



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Basics of International Humanitarian Response (BIHR)

18-22 September and 8-12 October 2023

The UNHCR Regional Centre for Emergency Preparedness | eCentre is pleased to call for applications for a regional workshop on “Basics of International Humanitarian Response” (BIHR) which will be organized during:

- On-line sessions – Zoom platform: 18 to 22 September 2023
- In-person sessions in Hua Hin, Thailand: 8 to 12 October 2023

IMPORTANT: Participation in the first online phase of this course is mandatory to be able to join the in-person sessions in Thailand.

What is this workshop about? This workshop will provide a comprehensive introduction to the most current international standards and approaches during the preparedness and response phase of a humanitarian emergency – whether caused by armed conflict, human rights violations or natural disasters. Highly interactive and participatory, this event features hands-on skills practice, role plays, facilitated discussions and group exercises. Participants will have the opportunity to assess their own capacities and better understand the approaches of partner agencies, with a view to strengthening emergency response capacity and collaboration amongst a diverse network of partners.

Who is this workshop for? This initiative is designed for UNHCR partners in Asia and the Pacific (including governments, NGOs, UN and regional body actors) who are involved in, or expect to be involved in, emergency preparedness and response work in the humanitarian context. Applications from UNHCR staff can be accommodated but the majority of participants will represent a diverse array of partner organizations from throughout the region.

What are the main themes of the workshop?

- Emergency preparedness
- Emergency assessment basics
- Coordination of large-scale, multi-sectoral emergency responses
- Protection standards and human rights in emergency response
- International standards in sectoral responses (shelter, food, water, sanitation, hygiene, etc)
- Registration and distribution systems in emergencies
- Civil-military relations and humanitarian space issues
- Safety and security in the field, first aid, and stress management
- Humanitarian negotiation and working with the media in emergencies

What you will gain from attending the workshop?

- A better understanding of international frameworks, standards and effective practices for preparing and responding to humanitarian emergencies
- An appreciation of the importance of coordinating with diverse partners, and experience achieving this through practical exercises
- Enhanced confidence in your ability to work successfully in an emergency
- Strengthened ties with emergency management partners

How to apply and other details: If you are interested in attending this workshop, please fill out the attached application form and send it to the eCentre at nishimur@unhcr.org. **The application deadline is 26 July 2023.**

Language: Please note that this workshop will be conducted entirely in English therefore, participants must be highly proficient in written and spoken English.

Cost Coverage: UNHCR eCentre will only offer full sponsorship to selected participants from partner

organizations.