of proof and their impact on MRF work, including for the use of different sources of information
- Case study (Part I): Identifying IHL violations

**Friday, 15 December**
- Modalities and challenges of MRF on specific IHL violations: Conduct of hostilities and sexual violence
- MRF activities and perpetrators: State actors vs. non-state actors
- Protection of witnesses, victims, and staff: Modalities and challenges throughout MRF activities, in particular for interviews
- Linking monitoring, reporting, and fact-finding to response, enforcement & advocacy: Accountability and other forms of impact
- Case study (Part II): Collecting information and use of findings based on the part I of the case study.

Practical information

**Regular cost-recovery participation fees**
- **Core Professional Training (3 days): € 900** (non-member fee: € 990)
- **Thematic Workshop only (2 days): € 600** (non-member fee: € 660)
- **Core Professional Training and Thematic Workshop (5 days): € 1350** (non-member fee: € 1485)

The fee includes tuition, training materials, and meals provided during the training event. Member dues are € 80 annually. Read more about our group pricing, early bird discount, 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-GVA2017CT

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