

## DEFENSE INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL OPERATIONS (DIMO)



### **“Regional Trauma System Development & Management” Expanded IMET (E-IMET) Mobile Education Team (MET) MASL D309011**

**Background:** Injury is one of the most common causes of death across nations. Individual patients, and populations as a whole, are less likely to die or suffer long-term morbidity if the region in which they are injured has a robust integrated system to provide trauma care. A trauma system can then be scaled up in response to a disaster with multiple casualties. Trauma systems require ongoing maintenance in order to retain their ability to care for patients on a day to day basis and perform in disaster scenarios. The Leadership Course in Trauma System Development and Management is designed to facilitate the development of regional systems, train individuals to optimize and maintain them, and utilize them in disaster situations.

**Program Scope:** Trauma systems are recognized as a key element that must be intact for a society to effectively manage manmade and natural disasters. The objective of the leadership in trauma system development and management course is to provide regional leaders a foundation for building trauma systems by acquiring the necessary theory, concepts, and educational tools. They will then learn how to utilize these trauma systems to manage disaster scenarios. The curriculum concentrates on resource management, leadership, and planning principles. It further demonstrates the skills necessary for system development and continued education programs. Some examples of training emphasis include the following: developing a trauma system, maintaining a robust system by monitoring quality and efficacy, management of communication and public affairs, and how to utilize the trauma system as the backbone of disaster response.

**Course Objectives:** Provide regional leaders a foundation for building trauma systems by acquiring the necessary theory, concepts, and educational tools. Educate regional leaders about the importance of the trauma system as the backbone of a successful disaster response.

**Course Duration:** 5 days; **Recommended Class Size:** 45 students; **How Offered:** Conducted in the host country by an MET; **Team Composition:** 5 instructors to include physicians (with disaster and trauma background), public health specialists, and medical planners.

**Intended International Audience:** Medical personnel, community leaders, and administrators intimately involved in trauma response and system development. Audience may include civilian personnel.

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