

HAGA 5031 Community Participation in Emergency Response

Course Description:

The humanitarian aid community must cooperate with the national authorities to build or rehabilitate the basic infrastructure needed for access, shelter and the provision of life sustaining services. This work often has to be carried out on an emergency basis in far from ideal circumstances. This course will provide advanced knowledge of the technical requirements for the infrastructure needed in humanitarian emergencies. Students will be exposed to vital managerial decisions they must consider as they supervise teams of technical experts. Following the implementation of immediate infrastructure needs there remains the responsibility of humanitarian agencies to provide a range of basic services until such time as either the service is no longer required, the population has returned to its place of origin or the governmental agencies have the means and manpower to provide the services. This phase is often known as "care and maintenance". Students will have a clear understanding of the implications of these "open ended commitments" to a population and potential exit strategies

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