Online Training Project
Security and protection management for human right defenders and social organisations

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Why this course?

The training of human rights defenders (HRDs) is a broad field with different needs. One of them is security. This course will help human rights defenders to develop skills in this particular area.

Who is the target audience?

The course is aimed at members of organizations and individuals working in the fields of human rights, social development and humanitarian aid. Participants should have experience in these fields. This course is aimed at those who have or likely will have a level of security risk related to their work (in the context of armed conflict or political repression due to their work as human rights defenders).

The practice of protection and security is necessary within the context of social and political action. This is why we will prioritize the enrolment of people who are part of an organization, association or community, and who can share what they have learned in the course with their group.

This course requires that participants exchange ideas and opinions, and exercises will be most beneficial for those taking part as a team. Therefore, priority enrolment is given for groups of 2 to 3 people from the same organisation or group who collaborate closely.

Individual registrations are also accepted, but will be evaluated subject to team enrolment requests.

Course objectives

General objective of the course:

- To contribute to the development of skills, capacities and strategies of human rights defenders, with the aim to enabling them to increase their level of security and protection, both at the individual and collective levels (organizational or community).

Specific objectives:

- Raise awareness among human rights defenders concerning the issue of security and protection.
- Provide human rights defenders with tools that allow them to improve their protection, facilitate the development of skills, and improve the management of their security and protection.

- Improve, in relation to security and protection issues, the attitudes, practices and strategies of HRDs and organisations working for the protection of HRDs.

Learning objectives:

After the course, participants will be able to:
- Analyse threats and risks in a situated and differentiated manner, followed by the implementation of security and protection measures based on that analysis which encompasses the three dimensions of security and protection: physical, digital and emotional.
- Carry out strategies aimed at increasing their operating space through the strengthening of their protection network.
- Develop and apply a comprehensive security management strategy within your organization that takes into account the institutional dynamics and challenges you face.

Course requirements

- Demonstrable experience in the above fields.
- Existence, or possible existence, of levels of risk to your security due to the work you do (examples may include contexts of armed conflict or political repression for defending human rights).
- Have an open and positive attitude towards the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in virtual education processes.
- Have a computer with internet access (preferably broadband) and have basic knowledge of both computer and internet use.
- Have an interest and the capacity to generate change in your organization or community.
- Have sufficient time to complete the course within 12 weeks, at a rate of 6 hours per week.