

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

# SAFETY IN THE FIELD (SiF): OPERATING IN COMPLEX SECURITY ENVIRONMENTS

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UNHCR eCentre is pleased to call for applications for the upcoming Safety in the Field workshop (with field exercise), co-organised by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

## What is the SiF about?

Humanitarian and development workers are increasingly called upon to work in complex security environments. Awareness of the threats they face, and how to respond appropriately, can be a matter of life or death for these practitioners. **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.

This workshop will be facilitated by trainers specialised in adult learning pedagogy, as well as subject matter experts, employing participatory classroom sessions, case studies from participant operations, and the practical application of concepts through exercises and realistic field simulations. Participants will also be guided through an Action Planning process to help them design a plan for implementing the skills and practices learned at the workshop.

## Target training audience

This initiative is designed for junior to mid-level government, NGO and UN professionals engaged in humanitarian or development activities. Preference will be given to those working in high-risk or complex security environments in the Asia-Pacific region.

eCentre trainings are focused on building interagency capacity and often include a dynamic mix of professionals from a variety of country operations and nationalities. **As this event will be conducted in English, participants must be strongly proficient in spoken and written English.**

All applicants are encouraged to coordinate their application with UNHCR office. Priority will be given to organizations cooperating or planning to cooperate with UNHCR. Sending offices will be asked to co-fund participation of their nominees. UNHCR eCentre will offer limited full scholarships for selected participants.



## Main themes of the course

- 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 operational continuity
- Office and residential security
- Threats associated with travel, crowds and mobs
- Weapons awareness: firearms, mines, UXOs, 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

## Applying for the course

Interested professionals should fill out an application form and submit it to [kosaka@unhcr.org](mailto:kosaka@unhcr.org) (copied to [ecentre@unhcr.org](mailto:ecentre@unhcr.org)) before **23 April 2019** in order to be considered. Please note that participants will be required to commit to carrying out their action plans and respond to 1 or 2 follow-up surveys.

Please note that there are a limited number of places for each workshop; application does not guarantee participation. We apologize for this in advance and will make every effort to consider these applications for future workshops.