MODULE SPECIFICATION

Academic Year (student cohort covered by specification)	2023-24
Module Code	HHM102
Module Title	Design and Planning of Humanitarian Health Projects
Module Organiser(s)	Nada Abdelmagid and Bhargavi Rao
Contact email	The LSHTM distance learning programmes and modules are run in collaboration with the University of London Worldwide. Enquiries may be made via their Student Advice Centre at: http://www.london.ac.uk/contact-us. (Enquiries from face-to-face i.e. London-based LSHTM MSc or research students regarding study of DL modules should be emailed to distance@lshtm.ac.uk.)
Faculty	Faculty of Public Health and Policy London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/research/faculties/php
FHEQ Level	Level 7
Credit Value	**CATS:** 15 **ECTS:** 7.5
HECoS Code	101317,100617, 101307
Mode of Delivery	Distance Learning
Mode of Study	Directed self-study, through online materials via the Virtual Learning Environment
Language of Study	English
Pre-Requisites	In addition to the general pre-requisites for admission to the MSc/PGDip/PGCert Health in Humanitarian Crises, it is preferable for students to have learned through the material of HHM101 Public Health Information in Humanitarian Crises before embarking on studying the material for HHM102 (if doing both in the same year). This module assumes that students have basic knowledge of the components and terminology of recommended humanitarian interventions in the following areas: ✓ adolescent, child, newborn, maternal, reproductive and sexual health, ✓ communicable and non-communicable disease control, ✓ nutrition,

	✓ mental health, and
	✓ essential trauma care.
Accreditation by Professional Statutory and Regulatory Body	None
Module Cap (Maximum number of students)	There is no cap on the number of students who can register for this distance learning module.
Target Audience	This module is aimed at those with an interest to work, or who are currently working in programmatic, technical, evaluative, coordination or advisory roles in humanitarian public health programmes. This module is compulsory for students enrolled in the PG Certificate, Diploma and/or MSc Health in Humanitarian Crises programmes.
Module Description	This module will provide an in-depth understanding of humanitarian project design and planning for the selection and implementation of evidence-based humanitarian health projects. This includes an overview of tools and strategies, and their application to designing and planning of real-life humanitarian health projects.
Duration	Distance learning module studies begin in early October. Students may start their studies at any time once they gain access to Moodle and therefore the study materials, and work through the material until the start of the June assessment (although assessment submission deadlines which are earlier than this must be observed).
Last Revised (e.g. year changes approved)	June 2023

Programme(s) This module is linked to the following programme(s)	**Status**
PGCert/PGDip/MSc Health in Humanitarian Crises (Distance Learning - University of London Worldwide)	Core Compulsory

Module Aim and Intended Learning Outcomes

Overall aim of the module
The overall module aim is to: • provide an in-depth understanding of humanitarian project design and planning for the selection and implementation of evidence-based humanitarian health projects. This includes an overview of tools and strategies, and their application to designing and planning of real-life humanitarian health projects.

Module Intended Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of the module a student will be able to: 1. Critically analyse and prioritise (including ethical challenges) humanitarian health needs in a given crisis. 2. Propose appropriate interventions in response to public health risks, the operating context, and gaps in the response. 3. Apply a systematic approach to design appropriate and evidence-based humanitarian health projects. 4. Apply project design and planning tools in order to describe your humanitarian health project, and establish a foundation for project management and evaluation.

Indicative Syllabus

Session Content
The module is expected to cover the following topics: • An introduction to project cycle management, including theory of change and project logic, with a focus on design and planning aspects, which will be expanded in the module HHM201 Management and Evaluation of Humanitarian Health Projects. • Defining health needs in crisis-affected populations. • Synthesis and prioritisation amongst competing humanitarian needs, including the ethics of health in humanitarian crises. • Design of contextually appropriate and effective humanitarian health interventions: what intervention(s), whom to target, and how to manage and deliver programmes. • Proposal writing, and development of logical frameworks. • Resource quantification and development of project budgets and work plans.

