

# Comprehensive Reflective Simulation & Training (NCRST)

## Groningen, The Netherlands, 19-21 June

### Description

The *NOHA Comprehensive Reflective Simulation & Training (NCRST)* exercise consolidates and utilizes past and contemporary knowledge and insights from the wide-ranging operational and academic humanitarian arena.

The exercise builds on the cutting edge NOHA+ inter-university multidisciplinary postgraduate program curriculum weaving key theoretical and analytical elements into an engaging and participatory simulation that demands participants to practice knowledge, skills and attitudes needed in relief operations while regularly reflecting on challenging moral and operational dilemmas.

The NCRST constructs an environment which enables participants to apply, acquire and test key humanitarian related knowledge, skills and attitudes and refresh update existing ones. The innovative simulation ultimately captures elements from the following three domains:

- A. **Humanitarian management and organizational knowledge, skills and attitudes** – Individuals and team work will be required to balance informed decision making with limited amounts of information and manage a timely, professional and ethical response in an often chaotic environment.
- B. **Humanitarian coordination and operational knowledge, skills and attitudes** – Actively implement a professional and coordinated relief effort at project, program and cluster levels meeting affected and host population needs and capacities while avoiding resource waste.
- C. **Ability to critically reflect on various modus operandi and existing personal assumptions** - question the interrelated issues of: human rights, the humanitarian mandate and mission, legal and physical protection, and international and national ownership and impact.

### Format

The NCRST is delivered through a hands-on table top scenario, expert presentations, and selected practical skill trainings. The NCRST unfolds through a series of serials in which participants are tasked to work towards managing and delivering a relief response in a complex humanitarian environment. With limited information available participants will need to gather information from various sources, make assumptions and manage a timely and coordinated response with limited information. Reflection will take place in scheduled debrief.

### For Who

The NCRST is a unique opportunity for anyone interested to better understand the current reality and complexity of humanitarian aid operations.

- For experienced aid workers as a refresher training and opportunity to update knowledge and reflect.
- For students, novice aid workers with limited experience and volunteers, to have a tangible opportunity to experience and reflect on what a humanitarian response involves at the individual, team org and sector level.

### Facilitators

- Chamutal Afek-Eitam, NOHA Groningen faculty
- Xabier Garay Barayazarra, NOHA Deusto faculty
- NOHA Groningen faculty support

### When

Duration: 3 days, 9am to 5 pm  
Dates: 19th-21st June, 2018

Place: Groningen, The Netherlands  
Language: English

Fees: free-of-charge\*  
35 spaces available

\*Participants must take care of travel and accommodation arrangements.

### Contact information for application

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