The Graduate Professional Diploma Programme (GPDP) in Humanitarian WASH educates professionals working in the fields of water, sanitation and hygiene on the complexity of humanitarian settings. Participants of the GPDP will develop the necessary competences to address the operational and coordination needs for managing the implementation of an effective, whole-of-disaster-cycle response to an emergency (i.e. preparedness, response, and recovery).

The GPDP consists of four accredited online modules that are structured in a modular and flexible way, so that a wider variety of participants can engage in it, including by opting for one module as a short, autonomous course.

The themes, topics and duration of these modules have been elaborated in a consultation process with UNICEF, IHE Delft and the main humanitarian actors who are part of the steering committee of the project. As part of this organizational cooperation for capacity development of the Humanitarian sector, it is planned that the delivery of these 4 modules will be extended and integrated into various academic institutions in the Global South.
Courses
1. Governance in Humanitarian Contexts
2. Public and Environmental Health in Humanitarian Contexts
3. Water and Sanitation in Urban Humanitarian Contexts
4. Building Resilient Systems in Fragile Contexts

Learning Objectives
Upon the successful completion this programme, graduates will be able to:
1. Situate their professional competences within the humanitarian system and effectively leverage them to implement emergency WASH responses, projects and/or programmes in a range of humanitarian contexts.
2. Evaluate public and environmental health risks and approaches to propose coherent emergency WASH responses for affected communities, health organizations, and private and public service providers.
3. Design and assess at scale the technical and social components of water and sanitation systems tailored for urban humanitarian contexts.
4. Implement a systems-approach to enhance (local) WASH resilience for the whole disaster cycle through preparedness, risk management, climate change adaptation, and social inclusion approaches.

Start dates and fee
Check un-ihe.org/humanitarianWASH for start dates and tuition fee

Target audience
- Young and mid-career water, sanitation or public health professionals working in private companies, local authorities, UN agencies or (I)NGOs willing to work in humanitarian contexts.
- WASH specialists working in development processes and willing to expand their capacity on how to operate in the humanitarian contexts (including fragile states).