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Humanitarian Programme Manager

TRAINING + PRACTICE PERIOD IN THE FIELD
diploma courses

Experienced candidates
3-month diploma course in Europe

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Each year, more than 2000 people are trained and/or awarded certification by Bioforce in humanitarian professions and skills, or given support to make their commitment to solidarity.

Our diploma courses train participants for many humanitarian professions, from 3 months for experienced professionals or experts, to 3 years for younger participants. Places are awarded by application or Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL).

These training courses equip participants with the professional and inter-personal skills required to be fully operational and effective in your commitment to serve the needs of others.

Your commitment is enhanced by the Bioforce experience: action-based teaching methods, carried out by humanitarians, and training sessions that are both revitalising and reassuring.

Trainings for aid workers by aid workers



"Our training courses in programme management have been designed for those who want to join the aid sector or move on to higher positions within the sector. Are you currently working in the private sector and wish to adapt your existing managerial skills to the humanitarian world? Or do you have experience in the aid sector and seek official recognition of your skills along with up-to-date technical knowledge? Bioforce has been working closely with major international NGOs for over 30 years: NGOs are involved in creating and appraising our numerous training programmes, keeping them both cutting-edge and relevant to the job market. With trainers who are all professional aid workers, bringing a wealth of experience from across the globe, we know what we are training about! Moreover, networking and working as a group are key in our training courses: the multicultural diversity of your peers will ensure a unique learning experience..."

**Diane Cadiergue,
Training Coordinator**

Diane joined Bioforce in 2017 as Coordinator of the training courses in project management. Previously, she spent five years as senior chief editor at the World Innovation Summit for Education, working closely with education experts and innovators from around the world. Diane has been active for twenty years in the field of international development, education and human rights. Working for NGOs across Central America, South Asia and Morocco, she has overseen educational, social and relief programmes for, and with, migrants, refugees, children, and teachers. She has collaborated with grass root organisations as well as international partners. Diane is also involved in advocacy campaigns for asylum seekers and migrants at national and European level.

The skills and knowledge I gained are still relevant to my work in the sector today

If you are looking to start a career in the humanitarian sector - directly from university/college or transferring from another sector, the HPM course is a good way to accelerate your learning and provide you a practical introduction to all the concepts you need. You'll learn how to apply the skills through the direction of experienced humanitarians and learn from discussion with other students, many of whom have a lot of experience. The skills and knowledge I gained are still relevant to my work in the sector today, 5 years after I completed the course.

Lucy, HPM alumni

Managing humanitarian and development programmes

It is challenging for many humanitarian and development organisations to recruit and retain skilled programme managers. These difficulties directly impact the efficiency of their programmes. Over recent years there has been increased attention given by humanitarian and development agencies to the quality of humanitarian and development practice and raised awareness of the importance of ensuring programme quality in the sector.

Bioforce has been actively involved in these developments through extensive consultations on the challenges faced by NGOs. Developing their ability to hire, develop and retain competent managers has been recognised as a top priority.

Both humanitarian and development organisations as well as individuals expressed the need for training programmes that enable potential and current managers to develop their technical, analytical and personal skills.

The following training programme aims at training NGO's managers within the humanitarian and development sector (NGO, associations, foundations, etc.), focusing on the 3 programme manager's core competencies:

Managing programmes and projects

Managing people and organisations

Managing finance and funding



Programme Managers' Profile These field practitioners all have strong analytical skills and decision-making abilities. They are dynamic and strong team players, a true unifying force for their teams. They demonstrate analytical ability, are pragmatic, diplomatic and adaptable. They also must have excellent communication skills and be able to delegate effectively.

Jobs and career prospects Levels of responsibility vary considerably and depend on your prior experience and skills, as well as the humanitarian context and the employing organisation. Bear in mind that you usually take on more responsibilities over time.

