



BUILDING A BETTER RESPONSE

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About BBR

The Building a Better Response (BBR) project aims to enhance the capacity of national and international NGO workers and other humanitarian actors to engage with the international humanitarian coordination system in a manner that improves the overall response to the needs of crisis-affected populations. Since 2012, BBR has been continuously working to address critical knowledge gaps in the humanitarian community by providing learning tools that are widely accessible around the globe.

The Building a Better Response project is led by International Medical Corps in collaboration with Concern Worldwide and the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. It is funded by the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). BBR is being implemented through a consortium that leverages a unique combination of operational and technical expertise. We aim to fill knowledge gaps by providing an easily accessible and high quality online platform, as well as in-person trainings geared toward all humanitarian actors at any point in their career.



Learning Tools

The Building a Better Response curriculum was developed based on consultation with more than 400 national and international NGO staff. The consultations took place in 2012 and confirmed the knowledge gaps and the need to train humanitarian personnel on the humanitarian coordination system. BBR partners developed the various learning tools based on the feedback received during the consultations, as well as a review of existing learning materials.

Workshops

BBR offers a variety of workshops to different audiences and in various locations worldwide. Offerings include 1-day introductory workshops to train humanitarian professionals on the cluster approach, humanitarian leadership, and humanitarian financing; and 3-day workshops employing an integrated learning methodology that combines e-learning and in-person training. Case studies, interactive activities, group dialogues, and a simulation exercise are used to illustrate key topics from the e-learning. More than 60 workshops have been held thus far in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, and North America.



E-Learning

The BBR e-learning course was designed to reach all humanitarian actors at any time and location in the world. It works on all desktop and mobile devices with fast and/or low speed internet connection. It is free of charge and self-paced. More than 40,000 people have registered for the course, representing hundreds of NGOs and other agencies.

The e-learning consists of six units:

- Foundations of Humanitarian Action
- The International Humanitarian Architecture
- The Cluster Approach
- Planning and Funding the Humanitarian Response
- International Law and Humanitarian Standards
- Complex Humanitarian Emergencies



Users who successfully complete the online course will be granted a certificate from the Humanitarian Academy at Harvard. The e-learning is available in Arabic, English, and French.

Webcasts

The Field Perspectives webcast series features exclusive interviews with international professionals engaged with the humanitarian coordination system. The series explores complex topics such as risk mitigation, leadership development, and accountability in the field. This video interview series highlights the views of various humanitarian practitioners on the current and future state of humanitarian system.

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