Dear MSFer

Welcome back from your latest assignment!

The Field HR department is frequently asked whether there are any short courses available for field staff looking to expand their knowledge of relevant medical, logistical, managerial & humanitarian skills before their next assignment. The attached list of trainings cover a wide variety of content, use varying training methodologies & take between 1 day to 3 months to complete. While MSF-USA does not endorse any individual course you may find the list a useful starting point for your own research.

Please email your Field HR Officer if you have questions about training & development.

Field HR dept, MSF-USA

Useful portals for all profiles

www.healthtraining.org

This is a search portal for international training courses including a wide variety of medical topics, emergencies, public health, water & sanitation etc. If a specific link no longer exists then go to the school or institution for updated information on the latest schedule, costs & requirements.

www.sipa.columbia.edu/academics/concentrations/ha/ghsi/institutions.html

This link will take you to Columbia University’s Global Humanitarian Studies Index, another good starting point for institutions that may have relevant courses in a number of areas, most notably Humanitarian Studies, but also medical & logistics courses.

www.eadi.org/training/training-database.html

This is a European portal that maintains a very current listing of all training & coursework relevant to aid work. This site is a good search engine for both medical & non-medical profiles.

www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwt.nsf/doc211?OpenForm

Virtually all courses & short trainings of interest to people working in the Humanitarian sector will be posted here. Check regularly for updates as the content changes frequently. A really wide selection of trainings are included & there is a good search engine to narrow the field to each of the major MSF field disciplines.
Bioforce offers English courses in Lyon, and French course in France, Switzerland & Burkina Faso. The Humanitarian Program Manager training includes 5 modules which may be taken together or individually.

Another place where different courses might be posted. You may need to do a little research to identify who is the training provider.

**Medical courses**

www.healthtraining.org

As already indicated, this search portal is a great starting point for both US & international training courses – and especially those medical topics that may be relevant to MSF projects such as tropical medicine, infectious diseases, epidemiology, public health, pediatrics, & disaster medicine.

www.astmh.org

This is the main site for the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene. Select their Education & Training page for information about certifications, short courses, diplomas etc. The list of institutions include both US & international universities.

www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/tropmed/tmcAboutTheProgram.asp

The University of West Virginia offers an 8 week Tropical Medicine course every summer. Each of the 4 x 2 week modules can also be taken individually. MSF field staff may be eligible for discounted tuition.

www.troped.org

This is a European portal for training courses in tropical medicine & international health.

Other sites that might be of interest – or a starting point for further on-line research:

www.globalhealthedu.org

www.idssociety.org/Content.aspx?id=272

And for mental health professionals:

Logistics courses

www.redr.org

RedR is a UK-based organization which provides training specifically for humanitarian agencies – primarily in emergency preparedness, humanitarian program management, general logistics & safety & security skills. The Certificate in Security Management is delivered once or twice a year in the US.

www.healthtraining.org

Although this site sounds like it will be exclusively medically oriented there are a lot of non-medical options also listed. Water & Sanitation courses are well represented as are other several logistics management specialties.

www.fritzinstitute.org/prgSC-CERT_main.htm

The Fritz Institute offers a number of courses which focus on logistics in humanitarian emergencies. In addition to a general course in humanitarian logistics, there are specialized courses in supply chain management & medical logistics.

Other sites that might be of interest – or a starting point for further on-line research:

www.logisticslearningalliance.com/courses.htm
www.inter-cept.org/short-courses
www.humanitarianlogistics.org/education-training

The following courses have a significant UN focus but may also be of interest:

www.undp.org/procurement/training.shtml
www.the-ecentre.net/training/1-1-2.cfm

In addition to the sites indicated above, you may find trainings linked to a particular logistics specialty using the more specific sites & courses listed below:

Security & Crisis Management

www.centreforsafety.org
www.taratraining.org/Products--and--Services.php
**Water & Sanitation**

wedc.lboro.ac.uk//learn/learn.html  
www.ihe.nl  
www.cawst.org/en/our-services/training-programs  
www.cranfield.ac.uk/sas/postgraduatesudy/taughtcourses/watermanagement/short%20courses%20cpd/page6270.jsp

**Supply Management**

wfpllogistics.org/logistic-services/training

**Field Logistics for & in emergencies**

www.cihc.org/  
www.sheltercentre.org/training

**Administration & Management courses**

www.healthtraining.org

Although this site sounds like it will be exclusively medically oriented there are a lot of non-medical options also listed. Some management courses are included as well as topics about program development, finance, negotiation etc etc

http://www.redr.org

RedR first became know for logistics support training but now offers a much broader selection of courses. Among others are course on people management, communications training, environmental health & safety, and monitoring & evaluation.


Bioforce offers their Humanitarian Program Manager training in English. Modules include ‘Managing people & organizations’, ‘Managing Finance and funding’, as well as program management & a Training of Trainers course.

Other sites that might be of interest – or a starting point for further on-line research:

www.inter-cept.org/short-courses  
www.managementcentre.co.uk/open-training.php
The following training provider has a significant UN focus but may also be of interest:

www.the-ecentre.net/training/1-1-2.cfm

In addition to the sites indicated above, you may find trainings linked to a particular administrative or management specialty using the more specific sites & courses listed below:

**Negotiation & Conflict Resolution**

www.peacemakers.ca/education/educationlinks.html#univUS

**Human Resource Management**

www.ngoms.org/hrm.htm

**Advocacy**

www.cihc.org/

**Program Management**

www.taratraning.org/Products--and--Services.php

**Conflict or Disaster Management**

www.brookes.ac.uk/schools/be/postgraduate/courses/dep.html

www.cihc.org/

**Financial management**

www.mango.org.uk

www.ngoms.org/hrm.htm