

CHRIS PIPER: HUMANITARIAN TEACHER, TRAINER & FACILITATOR

Overview

Chris Piper is a multi-skilled, multi-lingual, global humanitarian practitioner, with particular expertise in humanitarian consultancy and advisory work, training, and research. This paper focuses on these humanitarian training skills.

Teaching/Training/Facilitation Qualifications and Teaching Overview

In addition to his undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications¹, Chris is a qualified and registered teacher and adult educator from a combination of British and Australian sources². In the international development sector, Chris has taught three units as a part-time lecturer for an Australian University Master of International and Community Development program. He is also currently a Unit Chair on the Emergency Management program for a second Australian University. As a global humanitarian practitioner he has facilitated an online Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PDRM) program since mid 2016, with the most recent program³ running from the 27th July to 8th November 2020. Two more online PDRMs are planned for 2021⁴. He has also facilitated over 110, mainly accredited, PDRM and Participatory Project Management (PPM) workshops, across Australia and overseas. During 2019 he introduced five Short Courses (SCs) to his suite of training options.

Teaching/Training/Facilitation Experience

Chris' teaching, training and facilitation experience in the global humanitarian sector spreads across three complementary areas. These are the following:

- An online Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PDRM) program
- Customised workshops for both PDRM, Participatory Project Management (PPM) and Train Like a Champion (TLC) workshops
- A series of Short Courses (SCs), with currently seven topics on offer.

The online PDRM program and PDRM workshops both cover the following five modules:

Module 1	Key Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Issues & Diagrams
Module 2	Participatory Tools, Project Management, & Teaching Tips
Module 3	Risk Management
Module 4	Complex Emergencies, Conflict-related Situations, & Pandemics
Module 5	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) & Climate Change

¹ He has a Master in International and Community Development; a Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies; and an Undergraduate BA Hons Degree in Geography & Economics

² He has a Postgraduate Certificate of Education; British Army Education training in Methods of Instruction and Communications; and up-to-date registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT)

³ See www.torqaid.com/online-pdrm-program

⁴ With these running from the 22nd February to 4th June, and from 26th July to 5th November.

Accredited, online Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PDRM) Program

The link to the 2021 online PDRM program is www.torqaid.com/online-pdrm-program. This consists of three components:

- The PDRM brochure
- Assignment details for those seeking Advanced Standing/Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) at Master level with two Australian universities
- A Registration Form

The teaching dates for the 2021 program are:

- ✓ 22nd Feb to 4th June 2021
- ✓ 26th July to 5th Nov 2021

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The PDRM Teaching Framework can be accessed from www.torqaid.com/pdrm-teaching-framework.

This includes details of the intended outcome of the program; the key material covered in the five modules; and the teaching framework by which this material is delivered.

Short Courses (SCs)

Complementary to the longer training programs which TorqAid facilitates, the agency also offers five Short Courses (SCs). Each of these SCs is of 1.0 hour in duration, and they are designed both for the Global Humanitarian or Development Professional, as well as for the interested tertiary or secondary students. Together they give an overview of some key issues relating to global humanitarian and development work. The five SCs are:

SC1	:	Four key Disaster Risk Management (DRM) diagrams, and their application to tropical storms ⁵
SC2	:	The 2019/2020 Australian bushfires, including causes, effects, and recovery, the latter complicated by Covid-19
SC3	:	The Rohingya crisis, notably causes, current humanitarian operations, and future safe return options
SC4	:	The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Climate Change, and Covid-19 complications
SC5	:	The Ten Seed Technique (TST) ranking tool, and its application to risk management ⁶

⁵ Namely tropical cyclones in the SW Pacific & Indian Ocean; hurricanes in the Caribbean; or typhoons in the East Asia.

⁶ This is either a single theoretical session, or a practical program covering three sessions

Customised, largely accredited, mainly 3-4 day workshops

Since 2002, nearly 70 Participatory Project Management (PPM), and over 40 Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PDRM)⁷ workshops have been facilitated across Australia and overseas. As well as these longer (3-4 day) PDRM workshops, shorter sessions have also been given, these ranging from 0.5 to 1.5 days in length. The PPMs have included work⁸ with stakeholders involved in Aboriginal community development projects. The links to these generic PPM and PDRM workshops are given below, and currently these are just being offered to individual client agencies.



Generic accredited Participatory Project Management (PPM) Workshop

<http://www.torqaid.com/ppm-generic>

Generic accredited Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PDRM) Workshop

<http://www.torqaid.com/drm-generic>

Examples of these PDRM and PPM workshops have included:

- PDRMs in overseas locations such as PNG, Indonesia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, South Africa, and Madagascar
- PPMs in Australian locations such as Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Perth, and Adelaide; as well as overseas ones such as Fiji, PNG, Indonesia, Afghanistan and Albania
- Customised PPM workshops in Darwin, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy for stakeholders largely working in Aboriginal communities
- A series of one day PDRMs in Banda Aceh, Indonesia following the Indian Ocean tsunami; as well as a one day workshop in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh for stakeholders supporting the Rohingya refugee process

Concluding Remarks

Free to contact Chris at the address below if you would like to inquire more about the range of TorqAid's teaching, training or facilitation services.

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⁷ Again, up until the end of 2018, these were called Disaster Risk Management (DRM) workshops

⁸ For example at Alice Springs, Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Adelaide, Perth and Canberra