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Welcome to Refugee Health Care

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An Increasingly Important Topic

- ✦ Today the lives of refugees are in increasing danger.
- ✦ We are moving beyond traditional definitions.

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- ✦ People still flee across borders to become refugees.
- ✦ We must help people displaced in their own country.
- ✦ People with no place to flee are often unseen by the media or international observers.

Changing Circumstances

- ✦ In the past, people fled individual persecution.
- ✦ Today, they more commonly flee violence – abuse of human rights and state collapse.
- ✦ Organizations which once just cared for refugees are now having to rebuild health systems and social services.

Purposes of the Course

- ✦ Assess the challenges of providing care to displaced populations.
- ✦ Identify the resources available.
- ✦ Examine the difficult environment in which refugees exist.

Course Goal

- ✦ Give you a thorough understanding of who refugees are, what they need, and how to get them home again – or someplace like home.

Course Objectives

- ✦ Equip you with basic skills needed to provide care to refugees including the following:
 - Planning skills.
 - How to do an epidemiological assessment.
 - Skills to control communicable disease.

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- ✦ Equip you with basic skills needed to provide care to refugees including the following:
 - Collecting information and doing surveillance.
 - Setting up environmental health provisions.
 - Meeting food and nutritional needs.

Speakers for the Course

- ✦ Speakers for the course come from a variety of background.
- ✦ Each is an expert in his or her field.
- ✦ Each brings a different perspective.

Textbooks

- ✦ *War and Public Health*
 - Pierre Perrin, Chief Medical Officer
 - International Committee of the Red Cross
- ✦ *The Public Health Guide to Emergencies* (CD-ROM)
 - By JHU faculty and the Red Cross
- ✦ *Course Reader*

Course Assignments

- ✦ Three case studies to work on as groups.
- ✦ Questions on the bulletin board to discuss from time to time.
- ✦ LiveTalks
- ✦ A final paper

Final Paper

- ✦ 2000 words on a refugee health topic of your choice.
- ✦ This must be a serious paper, well referenced, and with original thinking.
- ✦ The paper must be submitted a week before the end of the term.
- ✦ We can provide assistance with selecting a topic if you are stuck.

Final Thoughts

- ✦ We very much look forward to having you in the course, and we hope that you will enjoy it.
- ✦ We look forward to your questions and papers, which are interesting and every year follow different themes.