The Civil-Military Coordination in Disaster Relief course develops a comprehensive understanding of how national governments organize and use their armed forces to support domestic disaster response and international operations. The course emphasizes cross-community understanding and communication skills that focus the ways that armed forces, government civilian agencies, non-governmental organizations, and inter-governmental organizations can work more effectively alongside each other in disaster relief.

OBJECTIVES
As an outcome of this offering, participants will have:

♦ Deepened their understanding of disaster response communities
♦ Developed knowledge of national systems for coordinating disaster response
♦ Explored the methods used by the international community to support national governments during disaster response
♦ The capacity to build trust, identify shared objectives, and promote collaboration
♦ Explored emerging concepts and initiatives from the various communities
♦ Built cross-community professional networks

TOPICS
Participants will learn best practices for coordinating relief within their own countries and methods used for participating in international response to other countries. Daily course instruction includes a variety of learning methods to include instruction, discussion, case studies, and classroom exercises.

Possible modules include:

♦ Disaster management architecture
♦ Incident command systems
♦ Civil-military coordination in an Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
♦ International guidelines in civil-military disaster coordination
♦ Disaster displacement and protection of vulnerable populations
♦ Managing crises in a complex urban environment

PARTICIPANTS
This course is recommended for mid-grade to senior officers in all armed services and civilian/government employees.
FACULTY
ISG employs a diverse faculty with strong professional, academic, military, and government backgrounds. This faculty core is augmented by other government experts (both civilian and military) and subject matter experts (SMEs) drawn from universities, think tanks, international organizations, and industry.

ENROLLMENT
Courses are conducted for partner countries as part of the United States government’s security assistance and security cooperation efforts. As such, participation in ISG courses is managed through the security cooperation office of the US Embassies in partner countries. Interested, non-US persons should contact the international cooperation section of their own government or the relevant US Embassy for selection processes and enrollment. ISG reserves limited space in courses for US citizens. Interested US citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

FUNDING
ISG can accept most types of US government funding. Courses are typically funded by IMET, FMF, FMS, CTIWFP, PKO, and other DoD-wide O&M funds (333, MSI, etc) on a case-by-case basis. Cost estimates can be obtained by contacting ISG.

ABOUT ISG
The Institute for Security Governance (ISG) is a global security cooperation organization established to build partner capability and grow the field and practice of institutional capacity building (ICB). Located in Monterey, California, ISG serves as the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA)’s primary resource for ICB integration and implementation, project scoping and design, and education and advising expertise.

This course is a key component of ISG’s 25-year-long effort to provide military and civilian officials with unique education and professional development programs. Designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues and foster peer-to-peer learning, this custom-tailored course offering brings theoretical and applied learning practices into an exciting and rich classroom environment.