



# GENNEXT FELLOWS GO THE *Extra Mile*

## FELLOWS GAIN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

In April 2024, the GenNext Learning Team presented Fellows with the amazing opportunity to attend the Harvard Response Intensive Course (HRIC) in Cambridge, MA. This two-week, on-site intensive course provided our Fellows with the opportunity to gain familiarity with the primary frameworks in the humanitarian



GenNext Fellows pose for a group photo before the SIM training .



Daniel Ryan presents his Team's Final Service Delivery Plan (FSDP).

field (human rights, livelihoods, Sphere standards, international humanitarian law) and focus on practical issues that arise in the field, such as personal and team security, rapid assessments, application of minimum standards for food security, shelter, WaSH (water, sanitation and hygiene) and operational approaches to relations with the military in humanitarian

settings. The course concluded with a field simulation exercise (SIM) with Fellows spending two nights in the forest



Full group photo of HRIC SIM participants.

and participating in a disaster and conflict scenario while working in assigned teams. Fellows share the impact of their experience on the following page.



Daniel and his team prepare for the three-day field simulation exercise.

The most exciting part of the course was the simulation, which pushed me out of my comfort zone and required me to apply the knowledge gained during the learning sessions, as well as my prior knowledge from my fellowship. I had the opportunity to collaborate with and learn from professionals with diverse backgrounds. Overall, interacting with brilliant individuals and people doing incredible work in different parts of the world was the highlight of my experience.

-Daniel Ryan, 2023 Fellow



I learned many technical skills that relate to data analysis and logistics such as calculating the metric tons of food needed for a given population, how to properly manage a camp, and how to effectively approach and address people in need of psychological first aid. I [also] learned how to create indicators and an effective M&E plan to address assumptions that can impact the success of a program.

-Kristina Edwards, 2023 Fellow



Kristina conducts the “Field Skills-First Aid and Carry” exercise, a hands-on practice in wound packing, proper tourniquet placement and protocol and carrying techniques for wounded people that can be utilized in an emergency with little, to no supplies



[With] a background in international relations, I can apply what I learned in my academic, professional, and personal life. I learned that I could handle high-stress situations and was able to display leadership skills amongst other skilled professionals.

Overall, this was a truly amazing experience, and I would recommend this course to anyone interested in the Humanitarian field.

-Kasi Carter, 2023 Fellow



Kasi, second from left, and team prepare for the SIM. Kasi served as Team Leader for the in-classroom training, guiding her team in creating a Final Service Delivery Plan (FSDP).