This Master programme is a cutting-edge interdisciplinary postgraduate course on humanitarian action providing current and future humanitarian professionals with the conceptual and practical tools necessary to optimise responses to contemporary crises.

Objectives
On completion of the course, students will be able to critically analyse humanitarian responses through a thorough understanding of the concepts of humanitarian action and use of management and strategy tools to develop, coordinate and evaluate a humanitarian response.

Programme
The Master programme is a modular, executive training of 60 ECTS credits composed of four terms:

Term One: Critical Analysis of Humanitarian Action
24 ECTS Credits
- M1: Humanitarianisms
- M2: Contexts, Actions and Consequences
- M3: Revisiting Vulnerability and Needs
- M4: Humanitarian Governance, Norms and Principles
- M5: The Humanitarians

Term Two: Designing Strategies and Projects for Humanitarian Action 10 ECTS Credits
- Option I: Residential, in Geneva, Switzerland (duration: 7 weeks)
- Option II: Distance Learning (duration: 8 months)

Term Three: Humanitarian Programme Management and Implementation 10 ECTS Credits
Selection of five elective courses from the following list:
- Participatory Approaches with Crisis-Affected Communities
- Designing an Advocacy Strategy for Humanitarian Action
- Managing Staff in Humanitarian Crises
- Media and Humanitarian Action
- Negotiation in Humanitarian Crises
- Non-communicable Diseases in Humanitarian Contexts
- Sexual and Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Crises
- Climate Emergency and its Impacts on Health
- Livelihood and Cash Transfer Interventions in Humanitarian Action
- Protection in Humanitarian Action

Term Four: Dissertation or Work Experience 16 ECTS Credits
Dissertation to include:
- Literature review
- Context analysis
- Thematic issues analysis
- Case studies
Report on work experience placement during course
**MAS**

**Option I – One year fulltime**

*Note:* Only this option is available for students applying for a scholarship.

- **Duration:** from 15 September, 2020 to 31 August, 2021
- **Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Registration deadline:** 30 June, 2020
- **Scholarship application deadline:** 29 February, 2020
- **Credits:** 60 ECTS
- **Tuition fee:** 15,000 CHF

**Option II – Flexible 2/3 years**

With this option, the MAS can be taken over a two to three year period.

Students can commence at various times to suit their needs.

- **Duration:** Two/Three years
- **Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Registration deadline:** 30 June, 2020
- **Scholarship application deadline:** 29 February, 2020
- **Credits:** 60 ECTS
- **Tuition fee:** 17,000 CHF

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**DAS**

**DIPLOMA OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION**

Participants will understand the concepts of humanitarian action and will be able to critically analyse humanitarian responses and defend a well argued and clear positioning.

- **Duration:** 14 weeks from 15 September to 17 December, 2020
- **Dissertation period:** January to February, 2021
- **Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Registration deadline:** 30 June, 2020
- **Scholarship application deadline:** 29 February, 2020
- **Credits:** 30 ECTS
- **Tuition fee:** 8,000 CHF

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**CAS**

**CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES**

**DESIGNING STRATEGIES AND PROJECTS FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION**

This certificate aims to reinforce the knowledge and skills necessary to confront current challenges faced by humanitarian actors. It emphasizes on designing adapted and flexible strategies and projects which integrate quality and accountability throughout all processes.

**Option I – Residential course**

- **Duration:** Seven weeks from 1 February to 19 March, 2021
- **Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Registration deadline:** 18 December, 2020
- **Credits:** 10 ECTS
- **Tuition fee:** 5,000 CHF

**Option II – Humanitarian Distance Learning Option**

Eight month course studied remotely (approximately 8 hours per week) and a two-week residential course in Kampala, Uganda.

- **Duration:** 7 September 2020 to 7 May, 2021
- **Registration deadline:** 30 June, 2020
- **Scholarship application deadline:** 31 May, 2020
- **Credits:** 10 ECTS
- **Tuition fee:** 6,500 CHF

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**ESC**

**EXECUTIVE SHORT COURSES IN COMMUNICATIONS, ADVOCACY AND NEGOTIATION - 2 ECTS CREDITS**

**PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES WITH CRISIS-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES**

This executive short course focuses on the understanding of the opportunities, challenges and limits of dialogue with communities to build constructive relationships; studying theories, case studies and practical implementation.

