Invitation to Apply

Safety in the Field:
Operating in Complex Security Environments

Fort Thanarat, Hua Hin, Thailand, 22-28 July 2018

The UNHCR Regional Centre for Emergency Preparedness (eCentre) is pleased to call for applications to the aforementioned field-based exercise, which is co-sponsored with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

What is this workshop about?

Humanitarian and development workers are increasingly called upon to work in complex security environments. Awareness of the threats — and how to respond appropriately to security incidents — can be a matter of life or death. This field-based exercise addresses basic elements of personal security for staff in the field, but it also highlights security risk management tools and strategies for maintaining operations in complex security environments as well as interlinkages between security and protection.

The event will achieve these objectives through participatory classroom sessions, exercises designed to enhance, build and practice skills, the use of case studies from participant operations, and the practical application of concepts through realistic field simulations.

Who is this workshop for?

This initiative is designed for professionals engaged in humanitarian or development activities, particularly those working in high-risk or complex security environments in the Asia-Pacific region. Participants learn how to improve their own and others' safety thorough discussion of real cases, exercises and demonstrations, and above all practical application of lessons in real-life field simulations.

Participants will include a dynamic mix of staff from JICA, UNHCR and partner institutions, including a diverse array of government and civil society actors.

What are the main themes of the workshop?

This exercise will address a number of themes, including:

- The nexus between security, preparedness and field operations
- Humanitarian principles and humanitarian space issues
- Linkages between security and protection
- Assessing and mitigating risk, with a view to staying and delivering - operation continuity
- Office and residential security
- Threats associated with travel, crowds and mobs
- Weapons awareness: firearms, mines, UXOs and IEDs
- Hostage survival
- Reducing hostility and tension in others
- Special security concerns for women and girls
- Field communications, map reading, GPS and first aid skills
- Stress management and team work

Application process and funding

If you would like to apply to participate in this event, please fill out the attached application form and send it to the eCentre by **10 June 2018**, at kosaka@unhcr.org (copy to ecentre@unhcr.org). Kindly note that this event will be conducted in the English language and, thus, participants MUST be proficient in written and spoken English. The UNHCR eCentre will cover the costs of participation for accepted applicants in accordance with its funding policy – please see below.

UNHCR eCentre Funding Policy

The eCentre seeks to maximize the impact of limited resources to enable the participation of the most qualified candidates consistent with the eCentre's project scope, and to ensure that funding is prioritized based on need.

The eCentre will provide only a limited number of slots with full funding – the sending UNHCR offices/organizations shall provide justification for having the full scholarship.

UNHCR eCentre fully funded participants' coverage:

- Event tuition (i.e., cost of content development, venue rental, facilitation, provision of expert resource persons, exercise equipment and personnel, etc);
- Event materials (event guide and CD, other handouts, guidebooks and other materials);
- Transportation to and from the event location;
- Lodging and meals at the event location;
- Coffee, tea and snacks during event breaks.
- A partial daily subsistence allowance (DSA)

UNHCR eCentre partially funded participants' coverage:

Option 1
- Event tuition;
- Event materials;
- Accommodation;
- Coffee, tea and snacks during event breaks.

Option 2
- All as above excluding accommodation

Partially funded participants (option 2) normally include the following categories of applicants:

- Staff members of sister UN agencies, programmes and funds (i.e., other than UNHCR);
- Staff members of government agencies of Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and Singapore.**

* *Asia-Pacific Region*
The eCentre uses as its definition of the Asia-Pacific Region that of UNHCR's Regional Bureau of Asia and the Pacific (RBAP), which comprises the following countries having UNHCR representation: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. The various Pacific Island nations are also part of the region as defined by UNHCR.
**Unless the activity is co-funded by the Government of the sending organization of the participant

The priority in allocating places at the workshop will be given to candidates pre-selected by UNHCR Offices in Asia-Pacific region facing complex emergency situation or included in the High Alert List for Emergency Situation (up to 3-4 participants: 1-2 Government, NGO and UNHCR participants). Final selection of candidates will be carried out by eCentre in consultation with country offices.