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Fritz Institute Awards Thirty Full-Tuition Scholarships for the Humanitarian Logistics Certification Courses: "Certification in Humanitarian Logistics" (CHL/CLH – English and French), and "Certification in Humanitarian Medical Logistics Practices" (MedLog)

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The Fritz Institute is pleased to announce the award of thirty full-tuition scholarships for the award-winning Humanitarian Logistics Certification Program: ten each for Certification in Humanitarian Logistics (CHL), Certification en Logistique Humanitaire (CLH), and Certification in Humanitarian Medical Logistics Practices (MedLog). The Scholarship Program supports the development of essential logistics and supply chain management skills of professionals working in life-saving humanitarian operations.

All 30 successful candidates are currently supporting on-going humanitarian response efforts around the world – 22 in Africa, 6 in Asia, and 1 each in Europe and North America (Haiti). These individuals work for 19 humanitarian organizations:

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| - ACF                                      | - International Rescue Committee | - The National Disaster Management Organization of Ghana |
| - Aide Médicale Internationale             | - Islamic Relief Worldwide       | - Norwegian Church Aid                                   |
| - CARE                                     | - Marie Stopes International     | - Plan International                                     |
| - Catholic Relief Services                 | - Medair                         | - Save the Children                                      |
| - French Red Cross                         | - Merlin                         | - Solidarités International                              |
| - International Committee of the Red Cross | - MSF-Holland                    | - UNICEF   |
| - International Medical Corps              |                                  |  |

In total, nearly 400 applications were received for the 30 available scholarships – an unprecedented demand for the education provided by the Certification Program. The candidates came from 116 organizations in 68 different countries.

Candidates were evaluated on: financial need - the inability of the candidates and their organization to provide the required funding for training; ability to disseminate the competencies - the candidate's potential to support logistics improvements within their organization and to help develop colleagues' competencies; and ability to positively affect the lives of beneficiaries - the candidate's potential to apply the competences to improve beneficiaries' lives.

Selection of the 30 awardees was done by a 'Peer Selection Committee' of fellow students and graduates of the Certification Program. The Committee included 13 individuals – male and female, national and international staff, representing UN organizations, NGOs, and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement. The combined group had over 50 years of humanitarian experience, working in life-saving operations across the globe.

About the selection process, one Peer Selection Committee from ICRC in Kenya stated, "I feel greatly honored to have participated in the process and wish to take this opportunity to congratulate all the successful applicants. I hope they realize how lucky they are, but my greater hope is that the knowledge and skills they gain from this program will be used to improve and better the humanitarian supply chain wherever they work for the ultimate benefit of the humanitarian aid beneficiaries."

The Scholarship Program is expected to continue in 2012. Details about the application process and timelines will be posted on the Fritz Institute website ([www.fritzinstitute.org](http://www.fritzinstitute.org)) as they become available.

The Humanitarian Logistics Certification Program is offered in partnership with CILT (UK) and the Logistics Learning Alliance. More information about the Fritz Institute, the Humanitarian Logistics Certification Program and the 2011 Scholarship Program, is available on the Fritz Institute website ([www.fritzinstitute.org](http://www.fritzinstitute.org)).

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