

2025 | 2026

Addressing Sexual Violence in Conflict and Emergency Settings



Credits

2 ECTS



Dates

15 June – 17 July 2026



Format

Online (combination of self-study time and live sessions). Live sessions are mandatory and take place once a week, usually in early afternoon CET.

This online course requires 10 hours of weekly work. To fully engage in learning activities, we recommend that participants take some time off and adjust their professional activities accordingly, with flexibility in working hours.



Language

English



Fees

- **Full price:** CHF 1'700 travel & accommodation costs not included
- **Partner rate (MSF, ICRC):** CHF 1'360 (20% discount) travel & accommodation costs not included
- **Special Rate for Government and NGO/CBO Staff:** CHF 850 travel & accommodation costs not included. Available exclusively to staff from local and national NGOs, CBOs, and government employees in low/middle-income countries. Proof of local employment and salary required.



Lecturer

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Short description

The overall objective of this course is to provide humanitarian mid-level and senior managers with the knowledge, competencies and skills required to conceive and operationalise a multidisciplinary approach in sexual violence prevention and response, both adapted to conflict and emergency settings and as an integral part of humanitarian operations. The course deepens participants' understanding of sexual violence, its root causes and contributing factors, and its impact on individuals and communities. The content adopts a survivor-centred and comprehensive approach to the core principles, challenges and practices by exploring multi-sectoral responses, including health, MHPSS and justice. Participants will be able to conceive safe and ethical interventions and will be competent to prevent and mitigate risks of sexual violence.

The course is delivered in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Médecins sans Frontières (MSF), Refugee Law Project (RLP), UNHCR, Utu Wetu Trust, academic scholars, independent sexual violence experts and practitioners and in collaboration with survivor leaders and groups.



Learning outcomes of the course

At the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Deepen understanding of sexual violence dynamics, its root causes and contributing factors, and its impacts on individuals and communities
- Conceive safe and ethical multi-sectoral interventions centered on victims/survivors' rights, needs and wishes
- Design activities contributing to sexual violence risk mitigation and prevention



Workload

Around 50 hours of work in total, i.e. around 6-7 hours of work each week, including:

1. Asynchronous self-study activities (such as case studies, videos, recorded slideshows, readings, written assignments etc.)
2. Synchronous live sessions (twice a week)



Structure of the course

- Core concepts and introduction to a Survivor-Centred Approach
- Survivors Voices and Networks
- Ethics and Methods of Data Gathering
- Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys
- Medical Care
- Pregnancy as a result of rape
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- Access to Justice
- Prevention and Risk Mitigation



Audience

- Mid-level and senior humanitarian managers currently working directly with victims/survivors of sexual violence or providing technical advice to or supervision of such programmes
- Other participants with relevant experience and expertise may be accepted if space is available



Admission requirements

1. A university qualification (Bachelor's degree or equivalent)
2. At least three years of relevant professional experience
3. Excellent command of English

Application deadline and registration

