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Switzerland and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in partnership with the University of Zug co-host an innovative education training course in "Pedagogical Approaches for Education in Humanitarian Principles and Values". The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Swiss Red Cross will support this partnership.

National Societies of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, national academic pedagogical institutions and other implementation partners, like Save the Children and Ana Aqra will have the opportunity to participate in this innovative education training.

## INVITATION TO JOIN OUR EDUCATION TRAINING

"Pedagogical Approaches for Education in Humanitarian Principles and Values"
Guiding the next generation towards humanitarian values and principles through innovative humanitarian education

Increased humanitarian needs, protracted crises, violence, conflicts, natural disasters and regionalised complex emergencies, such as forced displacement and migration are humanitarian challenges calling for sustainable solutions. Humanitarian education is an important pillar to address such challenges and prevent human suffering as well as strengthen resilience. But how can this be achieved through education while observing the Red Cross and Red Crescent fundamental principles and humanitarian principles at the same time?

# We strongly believe that...

...prevention is better than cure. Promoting and implementing value-based education allows us to mitigate the harmful effects of emergencies and create a culture of non-violence as well as a peaceful environment. Here communities and their citizens contribute to help those in need by strengthening individual and local resilience. Moreover, value-based education aims to build greater community engagement and overall cohesion to ensure human dignity for all. Developing both the skill and the will to care for and help others is at the very heart of humanitarianism.

## But reaching these goals needs innovation and acting...

...in humanitarian education. For this reason, a unique training programme based on "Project Humanity" linked with other humanitarian education programmes has been developed that teaches interested partners in "pedagogical approaches for education in humanitarian principles and values". Our colleagues form the Zug University of Teacher Education will develop and conduct the training programme.

This training is based on an analysis of the existing instruments of all partners within the formal and informal education systems. This course aims to train participants to teach pupils within the formal (and/or non-formal) education systems about the humanitarian principles. The course is in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4.7 of sustainability, cohesion and resilience. Existing instruments enrich and broaden the scope of the training. With its ability to shape behaviour and attitudes, education has a transformative potential for sustainable development, environmental responsibility, social relations and coping mechanisms. Promoting education for sustainable development; citizenship and human rights education, value-

based education; education for conflict resolution and a culture of dialogue in both education and noneducation programmes to foster environmental sensitivity, enhance tolerance, respect and sociopolitical participation.

- As contexts and situations differ, our partners have different requirements and can choose between various training levels (for more information see attached leaflet): from "Understanding and Applying Pedagogical Approaches for Education in Humanitarian Principles and Values" to "Sustainably Implementing Pedagogical Approaches in your Own Country and Context ". The training for all interested individuals and participants commence in January 2018. It is also possible to adapt the goal and duration of participation to the individual requirements, even after the training course has started. The duration of the participation determines the level of the diploma.

## - Profile criteria for participants

- ü English proficiency level
- ü Affinity to humanitarian principles and value-based education
- **ü** Letter of support from leadership level
- **ü** Personal motivation and commitment (application process)
- ü Time resources
- ü Involvement in education or child protection (pedagogical matters)

#### Finances / In Kind-Contribution

Swiss Humanitarian Aid of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) offers organisations of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, national academic pedagogical institutions and other implementation partners, like Save the Children and Ana Agra free-of-charge participation in the education training in Pedagogical Approaches for Education in Humanitarian Principles and Values for all degree level beginning in January 2018 and ending in December 2019.

The participants and their organisations offer their knowhow and experience, their time and personal resources as well as their willingness to adapt the learnings to their formal and/or non-formal education systems. Any expenses incurred during the adaptation process, such as translations etc., need to be covered by the participating organisation.

Any travel expenses to the venue of the course (twice for seven days) are to be borne by the organisation/national societies of the participants. Upon request, SDC is willing to contribute to the travel expenses.

- Please register by 19 November 2017, at the latest.

## Together we reach the goals...

...of humanitarian education. We are looking forward to diverse participation of all partners to enable us to learn from each other and find new innovative ways together.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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# Registration form for the Education Training in Pedagogical Approaches for Education in Humanitarian Principles and Values

FAMILY NAME			
FIRST NAME			
TITLE			
ORGANISATION			
ADDRESS			
MOBILE NUMBER			
E-MAIL			
LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM LEADERSHIP LEVEL IS ATTACHED			
INTENTION OF DEGREE, IF ALREADY KNOWN			
- DIPLOMA OF MASTER STUDY (MAS)			
- DIPLOMA OF ADVANCED STUDIES (DAS)			
- CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES (CAS)			
- ATTENDING ATTEST			
REMARKS			
Date:			
Name:	Signature:		

Deadline for the registration is the 19 November 2017