



Building a Better Response Remote Learning Workshop

In order to strengthen the capacity of NGO personnel to coordinate with humanitarian systems in a manner that improves overall response to the needs of affected populations, a series of three-day remote workshops is being offered for NGO staff.

The aim of these workshops is to provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the international coordination system for large-scale emergencies and help participants identify where they can take action and engage directly within the system through a coordinated response. These 3-day workshops build on the Building a Better Response e-learning course (www.BuildingABetterResponse.org).

During the workshop, case studies, interactive activities, and group dialogues are used to enhance the knowledge gained from the e-learning, which participants are required to complete before attending the workshop. With the foundation of the e-learning content, in the workshop, topics such as humanitarian principles and standards, country-level leadership, and humanitarian programming cycle and financing will be addressed as they relate to coordination.

Latin America and
the Caribbean

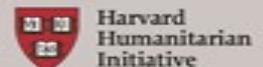
*April 27 – 29, 2021,
9 AM to 12 PM ET.*

*English Language
Remote Workshop*

Application process:

Interested applicants who meet the eligibility criteria should complete the application form and send it to: bbr@internationalmedicalcorps.org by April 14, 2021.

Applicants will receive confirmation if they are accepted shortly after the deadline. BBR workshops often receive more applications than there are spaces available. **Selection of participants is based on the quality of the application, applicants' meeting the eligibility criteria, as well as to ensure a diverse representation of participants.**



Background

The Building a Better Response project aims to provide training to strengthen the capacity of humanitarian actors to engage with the international humanitarian coordination system, including during complex humanitarian emergencies, and by doing so, improve coordination and response to the needs of affected populations. Funded by the US Agency for International Development, Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance, the project is being implemented through a consortium that brings together a combination of operational and technical expertise, spearheaded by International Medical Corps in collaboration with Concern Worldwide and the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative.

Target audience

The target audience for this workshop is staff ***working in Latin America and the Caribbean*** from local, national, or international NGOs, who are engaged in humanitarian response, have elements of humanitarian coordination included in their job responsibilities, and who are committed to promoting coordination within their organizations.

Ideal candidates include: staff who are regularly deployed on emergency response teams; HQ or field staff who are assigned to actively engage within clusters; NGO representatives on humanitarian leadership fora; personnel who are regularly required to interact with humanitarian funding mechanisms and the Humanitarian Programme Cycle; NGO staff responsible for capacity building/training within their organization specific to the content of this workshop; among others.

What you will learn

By the end of the 3-day workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe the foundations of humanitarian coordination and the current landscape of humanitarian response
- Analyze the unique challenges in coordination that NGOs face in responding to emergencies
- Identify how NGOs can enhance their involvement with the international humanitarian coordination system
- Commit to develop action items for post-workshop implementation that aim to increase the effectiveness of NGO engagement in coordination

Eligibility

Before submitting an application, please check that you meet all of the following eligibility requirements. Applications that do not meet these requirements will not be considered.

- Must work for an NGO
- Coordination must be an essential part of your job responsibility
- Must have a demonstrated commitment to coordination and a desire to spread learning to colleagues
- Must be able to speak, read, and write English with proficiency

Technology

As this workshop will take place remotely, you must have access to a laptop or desktop computer with a functioning webcam and stable internet connection. Participants also must be able to download and utilize Zoom, a free and secure internet communications platform.

Timing

This workshop will take place from 9 AM to 12 PM Eastern Standard Time. Please ensure your availability in your local time zone on the date of the workshop before applying.

Prerequisites

Participants who are selected to attend the workshop will be required to complete the following tasks prior to participation in the workshop:

- Take the entire Building a Better Response e-learning course and submit the certificates proving completion to the workshop organizers (certificates for units 1-5 and unit 6)
- Fill out an accompanying study guide
- Complete a case study exercise by reading a short country example and answering questions

Pre-workshop tasks will take approximately 5-10 hours to complete. It is assumed that workshop applicants have received permission from their supervisors to attend the workshop and complete the pre-work, and that all participants will arrive at the workshops with these tasks completed.

If you have already completed the BBR e-learning course, please submit the certificates along with your workshop application form. If you have not taken the e-learning yet, you will be required to do so prior to attending the workshop.

Costs

This workshop will be provided free of charge to all selected participants.

The Building a Better Response e-learning course aims to improve the knowledge of NGO staff and other humanitarian actors on the international coordination system for large-scale and complex emergencies, on humanitarian leadership, on the essentials of planning and financing a humanitarian response, and other important areas of humanitarian action.

The online BBR course is available in English, Arabic, and French. To access it, please register here: www.BuildingABetterResponse.org.



For more information on the BBR project, please visit: www.BuildingABetterResponse.org or contact: bbr@internationalmedicalcorps.org.