

## WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY



*“The depth of the material I've seen has been valuable for me in placing the Humanitarian Action into context. I feel like this Programme has given me a much broader understanding of DM context from my field experience, and I'm confident it will help me approach the challenges in the field in a more meaningful and strategic manner.”- Andres Cabrera, Colombia, Cohort I*

*“The most valuable aspects of the TISS DM Programme are the academic methodology of analysing, contextualizing and conceptualising of theories and data, which have been of great benefit in my work on analysing, managing and reporting on complex emergencies.” - Violeta Lombarts, The Netherlands, Cohort VIII*



*“The Programme provides in-depth knowledge of subject matter, and has enriched my knowledge in greater understanding of disaster preparedness and response and reconstruction program.” - Raja Shahed, Bangladesh, Cohort I*



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# IFRC-TISS CERTIFICATE IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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The risk and incidences of disasters are rising disproportionately to anthropogenic-induced changes to climate and natural resources. There is an urgent need to equip disaster management professionals on the field with academic knowledge as well as the practical know-how on responding to disasters and building resilience among the affected population in line with humanitarian principles and standards.

Each year, the programme inducts two cohorts in June and October, with the tenth cohort introduced in September 2017. The Programme has attracted participants from over 90 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, and North America (Canada and the USA). The Programme carries 22 credits and a term paper and field practicum/internship, to be completed over a one year period.

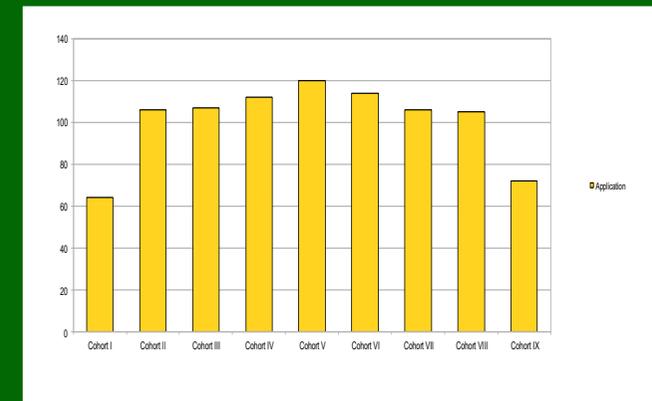
The Programme also includes an introduction to The World of Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies and a component on Learning to Learn. The month-long Field Practicum / Internship is perhaps the most vital component of the course which brings together all the key theoretical learnings.



Devastation in Nepal after 2015 earthquake



Global Distribution of Participants



Applications Per Cohort

The genesis of Tata Institute of Social Sciences in India dates back to 1936 (<http://www.tiss.edu/>), and the Institute with over seven decades of committed work in disasters forged a partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in 2012 to create a global Certificate Programme in Disaster Management (<http://ifrc.tiss.edu/>). The Certificate Programme draws upon nearly 100 years of IFRC's field and in-country expertise in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters.

The key learning modules are:

1. Introduction to Development
2. Humanitarian Principles, Laws and Standards in Disaster Management
3. Introduction to Hazards, Vulnerabilities and Disaster
4. Disaster Risk Reduction and Development Planning
5. Geo-informatics and Information Communication Technologies in Disasters
6. Disaster Response and Recovery

Since the first cohort, the Programme has consistently attracted a high number of applicants. The selection process is rigorous, and there are 50 places in each cohort. Keeping in mind that the applicants are mostly committed professionals working in international organisations, selected candidates are allowed flexible deadlines to finish the modules, and to defer between cohorts if necessary.