

# NEEDS ASSESSMENT IN EMERGENCY SITUATION

To support affected populations and drive effective recovery, humanitarian aid workers need to identify specific assistance required from the affected community. Equipping oneself with the right skills, knowledge and contextual understanding can save lives and prevent further damage.

## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS COURSE

The objective of the intensive course is to equip learners with the basics in conducting emergency assessments.

Skills gained can assist learners in preparing, conducting, analysing and reporting assessment in relation to crisis, disasters, hazards, incidents and other emergency situations.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, learners will be able to:

- Understand the importance of needs assessments in emergency situations
- Prepare for an assessment in emergencies
- Use various assessment techniques in emergencies
- Analyse and utilise assessment results
- Draft assessment reports

## WHO CAN BENEFIT

Adults, 18 years and above, interested in the humanitarian assistance / Audience may already have volunteer or work experience in humanitarian or not-for-profit sector

## ABOUT US

The Singapore Red Cross Academy (SRCA) has equipped thousands of staff and volunteers with critical skillsets relating to health, first aid, disaster response, emergency preparedness over the years. It has multiplied its first aid offerings and now boasts of the nation's first certifiable Citizen First Responder Training Programme, Southeast Asia's first Psychological First Aid training, as well as first aid training for the caregivers of the elderly, stroke and diabetic patients. The Academy also provides public training in humanitarian education and disaster management, runs leadership and experiential workshops for adults and youth, and delivers lectures and talks in humanitarian diplomacy.



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## COURSE OUTLINE

**ONLINE  
(2 HOURS)**

### **The Humanitarian World**

This online course will introduce the humanitarian world to learners. We will cover topics such as history, current trends and challenges of humanitarian sector.

### **Introduction to Emergencies**

To be an effective humanitarian aid worker, the basic knowledge of the nature of emergencies and disasters will greatly help aid workers in preparing and responding to them.

### **Introduction to Needs Assessment**

To optimise the delivery of humanitarian assistance, we need to know what the affected population requires. The basic concepts and terms of needs assessments will be covered.

## COURSE DAY 1

### **Needs Assessment in Logistics & Shelter**

In this session, specific characteristics and context will be introduced for learners to consider when conducting a needs assessments in logistics and shelter.

### **Needs Assessment in Psychosocial Support**

The emotional and psychological needs of affected populations can be confusing and complex. This session will introduce psychosocial support and how to conduct a needs assessment with emotionally fragile survivors.

### **Needs Assessment in Water & Sanitation**

In this session, learners will be introduced to various challenges and elements that should be considered when conducting needs assessment process within water and sanitation scope.

### **Needs Assessment in Medical, Food & Nutrition**

This session will equip the learners on how to apply the needs assessments process in the area of health and medical support.

## COURSE DAY 2

The simulation experience will provide learners with an opportunity to participate in a simulated-emergency situation. Learners are encouraged to apply their learnings and skills gained to prepare and mitigate crises.