Teaching and Learning
Notional Learning Hours

Type of Learning Time	Number of Hours	Expressed as Percentage (%)
Directed self-study	70	46
Self-directed learning	40	27
Assessment, review and revision	40	27
Total	**150**	**100**

Teaching and Learning Strategy
Learning is self-directed against a detailed set of learning objectives that are identified at the start of the module to which the online reading, learning activities and study materials are geared. Additional learning materials include: a brief guide to the module, recommended reading from the peer-reviewed literature, live online Moodle sessions hosted by module Tutors, and suggested relevant websites. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the module-specific discussions and real-time tutorials available on Moodle to obtain tutor support, and to make use of LSHTM online library resources. In addition, written feedback from tutors is provided on the submitted assessments. Students will be expected to work with a small group of fellow students over short periods of time, especially over the 4-week period of the written assignment for mutual support using an assigned discussion group on the web- based discussion forum. In case of extenuating circumstances, the Module Organisers will ensure that students unable to join the group work are not penalised.

Assessment

Assessment Strategy
The module will be assessed through: 1. An individual written **assignment (60% of overall module grade; max. 2500 words; structured)**: students will be given a real-life scenario of a crisis and tasked with developing a project concept note with a logical framework, budget and work plan. Students will be given 4 weeks to complete the assignment. 2. A **time-limited assessment (40%)** comprising: • Short written answers to real-life scenarios (20%) • Critique of a project concept note or completed planning tool (budget, work plan, etc.) (20%).

Assessment Strategy

Each of the two assessment components assesses all module ILOs. If students fail the module overall or who are unable to sit the assessment due to extenuating circumstances, they are allowed one further attempt at passing the module: this involves a re-sit of the assessment and the open-book, short-answer assignment (If they fail the assessment they will have to sit the assessment again; if they fail an Assessed Assignment they will have to submit another (either change of topic or new assessed assignment).

Assignments for this module can be submitted only once annually, no later than 4 weeks after the introduction of the assignment, and must be submitted via the online Assignment Management System.

Summative assessment

Assessment Type	Assessment Length (i.e. Word Count, Length of presentation in minutes)	Weighting (%)	Intended Module Learning Outcomes Tested
Time-limited assessment	Assessment length TBC	40%	1,2,3,4,5
Individual Assignment	2500 words	60%	1,2,3,4,5

Formative assignments for this module can be submitted only once annually, no later than **31 March** and must be submitted via the online Assignment Management System.

Time-limited assessments for DL modules are held once a year, mostly in June (including resits).

Assessments are held in accordance with University of London's annual guidance but in 2023/24 they are likely to be held online.

Please note that a separate assessment fee may be payable in addition to the module fee. Further details will be communicated as soon as the final decisions are known.

Resitting assessment

Resits will accord with the LSHTM's [Resits Policy](#)

For individual students who fail the module overall or who are unable to sit the assessment due to extenuating circumstances, there will be an approved alternative assessment as detailed below.

Assessment being replaced	Approved Alternative Assessment Type	Approved Alternative Assessment Length (i.e. Word Count, Length of presentation in minutes)
Examination	Single re-sit, open-book, short-answer assignment	2500 words

Resources

Indicative reading list *(if applicable)*
Guidance note: Please list up to 12 core texts and sources for the module.

Module Information can be found on the Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle) containing information about each session and key references for the module. A reading list with core and suggested readings related to each session will be provided to students.

Other resources

The following materials are provided to students after registration for this module once a year in September or October:

- Module course outline/curriculum, with learning objectives and study guide.
- A specialised online (Moodle) resource will be developed for this module which students will work their way through. In addition to narrative/text, the resource will include embedded interactive features:
  - Audio/video recordings with humanitarian health professionals reflecting on real-life design and planning experiences
  - Case studies in narrative, audio or video format (to introduce or conclude sessions)
  - Pre-recorded video lectures with notes and slides.
- Reading list for each topic (required and optional).
- Design and Planning Toolbox that can be downloaded and used offline (includes all tools and templates covered by the module).

In addition to the materials above, students are given access to the LSHTM Virtual Learning Environment, Moodle (for web-based discussions forums etc.) and the LSHTM online library resources. Students will benefit from lectures delivered by humanitarian health professionals with extensive experience.

Teaching for Disabilities and Learning Differences

The module-specific site on Moodle provides students with access to the module learning materials and online reading list (containing both essential and recommended readings), and additional resources including supplementary exercises and optional lecture recordings (where appropriate). All materials posted up on Moodle areas, including any computer-based sessions, have been made accessible where possible. The LSHTM Moodle has been made accessible to the widest possible audience, using a VLE that allows for up to 300% zoom, permits navigation via keyboard and use of speech recognition software, and that allows listening through a screen reader. For students with special needs, reasonable adjustments and support can be arranged – details and how to request support can be found on the University of London Worldwide website at
https://london.ac.uk/applications/how-it-works/inclusive-practice-access-arrangements