

Online training

UNARMED CIVILIAN PROTECTION - UCP -



Nonviolent Peaceforce

PROBLEM STATEMENT

An estimated *2 billion* people live in fragile and conflict-affected areas of the world.



THE SHIFT FROM WAR TO LASTING PEACE IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT A STRONGER CIVILIAN CAPACITY. WITHOUT THIS CAPACITY, THERE MAY BE DISRUPTIONS IN FIGHTING, BUT RESILIENT INSTITUTIONS WILL NOT TAKE ROOT AND THE RISK OF RENEWED VIOLENCE WILL PERSIST.

JEAN-MARIE GUEHENNO,
FORMER UNITED NATIONS UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR PEACEKEEPING
OPERATIONS

WE WANT YOUNG PEOPLE TO FEEL LIKE THEY DON'T NEED TO BE SAVED BY AN OUTSIDE POWER OR GROUP, THEY ALREADY HAVE THE ANCESTRAL KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO MOVE INTO THE WORLD. AND IT IS THAT KNOWLEDGE, ANCESTRAL AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES, THAT WILL SAVE US.

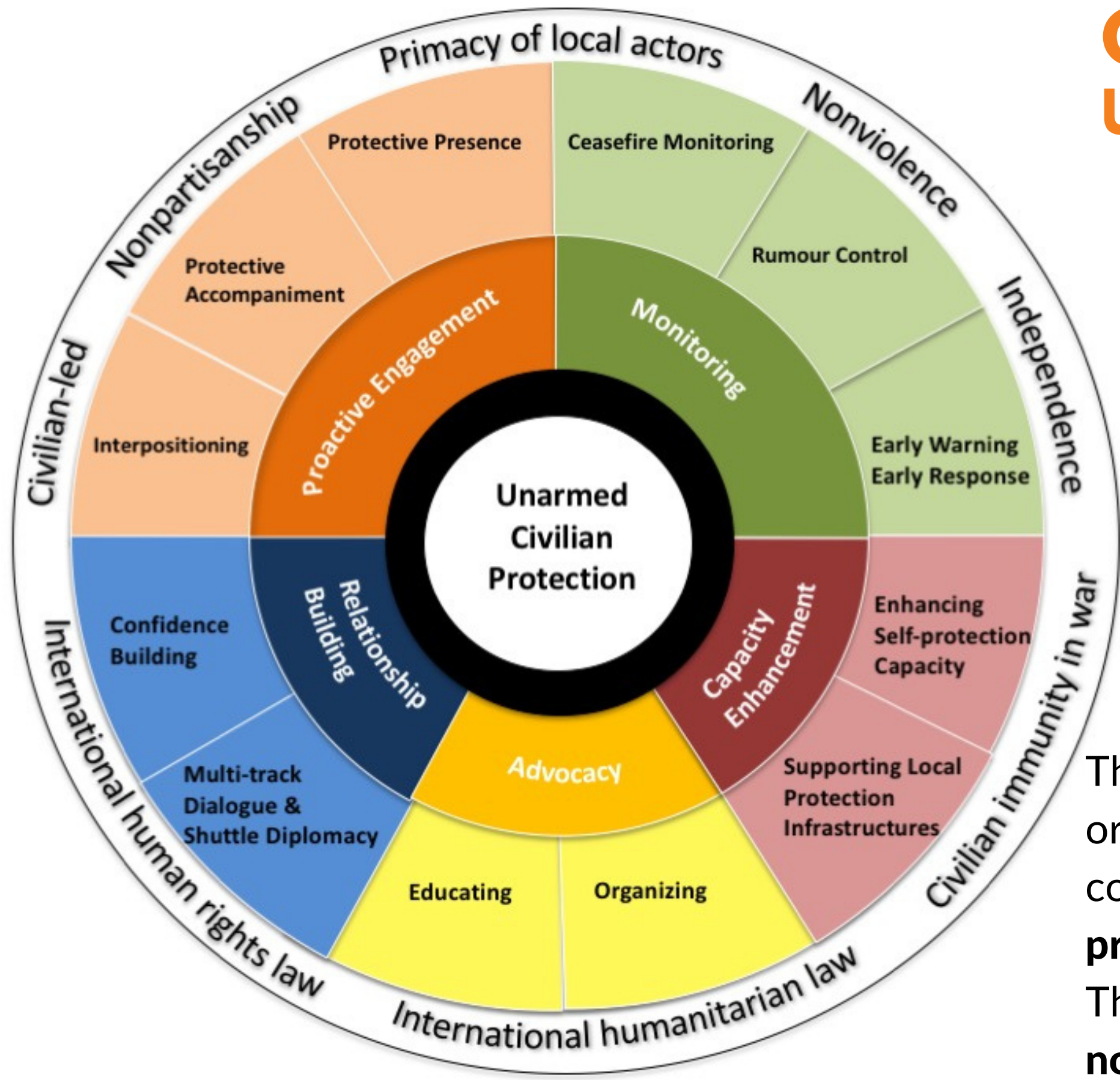
LIL MILAGRO HENRIQUEZ, MYCELIUM YOUTH NETWORK



