



Simulation Summary

The Day My Life Froze

Urban Refugees in the Humanitarian System

Experience the social and political dynamics of a humanitarian response to urban refugees in a middle-income country from the vantage-point of various stakeholders.

Background

The Day My Life Froze simulates a mass-displacement scenario in a fictional middle income country, with a primarily urban-based response. The dynamics modeled in this simulation are based on an amalgamation of various real-life humanitarian response scenarios, including the Syrian refugee response in Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey.

Description

The simulation is carefully crafted to reproduce the decision-making spaces of various stakeholders, including refugee heads of household, INGO workers, local government officials, and international donors. Participants will embody the roles of one of these stakeholders, experiencing the response from their point of view and gaining an in-depth understanding of their motivations and goals. As participants work towards their individual and group goals, tensions inherent in their conflicting motivations are highlighted.

Learning Outcomes

Through the simulation and debriefing session, participants will...

- ...demonstrate an understanding of the social and political dynamics of humanitarian response from multiple viewpoints.
- ...identify a range of stakeholders in humanitarian response.
- ...analyze the goals and motivations of multiple stakeholders using LLST “same-teaming” methods.
- ...experience the decision-making space of at least one stakeholder in an urban-based refugee response scenario.

Specifications

Participants: 25-40

Duration: 1 – 2 days (Simulation + Debriefing)

Target groups: Current and prospective humanitarian workers, government donors, researchers, graduate and undergraduate students

For More Information

The Day My Life Froze: Urban Refugees in the Humanitarian System is designed to be delivered alone or in conjunction with a week-long partner course of the same name. Please contact mstevens@llst.ca for more information or to arrange a delivery.