Invitation 5-Day Sphere Training, Lebanon, Beirut

In 2018, a revised fourth edition of The Sphere Handbook was launched followed by a new developed Sphere training package. This revision has led to numerous innovations and improvements, which require to inform and train humanitarian aid workers accordingly and to draw attention to the effects these innovations have on the quality of our project activities.

Therefore, global Sphere trainings at regional level have been developed in cooperation with Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund, Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe and World Vision. These projects are funded by the Federal Foreign Office in Germany and support capacity sharing and knowledge expansion of the most widely referenced set of humanitarian principles and standards.

Now, Aktion Deutschland Hilft together with Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V. and Johanniter International Assistance would kindly like to invite you to the 5-day Sphere-Training from March 23rd to March 27th, 2020, in Lebanon, Beirut. Arrival on Sunday, 22nd of March.

The first days of the intensive training provide an opportunity to introduce the four foundation chapters as main component of the Sphere project: What is Sphere?, the Humanitarian Charter, the Protection Principles as well as the Core Humanitarian Standard. The remaining days enable the participants to experience the four technical chapters in-depth and to use Sphere in practice. (The detailed agenda will be shared with the final participants).

Target group:
Participants for the training will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Local field practitioners and mid-level managers
- Professional experience and area of responsibility
- Pre-knowledge and practical experience of Sphere
- Motivation statement within the application form
- Applicants commitment (“Participation Commitment form”) and managerial support
- Overall: gender balance and inclusiveness will be taken into account

Location and trainings agenda: to be announced.
Training language: English

Maximum number of participants: 25

**Course fees:**
The training is free of charge for all participants. Accommodation (incl. breakfast and dinner) in Beirut, and travel to and from the training facility will be organised by us. Food (lunch & coffee breaks) will be provided during the training, as well as all training materials. Participants are asked to organise their own arrangements regarding arrival and departure. We are happy to support any visa applications by providing invitation letters.

*Please note: upon special requests by organisations, we can offer additional support regarding the travel arrangements.*

**Application:**
The application form can be accessed via the following link: https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/#ESHlvYqf.

*Applications close on Sunday, 9th of February 2020.*

Applicants are also asked to fill out the **Participant Commitment Form** *(can be downloaded with the link above)* and send it via E-mail to: Sphere@aktion-deutschland-hilft.de.

**Allocation of space:**
Places will be allocated after receipt of applications. Due to the usually high demand, we would like to recommend that you register **before February, the 9th.**

**Pre-course assignment:**
Please be aware, that participants agree to complete an online pre-knowledge assignment before the start of the training.