Humanitarian WASH

Limited access to clean water and poor sanitation are drivers for the spread of diarrhoeal diseases – a critical challenge during crises. These diseases account for more than 40% of deaths in the acute emergency phase, and for 80% of deaths in children under the age of two. Girls and women are particularly affected by a lack of well-designed latrines and access to safe water. Effective, timely and at-scale response of the humanitarian WASH sector has progressively become more challenging. Humanitarian challenges, and their related responses, increasingly require specialists from private sector and academia; however, these professionals lack an understanding of the complexity and nuances of the humanitarian WASH sector. The content of this module will be localized by involvement of staff from the GWC partners. It covers the humanitarian architecture and the governance landscape in humanitarian situations needed in the decision-making processes and context-appropriate and gender-inclusive WASH interventions in emergencies. The water and sanitation systems for a humanitarian context will be presented as well as the design an adequate WASH response for the different phases of a humanitarian crisis focusing on public health outcomes.