The Role of the UNHCR in Refugee Protection Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Migration and Refugee	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the mandate and functions of UNHCR in global refugee protection.
2. Explore international refugee law and the 1951 Refugee Convention.
3. Identify durable solutions: voluntary repatriation, local integration, and resettlement.
4. Examine humanitarian coordination mechanisms in refugee crises.
5. Analyze refugee status determination (RSD) processes.
6. Assess the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in partnership with UNHCR.
7. Explore gender, age, and diversity-sensitive approaches in refugee protection.
8. Address challenges of statelessness and access to legal identity.
9. Evaluate humanitarian response strategies in conflict zones.
10. Study refugee protection in protracted crises.
11. Apply field-based case studies to real-world refugee challenges.
12. Strengthen knowledge on rights-based approaches to refugee protection.
13. Build capacity for policy advocacy and humanitarian diplomacy.

Organizational Benefits

- Improved staff expertise in international refugee protection standards.
- Enhanced capacity to respond to displacement emergencies.
- Stronger organizational alignment with UNHCR global frameworks.
- Increased knowledge in rights-based humanitarian programming.
- Improved coordination with UN, NGOs, and governments.
- Strengthened ability to implement protection-sensitive solutions.
- Enhanced understanding of gender-responsive humanitarian action.
- Development of policy advocacy skills for refugee rights.
- Increased organizational reputation in humanitarian leadership.
- Better preparation for field-level humanitarian interventions.

Target Audiences

1. Humanitarian aid workers.
2. Policy makers and government officials.
3. UN and NGO staff members.
4. International development professionals.
5. Lawyers specializing in human rights/refugee law.
6. Students and academics in humanitarian studies.
7. Civil society and advocacy organizations.
8. Field staff working with refugees and displaced persons.

Course Duration: 5 days

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to UNHCR and Global Refugee Protection

- Overview of UNHCR?ÇÖs mandate and functions.
- Global displacement trends and statistics.
- The 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol.
- UNHCR?ÇÖs partnerships with NGOs and governments.
- Protection frameworks for asylum seekers and refugees.
- **Case Study:** UNHCR?ÇÖs response to the Syrian refugee crisis.

Module 2: International Refugee Law and Human Rights

- Principles of international refugee law.
- Refugee rights under international human rights law.
- Legal obligations of host states.
- Asylum procedures and legal safeguards.
- The role of courts and tribunals in refugee protection.
- **Case Study:** Legal challenges of asylum seekers in Europe.

Module 3: Refugee Status Determination (RSD) and Protection Mechanisms

- Definition and criteria of refugee status.
- RSD procedures and challenges.
- UNHCR?ÇÖs role in RSD.
- Protection-sensitive approaches to RSD.
- Statelessness and access to documentation.
- **Case Study:** RSD practices in Kenya?ÇÖs Dadaab refugee camp.

Module 4: Durable Solutions for Refugees

- Voluntary repatriation: challenges and opportunities.
- Local integration strategies.
- Resettlement programs and global quotas.
- Community-based approaches to durable solutions.
- Role of international cooperation in solutions.
- **Case Study:** Resettlement of Bhutanese refugees in the U.S.

Module 5: Humanitarian Coordination and Emergency Response

- Coordination mechanisms in humanitarian response.
- UNHCR?ÇÖs cluster leadership role.
- Emergency preparedness and rapid response.
- Protection in conflict and disaster contexts.
- Collaboration with international donors.
- **Case Study:** Rohingya humanitarian response in Bangladesh.

Module 6: Protection of Vulnerable Groups

- Gender-based violence (GBV) prevention.
- Child protection in refugee settings.
- Protection of persons with disabilities.
- Age, gender, and diversity mainstreaming.
- Psychosocial support and mental health.

- **Case Study:** GBV prevention initiatives in Uganda?ÇÖs refugee settlements.

Module 7: Refugees in Protracted Crises and Urban Contexts

- Understanding protracted refugee situations.
- Urban displacement dynamics.
- Challenges of livelihoods and self-reliance.
- Host community engagement.
- Long-term policy frameworks for protection.
- **Case Study:** Urban refugee protection in Lebanon.

Module 8: Advocacy, Policy, and Humanitarian Diplomacy

- Advocacy for refugee rights at national and global levels.
- Humanitarian diplomacy tools and strategies.
- Role of civil society in advocacy.
- Engaging media and public opinion.
- Building alliances with international stakeholders.
- **Case Study:** Advocacy campaigns for Afghan refugees.

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and expert presentations.
- Group discussions and peer learning.
- Case study analysis and role-playing exercises.
- Simulation of refugee protection scenarios.
- Practical tools and frameworks for field application.
- Knowledge-sharing through Q&A sessions.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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