Infectious Diseases in Humanitarian Emergencies

This course is jointly organized with the World Health Organization. The WHO is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends.

Course Organisers
LSHTM:
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WHO:
Unit on Disease Control in Humanitarian Emergencies (DCE)
cdemergencies@who.int

Aims of the Course
This course is designed for those working in public health or related disciplines in developing countries, who have an interest and experience of infectious disease management in humanitarian emergencies and who would like to improve their skills or bring their knowledge up to date to support implementation of infectious disease projects/programmes in emergency settings.

The objectives are:
- To review epidemiology of infectious diseases in humanitarian emergencies (conflict and natural disasters);
- To explore the challenges of implementing infectious disease programmes in emergencies;
- To explore concepts in infectious disease risk assessment in emergencies;
- To review in depth the concepts in design and implementation of early warning/surveillance systems in emergencies;
- To review principles of outbreak investigation and outbreak management, including laboratory, media and communication, social mobilization, and infection control;
- To explore strategies in the prevention and control of key infectious diseases in emergencies.

Setting and Programme
The course will run for 5 days from 12 - 16 April 2010. Day 1 will introduce concepts and epidemiological indicators, review infectious disease epidemiology, conducting risk assessments and disease surveillance. Day 2 will cover outbreak investigation and response. Days 4-5 will cover the epidemiology of specific diseases (diarrhoeal diseases, acute respiratory infections, malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles and meningitis, pandemic influenza), and practical strategies for their prevention and control in emergencies.

Teaching Methods and Course Materials
Teaching will be through a mixture of lectures, cases studies, group exercises, discussions and practicals (including how to put on and remove personal protective equipment, how to use rapid diagnostic tests).

Assessment & Accreditation
Certificates of attendance will be provided to participants based on full participation during all sessions including completion of exercises.

Course Fee
The cost for the five-day programme will be £375. The fee covers participation in the course, course materials, tea/coffee, but does not cover travel nor accommodation. The full course fee is payable by 1 March 2010.

Accommodation
The School cannot provide accommodation for participants. A list of hotels and other accommodation located in the vicinity of the School can be obtained, on request, from the Registry.

Further Information
www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/short
www.who.int/diseasecontrol_emergencies/training
Alternatively, enquiries about specific course content can be sent to the Course Organisers;
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The Mission of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is to contribute to the improvement of health world-wide through the pursuit of excellence in research, postgraduate teaching and advanced training in national and international public health and tropical medicine, and through informing policy and practice in these areas.
The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) has an internationally excellent reputation in public health and tropical medicine, is a leading postgraduate medical institution in Europe and is Britain’s national school of public health. It is a major national and international focus of collaboration in teaching and research, where clinical, population, laboratory and social sciences are integrated to address the broad issues of health. Associated with the School as a teaching hospital is the Hospital for Tropical Diseases.

Courses take place either in the Keppel Street building, or teaching rooms in Malet Street or Bedford Square, five minutes walk away. The School is situated in the heart of London, in Bloomsbury, between the City (London’s financial quarter) and the busy West End, with its unparalleled shopping and entertainment facilities. There is easy access to the rest of central London and its many places of interest.

Applications
Applicants should complete the application form attached or download it from the School’s website, www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/howto/short.html, and return it as soon as possible to:

Registry
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
50 Bedford Square
UNITED KINGDOM

Telephone: +44 (0)20 7299 4648
Fax: +44 (0)20 7323 0638
Email shortcourses@lshtm.ac.uk
Website www.lshtm.ac.uk

In case applications exceed places, participants will be selected based on prior experience and likelihood of applying course content in field situations.

APPLICATION FORM
Infectious Diseases in Humanitarian Emergencies
12 – 16 April 2010

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Surname or family name: ____________________________
Forename(s): ____________________________
Title: (Dr/Mr/Mrs etc) ____________________________ Male □ Female □
Date of Birth: ____________________________
Nationality: ____________________________
Country of Birth: ____________________________
Country of normal residence: ____________________________
Address for correspondence: ____________________________
Postcode: ____________________________
Daytime Telephone No: ____________________________
Mobile No: ____________________________
Fax No: ____________________________
Email address: ____________________________

How and where did you hear about the School and the course to which you have applied?
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If you have any medical condition, physical or other disability of which the School should be aware or which might call for special arrangements or facilities, you should attach a confidential letter.

INTERNED SOURCE OF FUNDING

Self Financing □ Sponsor □

If being sponsored please send a letter of confirmation from your sponsor so that they can be invoiced for course fees as soon as possible.

Course Fees:
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Declarations and signature of candidate seeking admission:
I declare that the information given on this application form is correct. I have read and understood the arrangements for payment of tuition fees to which arrangements I will adhere. I understand that the School may cancel courses two weeks before the start date if numbers prove insufficient and in those circumstances course fees will be refunded.

Signed ________________________________ Date ____ /____ /____

Registrar

Do you have experience in infectious disease surveillance, prevention and control or in outbreak investigation and response?

How and when do you think you will be able to apply the knowledge gained through this short course?

Current Employment Details (Attach a separate sheet if required)

Employer ____________________________
Position held ____________________________
Dates of employment ____________________________

Please describe briefly the work involved ____________________________

Please specify experience with humanitarian work / infectious disease ____________________________

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INTENDED SOURCE OF FUNDING

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