*It takes unarmed civilians to break the cycle of violence
and demonstrate other ways of handling conflict.*

Nonviolent Peaceforce prevents violence, protects civilians and promotes peace through the unique tool of **unarmed civilian protection** (UCP)

OUR SOLUTION: UCP- UNARMED CIVILIAN PROTECTION



UCP is the practice of **deploying unarmed civilians** before, during, and after violent conflict, to **prevent or reduce violence**, provide **direct physical protection** to other civilians, and **strengthen or build local peace infrastructures**.

The purpose of UCP is to create a safer environment, or a 'safer space', for civilians to **address their own needs**, contribute to solve their own conflicts, and **protect** vulnerable individuals and populations in their midst. This 'safer space' is created through a strategic mix of **key nonviolent engagement methods, principles, values, and skills**.

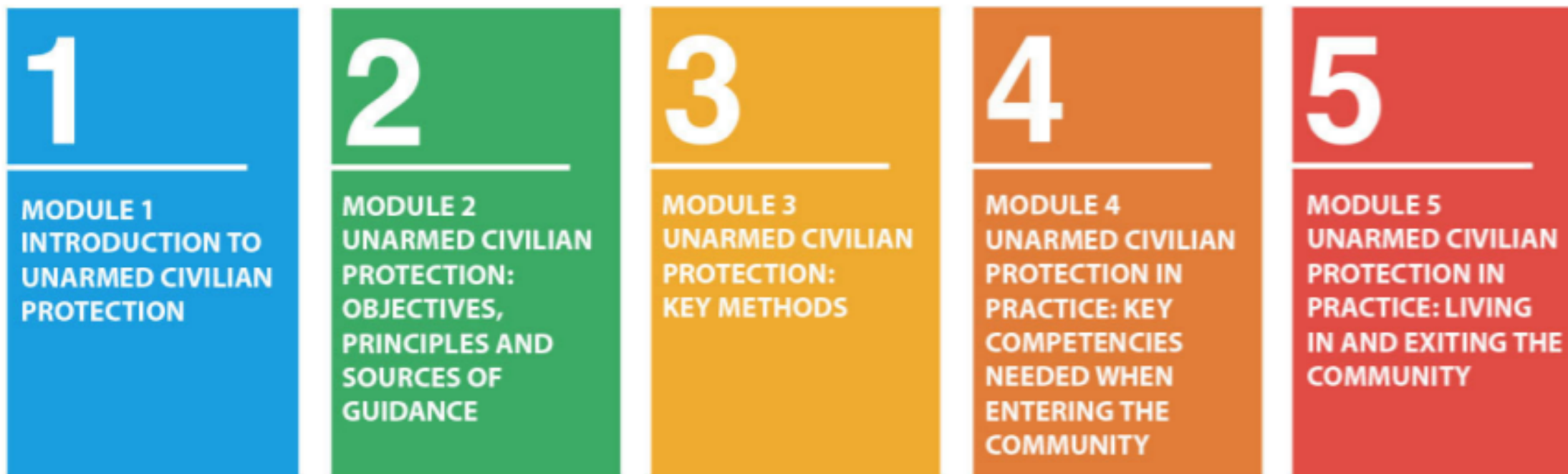


WHAT WE OFFER- COURSE

- **10 weeks** online training for **10 to 40 participants**
- **5 modules**- introduction to UCP, **adaptable and replicable** to local contexts and needs
- Currently available in English and French
- Learning platform, materials and course structure adapted to a situation where internet access is unstable

Each module contains **40-50 pages of reading**, accompanied by various learning support like **audio, video, and diagrams**.

Each module includes also **one short assessment** (quiz) designed to check comprehension of key concepts and **one written assignment** to practice the application of knowledge



A central part of the course experience are the numerous and regular **exchanges** on the approach and adaptability of UCP in a local context-
via forums, calls, and social medias exchanges with the course facilitator and local mentors

COURSE CONTENT

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This course allowed me to demystify the protection of civilians because I thought it was the prerogative of armed actors only. Understanding that this protection must be done by civilians reinforces my desire to contribute to it.

Mariam, Mali

Not more than a month after the training, a neighbor kicked his daughter out for having spent the night in the city, and swore to hit her if she ever stepped foot in his house again. Since I have a good relationship with this neighbor, I felt compelled to find his daughter and accompany her home and convinced her father to let her come back. I provided protected accompaniment and felt myself embodying the principles of UCP.