Some examples of positions Bioforce graduates now hold in the aid sector, showing various levels of responsibility and leadership:

- First level: proposal writer/specialist, reporting officer, monitoring officer, project officer, programme officer
- Intermediate level: head of project, budget, planning and reporting manager, monitoring and evaluation manager
- High level: project coordinator, programme coordinator, field coordinator, head of office, regional coordinator, head of mission, country director, desk, technical coordinator.



with Bioforce, become a humanitarian programme manager

At our regional training center for Europe, Bioforce offers an 400-hour course to become a programme manager in the field of relief work. With this course, which you can follow continuously or at your own pace, you will discover your future professional environment and, competency-based module after competency-based module, practical exercise after practical exercise, you will master each skill of the profession.

Choose the pace that suits you best

You have minimum a 2-year higher education diploma and at least 3 years of full-time work experience in team management, project management, budget management? Or in an area where you have demonstrated skills that are transferrable to the aid sector: health, media, social or education, civil engineering, renovation, international relations and politics, cooperation and development, agriculture, logistics...? Good news, you meet the criteria to join the course!

Now you have to choose the pace that suits you best. Here are some explanations:

continuously



A 3-month training course
to attend and successfully complete the modules

From late September to December (400 hrs),
at the Bioforce regional training centre for Europe.

at your own pace



Several years to attend
the 5 competency-based modules

Can't make it several months?

Take the 5 competency-based modules in accordance
with the amount of time available in your schedule, in a
maximum of 3 years.



+ 6-month field assignment (practice period)

Obtain a professional certification "Coordinateur de programme humanitaire" from Bioforce, a level 7 qualification (equivalent to a five-year higher education diploma) registered by the French National Record of Professional Qualifications. In addition, you will be granted a Bioforce/Grenoble Ecole de Management "Humanitarian Programme Manager" certificate at the end of your training period.

*When reviewing your application, our teaching team will carefully study your background (level and field of training, nature, duration and level of responsibility of your professional experience, etc.), and may suggest that you reorient your application a reorientation towards another diploma course, more suited to your profile.

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specific skill. Visit bioforce.org to get a
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sessions offered this year!

Humanitarian Programme Manager

Experienced profile, 3 months

in Europe

Dates and locations

Europe: from September 15 to December 17, **2025**

Training course programme¹

Training unit 1. 62 hours

The fundamentals of humanitarian action

To provide participants with thorough knowledge of the humanitarian sector and issues at stake: stakeholders, systems, coordination mechanisms, legal and ethical framework, Q&A initiatives and applications relating to programme management. To enable participants to define and implement safety & security measures adapted to the context of operations.

Training unit 2. 83 hours

Managing Programmes and Projects

To enable participants to choose and apply appropriate tools to manage all stages of the project cycle in humanitarian contexts.

Training unit 3. 79 hours

Managing People and Organisations

To enable participants to choose and apply appropriate tools to manage themselves, other people, and organisations involved in humanitarian programmes.

Training unit 4. 91 hours

Managing Finance and Funding

To provide participants with the critical skills required to raise funds for humanitarian programmes and to manage financial resources accountably. Understand the key aspects of logistics management for successful implementation of humanitarian projects.

Training unit 5. Cross-disciplinary skills. 86 hours

Field exercise (develop, through a field scenario-based exercise, operational capacity and autonomy of the trainees), project assignment (humanitarian project design, group work), career advice, induction, opening and closing sessions.

¹ Please note that this programme is regularly updated and may be subject to change.

Experienced profile choose between 2 paths to your future profession:

