

- 6.4b Unit 2:** Introduces participants to hands-on techniques in Basic Life Support (BLS), Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) etc.
- 6.5: Module V: Introduction to Disaster Management**
- 6.5a Unit 1:** Is an overview of the Disaster Management Cycle
- 6.5b Unit 2:** Deals with Education and Public Awareness of Emergencies/Disasters
- 6.5c Unit 3:** Discusses the use of Technologies in Disaster Management
- 6.5d Unit 4:** Dissects the role of the Media in Disaster Management
- 6.5e Unit 5:** Deals with Disaster Associated Health Issues
- 6.5f Unit 6:** Provides an Overview of the Incidence Command System (ICS) in Disaster Management

7.0 TRAINING METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

Methods: Competency-Based Methods

Techniques:

- Presentations*
- Exercise and group work*
- Case studies*
- Short Videos followed by discussions*
- Simulation and role play*
- Field Trips*

7.1 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The course is opened to governmental, non-governmental & corporate bodies, with special focus on middle to high-level decision makers in the area of emergency preparedness & disaster management, for example:

- NADMO*
- Local Government*
- Ghana Health Service*

8.0 OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

Participants will be assessed on the basis of participation and assignments. There will be an award of certificate on emergency preparedness & management accredited by the University of Ghana, Legon.

9.0 FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

The course fee is US\$2000 for foreign participants to be paid or transferred before the course begins to SPH account No. 0161094410050402, Ecobank Ghana, Legon Branch.

The fee for Ghanaian participants will be the Cedi equivalent of US\$1500 to be paid into SPH account No. 0160014410050401, Ecobank Ghana, Legon Branch before the course starts. The course fees include trainer costs, training materials, field trips, certificate awards and the use of University health facilities for minor ailments.

Participants and/or the organisations sponsoring them are responsible for the costs of transportation, accommodation, food, travel insurance and incidental expenses.



10.0 RESOURCE PERSONS

Both local and International practitioners and experts in different aspects of emergency preparedness and disaster management from academia, public and private institutions will complement the University of Ghana, School of Public Health's in-house expertise to teach/facilitate the program.



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1.0 UNIVERSITY OF GHANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The School of Public Health (SPH) was established in October 1994 through a collaboration between the Ministry of Health in Ghana and the University of Ghana. In addition to the Master in Public Health programme started in January 1995, the school offers certificate courses on specific health issues.

The School aims at producing Public Health Practitioners and other development officials who will serve as leaders and change agents in the field of social development in Ghana and in the wider African context. It is one of the three Public Health Institutions in Africa that subscribes to the Philosophy of a School Without Walls meaning that attempts are made to achieve an optimum mix of classroom and field work. The School has refocused its training objectives to address emerging new health and social problems as well as satisfy the needs of the ever increasing students who apply for training in the various fields of Public Health. Given that many of the new challenges faced by our society do not require the skills gained during degree granting programmes, it has become necessary to develop competency based skills training short courses to address the critical skill-gaps

2.0 RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE

Emergencies/disasters be they natural or man-made could occur anytime without warning. The more one is prepared, the greater the possibility of minimizing their impact on loss of lives and properties. The recent outbreak of EBOLA in West Africa has increased the desire of several countries in the sub-region including Ghana to have such training in emergency preparedness, especially medical emergencies.

3.0 TARGET GROUP / INSTITUTIONS

This course is the first of its kind in Ghana and is open to participants from Governmental institutions, the private sector & NGOs, especially those involved in emergency preparedness & disaster management. Institutions such as:

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| <i>NADMO</i> | <i>Security Services sector</i> |
| <i>EPA</i> | <i>Ministry of Local Government</i> |
| <i>Health sector</i> | <i>Petroleum sector</i> |
| <i>Mining sector</i> | <i>Financial Services</i> |
| <i>Transport sector</i> | <i>Educational sector</i> |
| <i>Construction sector</i> | <i>Hospitality industry</i> |
| <i>Energy sector</i> | <i>Agricultural sector</i> |
| <i>Service sector</i> | <i>Manufacturing sector</i> |
| <i>etc</i> | |

4.0 DURATION

This is a one (1) week course which will take place each year



at the University of Ghana, Legon in Accra-Ghana.

5.0 GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

5.1 GOAL

The course aims to strengthen the capacity of governmental, non-governmental and corporate institutions in emergency planning and disaster management.

The course is designed to enable professionals working in emergency preparedness and disaster management capacities to effectively integrate disaster management into their development programs and policies. Participants will develop key skills and adopt proactive attitudes through participation in interactive lectures and reflection on a range of key issues raised during discussions and practical activities

5.2 OBJECTIVES

At the end of the training, participants will have acquired both theoretical and practical knowledge to enable them predict, plan, and manage emergencies/disasters and related challenges.



6.0 COURSE CONTENT

The course is divided into five (5) modules, with each module further divided into units

- 6.1: Module 1: Emergency Planning and Preparedness**
- 6.1a Unit 1:** Focuses on the overview of Emergency Response
- 6.1b Unit 2:** Deals with the Emergency Planning Process
- 6.1c Unit 3:** Involves Preparation and Operationalization of the Emergency Response Plan

- 6.2: Module II: Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety**
- 6.2a Unit 1:** Deals with Principles of Health and Safety Management
- 6.2b Unit 2:** Examines Health and Safety Management Systems at the work place
- 6.2c Unit 3:** Looks at Promotion of Strong Health and Safety Culture in the workplace



- 6.3: Module III: Health Emergencies**
- 6.3a Unit 1:** Deals with Public Health Emergencies
- 6.3b Unit 2:** Takes a critical look at Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness
- 6.3c Unit 3:** Focuses on Epidemic and Pandemic Risk Communication
- 6.3d Unit 4:** Deals with Epidemic and Pandemic Response

- 6.4: Module IV: Medical and Trauma Emergencies**
- 6.4a Unit 1:** Is the didactic aspect of Medical and Trauma Emergencies