



HART

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TRAINING

DISASTERS

Course Overview:

For over thirty years, the HART-Disasters course has been CFE's flagship humanitarian assistance course, training an average of 400 in-person and approximately 12,000 via Joint Knowledge Online, military and civilian students each year. The HART-Disasters course prepares United States military commanders and their staffs to respond more effectively during civilian-led humanitarian assistance and foreign disaster response missions. This operational-level training course focuses on applying the military planning and decision-making process to the unique circumstances associated with a Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA) operation in response to a natural disaster. The course program utilizes theory grounded by U.S. Department of Defense joint doctrine, guidance from the U.S. Agency for International Development Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, and generally accepted international norms on humanitarian assistance and civil-military coordination. Case studies, small group practical applications, and role-playing exercises enhance lectures by civilian and military subject matter experts.

Participants will understand:

- The broader context and range of US Foreign
- Humanitarian Assistance (FHA);
- Military planning considerations and challenges, and application of the military decision making process for FHA operations;
- The philosophy, principles, and mechanisms that govern the international humanitarian response to disasters;
- The roles and relationships of key disaster response stakeholders: the Affected State, the Affected Population, Humanitarian Community, and Assisting States;
- The collaborative means employed by international humanitarian agencies;
- The internationally recognized principles of civil-military coordination;
- The criteria for the use of military assets and the military's unique supporting role during a foreign disaster response; and
- The logistics, information sharing, communication synchronization, and challenges likely to be faced by military responders during an HA/DR operation

Major topics to be covered include:

- Framing U.S. Foreign Assistance
- U.S. Foreign Humanitarian Assistance Architecture
- Operating Environment; Natural Disasters and the Affected State
- The International Humanitarian Response Community
- Civil-Military Framework; Assisting States, Foreign Military Assets (FMA)
- Response Logistics
- Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response (HA/DR) Information Sharing
- Military Planning Considerations and Challenges for FHA Operations; USINDOPACOM FHA CONPLAN
- Response Operations Case Studies (such as 2015 Nepal Earthquake, 2014 Ebola - West Africa, and 2021 Haiti Earthquake Response)

Target audience (recommended): O3-O6, E6-E9, DoD civilians who in their professional duties may plan for or be called to execute a Foreign Disaster Relief (FDR) mission, or through security cooperation engagements or exercises engage in HADR activities.

HART Course Schedule:

Please visit the HART-D webpage for more course information, dates and locations:

www.cfe-dmha.org/hart-d

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