Askandra, Niger

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WHAT WE OFFER- SUPPORT

- **Diverse teaching team**, formed by internationals and nationals experts. Composed of 1 training coordinator, 1 trainer/course facilitator, and local mentors
- **Supervision and support from local peers**- through the position of local mentors for a better contextualization and application of UCP
- **Recruitment process of participants** *when needed* - including communication materials, recruitment portal and review of applications
- Establishment of **local network of newly trained peers**
- Organization of an **online graduation ceremony**, including **certificates** of completion and participation
- **Coaching support** from UCP expert in charge to support the participants in the development of local or regional UCP activities

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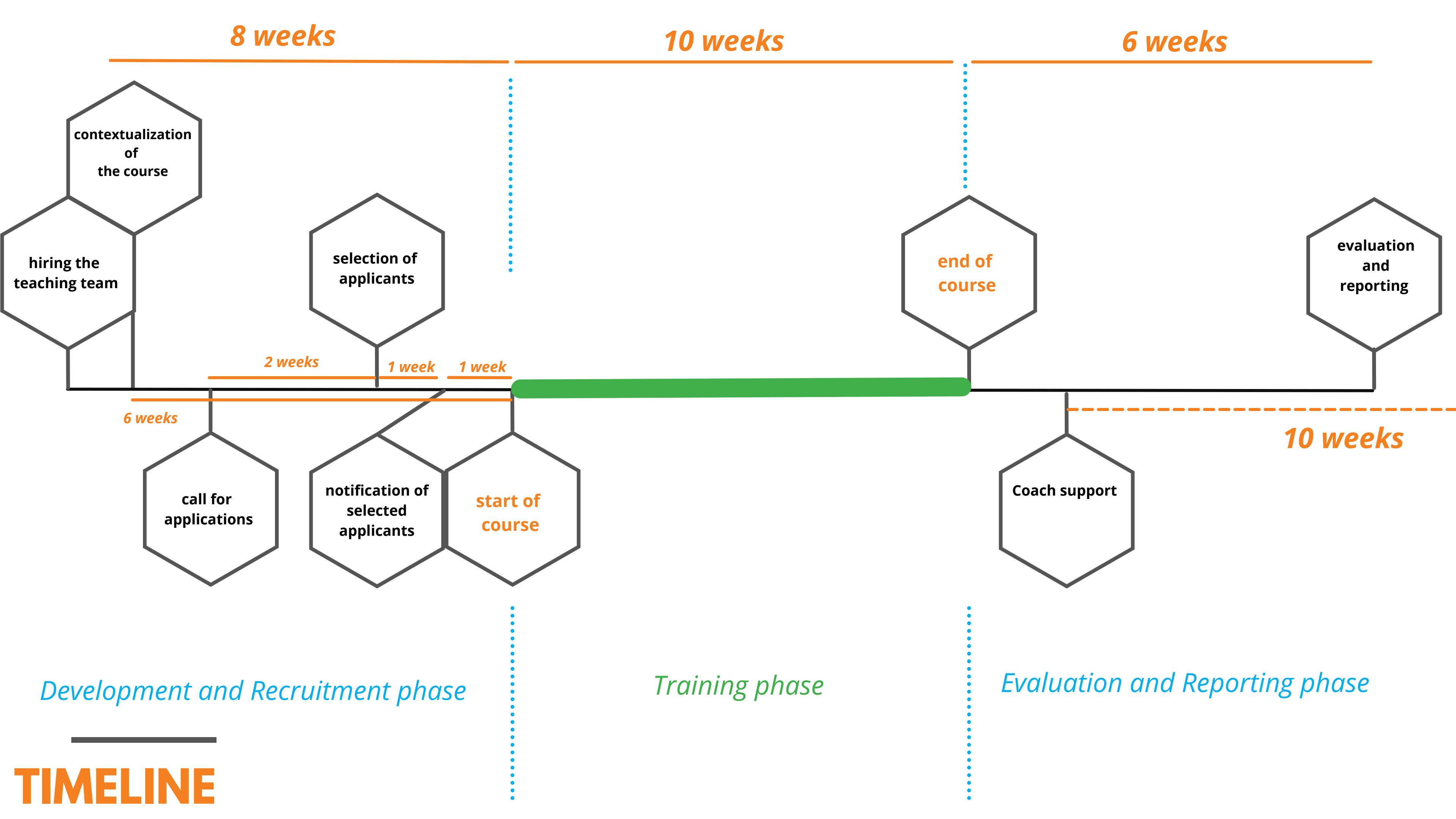
Most important for me were the occasion to exchange with colleagues from other horizons, and learn from them.

Alhousseiny Moussa, Mali

The most striking and important things of the course, in my opinion, were the sharing of experiences: we were several nationalities, with different experiences, we could read interesting anecdotes, hear incredible stories that could challenge us on the important role that we must play to bring peace back in our respective countries.

Djamiratou, Burkina Faso

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