COURSE CONTENT: IHL FOR HUMANITARIANS

The training in general will give the participants answers on following questions:
- Why and how is IHL relevant for humanitarian professionals operating in armed conflict or in situations of violence?
- How does IHL work in practice?
- What are the main challenges posed by the contemporary armed conflicts to humanitarian professionals and policy makers?
- How to advocate for better respect of IHL and to hold authorities accountable for their decisions and actions?

Module 1: International Humanitarian Law: Main concepts
- History and sources
- The general principles of IHL
- Scope of application of IHL and qualification of conflicts

Module 2: IHL and other branches of international law
- What law applies in different types of situations?
- IHL vs. International Human Rights Law
- International Criminal Law and Criminal Courts
- Refugee law

Module 3: IHL in practice
- IHL in combat: The rules of war
- Protected persons
- Humanitarian action in IHL
- Humanitarian access

Module 4: Neutral and independent humanitarian action
- Humanitarian principles
- Challenges for humanitarian action
- Diversity of actors and civil-military coordination

Module 5: Thematic module (1-2 per course)
- Health Care in Danger
- IHL and non-state actors
- Sexual violence
- Multinational forces

Even wars have limits.