- **Duration:** One week from 27 to 30 April, 2020
- **Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.
- **Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

**DESIGNING AN ADVOCACY STRATEGY FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION**

This executive short course helps develop strategic skills to better analyse specific contexts, map stakeholders, and design effective advocacy strategies in support of operational humanitarian projects.

- **Duration:** One week from 4 to 8 May, 2020
- **Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.
- **Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

**MEDIA AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION**

This executive short course provides participants with a better understanding of traditional and social media and the use of media relations in humanitarian settings.

- **Duration:** One week from 11 to 15 May, 2020
- **Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.
- **Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF
ADVOCACY FOR HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS IN HEALTH
This executive short course focuses on the tools and skills necessary to develop effective advocacy strategies for humanitarian interventions in the health area.

**Duration:** New dates for 2021 to be announced
**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.
**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

NEGOTIATION IN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS
This executive short course is a full time training which focuses on the design of adapted negotiation strategies, as well as the development of participant’s self-awareness, using real case studies brought by participants.

**Duration:** One week from 25 to 29 May, 2020
**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.
**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

EXECUTIVE SHORT COURSES IN HEALTH AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS - 2 ECTS CREDITS

SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT SETTINGS AND EMERGENCIES
This executive short course is a full-time training which focuses on the design, implementation and evaluation of programmes dedicated to the prevention and mitigation of sexual violence. This course is delivered in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross, Médecins sans Frontières, Handicap International, OHCHR, UNFPA and UNHCR.

**Duration:** One week from 16 to 20 March, 2020, Geneva
22 to 27 November, 2020, Entebbe (Uganda)
**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.
**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN HUMANITARIAN CONTEXTS
This executive short course is a full-time training, which focuses on the particular challenges presented by non-communicable diseases in emergencies, as well as the design of adapted and effective projects to address non-communicable diseases. The course is delivered in partnership with the Centre for Global Chronic Conditions.

**Duration:** One week from 4 to 8 May, 2020
**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.
**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND ITS IMPACTS ON HEALTH
This executive course is a full time training, given by climate experts and humanitarian health practitioners, which focuses on the climate emergency and its impacts on health.

**Duration:** One week from 11 to 15 May, 2020
**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.
**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN HUMANITARIAN CRISSES
This executive course is a full time training, given by academic staff and humanitarian practitioners, which focuses on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) in humanitarian crises, using specific methods and tools. This course is delivered in partnership with the UN Population Fund (UNFPA).

**Duration:** One week from 18 to 22 May, 2020
**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.
**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

HEALTH SYSTEM ASSESSMENT IN HUMANITARIAN CRISSES
Participants will familiarise with a health systems approach to health care for communities in low/middle-income countries affected by humanitarian crises, through case studies and taught by experts coming from or have lived in low/middle-income countries during or after humanitarian crises.

**Duration:** One week from 29 June to 3 July, 2020
**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.
**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF

INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH IN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS
This executive short course is a full-time executive training, which focuses on the analysis of the main issues arising in humanitarian crises, in order to develop a relevant context analysis.

**Duration:** New dates for 2021 to be announced
**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
**Registration deadline:** For VISA candidates, six weeks before the start of the course, for other candidates, two weeks before the start of the course.
**Tuition fee:** 1,500 CHF
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### Audience
- Professionals in the humanitarian, development or social sector looking to develop their competencies as well as reflect and capitalise on their experiences
- Professionals from other sectors who wish to increase their understanding of the humanitarian sector for a potential career change
- Graduate students with relevant volunteer or intern experience, looking to undertake a post-graduate course with a view to entering the humanitarian sector.

All CERAH courses are run in English. Students need to prove their level of competence when applying.

**Scholarships:** Students who come from and work in countries designated as “least developed” “lower income” and “lower middle income” are eligible for scholarships. Candidates can apply for a scholarship by filling in the [online application form](https://cerahgeneve.ch/education/overview/).

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