

Responding to Emergencies, Protecting the Environment

Localisation of Environment in Humanitarian Action Capacities

Tailor-made and site-adapted Environment in Humanitarian Action (EHA) Trainings in selected Humanitarian Contexts.



In recent years, the nexus between the environment and humanitarian action has become increasingly significant. Environmental degradation and climate change can exacerbate humanitarian crises, while humanitarian actions can have substantial environmental impacts. Climate change, in particular, is intensifying natural disasters, displacing communities, and straining resources. Integrating environmental and climate considerations into humanitarian efforts is crucial for ensuring that these actions are sustainable and do not inadvertently harm the very communities they aim to support. This approach, known as Environment in Humanitarian Action (EHA), is essential for creating more effective and resilient responses to crises.

The "Localisation of Environment in Humanitarian Action" project aims to enhance the capacity of local actors in integrating environmental considerations into humanitarian actions. Utilizing the curriculum from the JEU's existing online course "Environment in Humanitarian Action (EHA)," the project will update and adapt the content to reflect the latest knowledge and developments.

The training will be tailored to the specific contexts and needs of two selected countries: Bangladesh and Syria. The updated EHA training will be extended into a comprehensive 5 to 7-day program, followed by a 2-day Training of Trainers (ToT) session.



JEU's online EHA training.





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Key Outcomes



Enhanced Capacity on Environment in Humanitarian Action:

The project aims to significantly enhance the capacity of local actors to integrate environment in humanitarian actions, thereby making humanitarian actions more effective, efficient, sustainable and contextually appropriate.



Localisation and Nexus Integration:

The project's focus on enabling local actors and engaging development stakeholders aligns with the growing emphasis on localisation in humanitarian and development work. By involving those who are closest to the challenges, the project ensures that responses are culturally relevant and contextually sensitive.



Knowledge Sharing and Replication:

By training local actors to become trainers themselves, the project intends a sustainable cycle of knowledge dissemination.

Main Stakeholders

Local Humanitarian and Environmental Practices:

- Local non-governmental and community-based organizations
- Relevant local governmental entities and authorities
- **Development and Environment organizations**
- International and Multilateral Organizations

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For more information on the project: eecentre.org/localisation-of-environment-in-humanitarian-action

JOINT ENVIRONMENT UNIT:

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) respond as one UN to the environmental dimensions of emergencies. The partnership assists countries affected by disasters and crises and works to enhance the sustainability of humanitarian action.