

## **Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue Instructors' Workshop (CSSRIW) Course Overview**

**Purpose:** Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue Instructors' Workshop (CSSRIW) is to provide participants with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to become a Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR) Instructor.

**Background:** CSSRIW is a seven-day course of the Program for Enhancement of Emergency Response that was developed by the United States Agency for International Development through Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) in collaboration with the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), and National Society for Earthquake Technology-Nepal (NSET). The course has been delivered in Thailand, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal and the Philippines.

**Target Audience:** The CSSRIW course in each PEER country is intended for Emergency and Disaster First Response Groups i.e. Fire Departments, Red Cross, Police Departments, Rescue groups associated with government emergency response system. Individuals are required to have successfully completed the CSSR and Training for Instructors (TFI) Course.

**Standards:** Lesson content must be presented following the interactive method of instruction, using the lesson plans and all associated materials and equipment, as described in the MFR Course guidelines and within established time limits. The lecture presentation will last a maximum of 40 minutes and the practical presentation a maximum of 50 minutes.

**Course Methodology and Content:** The workshop is delivered in seven-days by nine lead instructors using the Interactive Lecture Method (ILM) of instruction that is objective based, performance oriented, tested, and highly participatory. The experience of the instructors is enriched by the interaction between the participants.

A practice session is scheduled the day before the classes begin for participants to review the use, maintenance and safety precautions for all equipment discussed in the pre-work.

- Introduction
- Principles of Adult Learning
- How to prepare and Present a CSSR Lesson
- CSSR Review Group
- Managing Practical Stations and Exercises
- CSSR Course Evaluation System
- Using the Coordinator's Guide
- Tool and Equipment Cleaning and Maintenance
- Individual Presentations

**Performance Objective:** Participants, will be required to present one lesson, lecture, and to demonstrate how to conduct one practical exercise, following the lesson plans and using visual aids, equipment and the interactive method of teaching.