CONTINUOUSLY

AT YOUR OWN PACE

Organisation of the training period

Training period: 3 months	3-month training at Bioforce regional training centre (Lyon, France), 400 hours	Several years to attend the 5 competency-based modules
	<p>Evaluation Individual written evaluations are conducted at the end of each module. Behavioural skills are also evaluated, as they are of the utmost importance in the context of humanitarian missions.</p> <p>A learning review is planned every day with the facilitator, to assess trainees' achievement of learning outcomes and to adapt content to trainees' expectations and learning objectives.</p> <p>Assessment of & lessons learned from the training period: monitoring sessions are organised all along the training to give trainees the opportunity to share their opinion on the course and to assess its quality. The richness of exchanges among the trainees strengthens learning and the quality of the programme throughout the training period.</p>	
Practice period: 6 months	<p>This 6-month period of application and evaluation of skills enables you to put into practice the knowledge, know-how and interpersonal skills acquired during the training period and to demonstrate your ability to project yourself onto the responsibilities of the job and understand the issues at stake in a professional context. The job profile must be validated by Bioforce.</p> <p>Status Volunteer (paid) or salaried status, depending on your profile and your host organisation. Paid trainee status is also possible under certain conditions (social security coverage, place of work placement, etc.)</p> <p>Duration 6 months</p> <p>Location Anywhere in the world (in the case of an internship: restrictions may apply depending on your place of training)</p> <p>Host organisation Any type of local, national or international organisation with humanitarian activities.</p> <p>How does Bioforce help? This field assignment following the training period is to be sought by you, with the support of our teaching teams who will guide you in building your professional project and prepare you to meet your future employers.</p> <p>Evaluation The evaluation of this work assignment is conducted by the employing organisation and through your written assignment report.</p>	
Qualification	A "Coordinateur de programme humanitaire" level 7 qualification (equivalent to a five-year higher education diploma) registered by the French National Record of Professional Qualifications.	
Equivalence and links	Given the very specific nature of this training programme, no equivalence or link with other qualifications could be identified.	

Application

Prerequisites	<p>Education or work experience in one of the following areas: Team management, project management, budget management. Or in an area where you have demonstrated skills that are transferrable to the aid sector: health, media, social or education, civil engineering, renovation, international relations and politics, cooperation and development, agriculture, logistics...</p> <p>Required level of education or work experience in one of the above-mentioned areas: Minimum 2-year higher education diploma ("bac +2" in France or equivalent) and minimum 3 years of full-time work experience in one of the above-mentioned areas</p> <p>English language level: Minimum B2 (according to European language levels - Self Assessment Grid).</p>
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	<p>Applicants with involvement in the non-profit sector, experience abroad, driving licence or first-aid certificate are particularly sought after.</p> <p>Strong computer skills are required.</p> <p><i>Bioforce training courses are accessible to people with disabilities: a dedicated person is in charge of welcoming, monitoring and supporting people with disabilities before and during their training at Bioforce.</i></p>
Application	<p>Step 1: online application Apply throughout the year on the web page of the course you are interested in. You will then receive an email (remember to check your Spam folder) granting you access to your Application platform, where you can complete your application, track its status, and pay the selection and registration fees. Your application will be considered upon receipt of the selection fee. We will inform you of the outcome of your application within 2 months of receiving your payment.</p> <p>Step 2: interview (if needed) should Bioforce staff members require further information (remote or in person).</p> <p>Step 3: registration You will be informed by email and on your Application platform of your admission within 15 days after the additional interview (or, if there is no additional interview, within 2 months of receipt of the selection fee).</p> <p>Step 1: online application The application for the « at your own pace » training course is made one course unit at a time. Apply throughout the year, at the latest 2 weeks before the start of the training unit, using our online form on the webpage of the course unit. You will then receive an email (remember to check your spam folder) granting you access to your Application platform, where you can complete your application, track its status, and pay the training fees. We undertake to inform you of the outcome of your application within 10 days.</p> <p>Step 2: admission You will be informed by email and on your Application platform of your admission within 10 days of receipt of the training fees.</p>

Fees and funding

Fees	<p>Selection: 60 € Registration: 200 € Training fees: 6 940 € Total: 7 200 €</p>	<p>Selection and registration fees are included in each training unit fees.</p> <p>2025 fees will be available in Q1 2025</p>
Funding	<p>Find the funding opportunities that you can explore for your training here: https://www.bioforce.org/en/learn/humanitarian-training-courses/funding/</p> <p>For EU residents wishing to take this course: this course is eligible for the CPF (“Compte personnel de formation”). Personalised quotations are also available upon request.</p> <p>For EU residents wishing to take this course: each training unit is eligible for the CPF.</p>	

More questions? 