

Humanitarian Logistics HUAF 5030

This course aims to examine the current thinking and guidelines on humanitarian logistics.

It will concentrate on the practices applications and terminology of current logistic training utilized by the major agencies and accepted by the professional affiliated bodies. The syllabus will include formal class instruction but will rely heavily on case studies from seminal and current field examples.

Course Texts

WFP Logistic Handbook

Oxfam Logistics Handbook

Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chains Case Studies Routledge

Humanitarian Logistics INSEAD

Course requirements

Each of the students will have chosen this module either because they are practicing logisticians or because logistics impinges greatly on their field work. The students will all have had the basic logistic input as given in the IDHA course.

Day One

Morning

Humanitarian Aid Supply Chains

Logistics and supply chain management in humanitarian aid.

Afternoon

Supply Chain planning and controlling

Case Study "The Cluster System"

Day two

Morning

Procurement

Afternoon

Warehousing and Inventory Management

Case Study "Humanitarian Response depots"

Day three

Morning

Transport and Fleet Management

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Afternoon

Case Study “Democratic Republic of the Congo. Planning a supply chain with numerous complexities”

Day Four

Morning

Contracts, Imports and Exports

Afternoon

Case Study “Sudan. The new “One country logistics approach”

Friday

Morning

Humanitarian Logistic Agencies and the business community.

Private Humanitarian Logistic Companies.

The moral dilemma. Needs versus wants!

Afternoon

Case Study “Response to Natural disasters – Tsunami, Pakistan Myanmar

Case Study “Remote control operations – Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia