Recognize that the USG has a formal, comprehensive system for responding to international disasters and that the USG is just one part of an organized, professional humanitarian architecture.

Describe the USG international disaster response structures, relevant offices, policies, mandates, and roles/responsibilities.

Identify areas of mutual coordination and cooperation between USG civilian agencies and the U.S. military, including best practices and lessons learned.

Categorize the roles and responsibilities of the host nation, international and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the UN agencies in an international disaster response system, specifically as they relate to U.S. civilian and military entities.

As the U.S. Government (USG) lead for international disaster response, USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) created the JHOC in 2004 to establish a formal learning environment for select U.S. military leaders and planners; to discuss the relationship between USAID/OFDA, its partners, and the U.S. military; and to prepare participants to work collaboratively during humanitarian assistance/disaster response (HA/DR) operations.

JHOCs are held worldwide more than 100 times per year for selected military units, staffs, and schools, including monthly course offerings in Washington, DC. To date, more than 24,000 people have completed the JHOC.

THE JHOC IS FREE TO PARTICIPANTS AND IS JOINT CERTIFIED BY DoD JOINT STAFF FOR .5 JOINT QUALIFIED OFFICER (JQO) POINTS.

USAID/OFDA developed the JHOC training in response to requests from DOD. The two-day training utilizes interactive presentations, participant discussion groups, and case-study methodology.

The course highlights international disaster response best practices and the U.S. military’s role when supporting foreign HA/DR operations as provided for under DOD Directive 5100.46, Foreign Disaster Relief.

Intended JHOC audience includes:

DOD civilians, officers, and NCOs working in operations, logistics, communications, medical, planning, and civil affairs with a role in supporting international humanitarian assistance/disaster response (HA/DR) missions.

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