



DEFENSE INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL OPERATIONS (DIMO)



Disaster Planners Course (Advanced): Developing National Emergency Management Capability Expanded IMET (E-IMET) Mobile Education Team (MET) MASL D309057

Background: What makes a phenomenon a disaster is the impact the event has on people and their possessions. Add the threat of man-made disasters, like terrorism, or technological disasters, and you have a recipe for an unpredictable, catastrophic incident. Most communities do not have the resources to respond to large-scale disasters on their own. They will have to rely on neighboring communities, regional and national governments, or coalition partners for assistance. Being prepared, having a well organized plan, and training the community to respond are key factors in reducing and mitigating the terrible effects of these disasters. The ultimate goal of the Advanced Disaster Planning MET is to improve host nations' capability to plan, prepare, respond and recover from a disaster where ever and whenever it hits.

Summary of Program Scope: The advanced course is designed for countries that have a national disaster plan and desire enhanced understanding of emergency management concepts. This is accomplished through lectures and table top exercises. Some of the key planning issues discussed include the following: hazards analysis, command & control, communications to include systems and how to use media resources, and mitigation and disaster intelligence, to name a few. The intent of the course is to include host nations' current emergency preparedness programs and/or legislation. However, if none are available, the course utilizes the plan and maps of a simulated country. Over 40 percent of the course is devoted to practical exercises, which emphasizes the preparation of a complete emergency plan.

Course Duration: 5 days; **Class Size:** 50 students maximum; **How Offered:** Conducted in the host country as a MET; **Team Composition:** 4-5 Instructors (Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Health and Human Services and other subject matter experts in the field of emergency management).

Intended International Audience: National/regional and/or local decision/policy makers from the following: senior government officials, law enforcement/civil police/security, fire/rescue (includes emergency medical response), public health and safety, existing planning group, public works agencies and utilities companies, social service agencies and volunteer organizations (e.g., Red Cross, Red Crescent, volunteers/Non-Governmental Organizations, etc.), area hospitals administrators and other appropriate members of the medical community/Ministry of Health, Ministry of the Interior, educational administrators, local media (newspaper, radio and television), business community, Military/Ministry of Defense, Aviation Authority, Port Authorities, financial/budget officer, or equivalent, legal counsel, veterinary services (includes organizations in the animal care and control community), and community radio/amateur radio groups.

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