

LANGUAGE

All teaching and course materials are in English, so it is essential that participants are fully conversant in English.

RESOURCE PERSONS

This course is being conducted in partnership between the University of South Dakota's Disaster Mental Health Institute (DMHI) and Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC).

Dr. Gerard A. Jacobs Ph.D., Professor and Institute Director of DMHI will be the primary resource person for this course. His academic and professional biography can be read online at:
<http://www.usd.edu/dmhi/faculty.cfm#GAJ>

Internationally experienced practitioners and experts from different organizations will complement DMHI & ADPC's expertise.

COURSE FEE

The course fee is US\$ 1,750 per participant, which includes the cost of tuition, course materials, breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks and accommodation for the five days of the course. It does not include costs for additional extra nights accommodation or dinners. Travel is to be arranged and paid directly by participants.

GROUP DISCOUNT

Organisations that send five participants to this course are entitled to send a sixth person without paying the course fee. ADPC has established this arrangement in recognition of the special needs of sponsoring organizations who wish to send large groups to the course. The sponsoring organization will still be responsible for travel, board and lodging of the sixth participant.

PAYMENT

The course fee should be paid by bank transfer or international demand draft (DD) at least one month prior to course commencement. A personal cheque is not acceptable. Please provide details of how you intend to make payment with your application.

DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE (DMHI)

The mission of the Disaster Mental Health Institute (DMHI) is the promotion, development, and application of both practice and research in disaster mental health. The Institute was founded in 1993, and has been designated a South Dakota Board of Regents Center of Excellence since 1997.

ASIAN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTER (ADPC)

Established in 1986, ADPC is the lead regional resource center dedicated to disaster risk reduction in Asia and the Pacific. ADPC works with governments, NGOs and communities of the Asia and Pacific region to strengthen their capacities in disaster preparedness, mitigation and response through professional training, technical assistance, regional program management and information and research.

ADPC offers a number of courses in managing the health aspects of disasters through its Public Health in Emergencies team.

ADPC ALUMNI

ADPC's alumni occupy leadership positions across numerous sectors in at least 50 countries of the Asia-Pacific Region. Many of them play pioneering and institution-building roles, and have contributed significantly to the enhancement of disaster management and health emergency management capabilities in the region. They retain their links with ADPC and many are actively involved in partnerships facilitated by ADPC at the regional and national levels. Successful completion of the CBPSD will qualify you to join in this distinguished and rich heritage, which is continually enriched by new inductees.

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Community Based Psychosocial Support in Disasters 2

CBPS

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Bangkok, Thailand



COURSE OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES

CBPSD aims to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to develop, implement and coordinate psychological support programs in disaster situations. The strong programmatic focus will benefit mental health program managers, disaster mental health coordinators, disaster management specialists, psychologists, and community development and welfare practitioners to understand the particular needs of people in the wake of disasters and provides practical tools to manage a community response program to the situation.

COURSE CURRICULUM

The CBPSD course covers the following topics delivered over multiple sessions:

1. Introduction, History and Regional context

Provides a background to community-based psychological support programs and theory and looks at the history of CBPSD programs in the Asia region.

2. Psychological Responses to Traumatic Events

Examines ordinary responses of people to extraordinary situations and within the disaster context. Individual sessions study the reactions of children to traumatic events and the impact of disasters upon special needs groups.

3. Program Development

Discusses the components of a successful CBPSD program, developing a Psychological First Aid network, and looks at CBPSD in a broader psychological support context.

4. Psychological Care

An overview of techniques and issues involved in psychological support including intervention, the 'do no harm' principle, and care of psychological support teams.

COURSE DELIVERY STRATEGY

The course will promote the sharing of relevant technical and managerial skills and knowledge and will equip participants with appropriate decision making, strategic and analytical processes. It will encourage participants to think creatively and will utilize contemporary adult learning methodologies, including:

- Interactive lectures
- Classroom exercises
- Discussions
- Case studies
- Research
- Group work
- Videos

Participants are asked to participate fully in all of the above course activities. Certificates will be awarded to participants who complete all course requirements.

PARTICIPANTS

The course is designed for professionals working in the field of psychological support in the disaster context. It has a strong programmatic and planning component. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the ideas of Psychological First Aid and psychosocial support programs, and discuss problems and ideas in those areas.

REGISTRATION

Interested persons can register as individuals or through their employer organization. Applicants sponsored by an organization should provide a letter of endorsement/sponsorship from their organization. Please register using an ADPC Application Form, which can be submitted by mail, fax or email; the relevant contact information is provided later in this brochure. On-line application can also be made through the ADPC website at: <http://www.adpc.net/training/form.html>.

Pre-course information will be provided once your registration for the course is confirmed.

CANCELLATION

If you are unable to attend, a substitute applicant is welcome to attend in your place. Cancellation of attendance should be notified at least 3 weeks prior to course commencement; in which case, a full refund less 15% of course fee for banking charges and administrative costs will be made. No refunds are available for cancellation within 3 weeks prior to course commencement.



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