

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME AN IPC PROFESSIONAL

Building IPC Capacity through Knowledge, Practice and Professional Standards

With the accelerating adoption of the IPC Version 2.0 around the world, there is a growing demand for IPC experts with demonstrated knowledge of the IPC new approach and tools. In response, the IPC Certification Programme was launched in June 2013.

This certification programme presents a unique opportunity for a person to become a globally certified IPC Professional. It builds IPC capacity through knowledge, practice and professional standards. The IPC certification process aims to qualify IPC practitioners professionally and is aimed at technical practitioners at the global, regional, national and sub-national levels. It is designed to ensure that IPC practitioners acquire and prove the relevant level of capacity and skills according to their role and commitment. It provides the platform to generate an expanded pool of qualified professional IPC analysts, trainers and experts worldwide.

The IPC Certification Programme is built around three primary roles for the IPC practitioners who would like to be involved in IPC activities: IPC Analyst, IPC Trainer and Facilitator, and IPC Expert. These role-based certification credentials can be earned by passing three proficiency levels:

- ◆ **“Level 1 Certificate as IPC Analysts”** certifies an individual to use the IPC tools and procedures professionally
- ◆ **“Level 2 Certificate as IPC Trainers/Facilitators”** certifies an individual to lead IPC Level 1 Training and Country Analysis Workshop
- ◆ **“Level 3 Certificate as IPC Expert”** certifies IPC International Experts who can operate and support the IPC Certification Programme anywhere in the world.

BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

The IPC Certification Programme is a **set of tools, levels and processes** relevant for **food security experts** who are engaged or want to involve in IPC activities at **global, regional and country levels**.

It encourages to qualify IPC practitioners professionally, building IPC capacity through knowledge, practice and **professional standards**.

The IPC Certification Process ensures that applicants **acquire and prove**:

- **Understanding and knowledge** of IPC technical standards, protocols, and guidelines
- **Skills** to apply the **IPC approach** and engage in IPC Analysis;
- **Relevant level of capacity** and experience to lead IPC Training and Analysis.

IPC Certification



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CERTIFICATION CAMPAIGN

The IPC Certification Programme will kick-off with a strategic and proactive **Regional and Country Certification Campaign** that will be driven by the IPC Sub-regional Coordinators and the IPC GSU Regional Technical Coordinators. The objective of the campaign is twofold:

- ◆ Reach out those who already qualify for level 1 and level 2 Certification, and help them to receive their certification by the end of 2013; and
- ◆ Keep record of IPC practitioners at various levels of certification (Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3), and facilitate their progress from one level of certification to the other.

As part of the campaign activities, an automated database system is being developed to manage the IPC certification process, record the progress made by the IPC practitioners and create a roster of IPC professionals. Detailed information sessions on the IPC Certification Programme will be also incorporated into all future global, regional and country IPC Training Materials and used in the IPC trainings which will occur in the coming months .

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Each level of certification includes specific requirements, what the certification qualifies the person to do, and process for certification registration.

IPC Certification is not mandatory to get involved in IPC activities. However, for the sake of sustainability and increased technical rigor, all IPC stakeholders, in particular the national IPC Technical Working Groups (TWG), are encouraged to get IPC certified.



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Certification	Requirements	Qualifications
LEVEL 1 <i>IPC Analyst</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e-Learning Course on Food Security (Prerequisite) IPC Level 1 Training Participation Participation in at least ONE IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshop IPC Level 1 Certification Final Test successfully completed* 	IPC QUALIFIED ANALYST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the IPC Tools and procedures
LEVEL 2 <i>IPC Trainer & Facilitator</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPC Analyst Level 1 Certificate IPC Level 2 Training participation Co-Facilitation of at least ONE IPC Level 1 Training Co-Facilitation of at least TWO IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshop. 	IPC TRAINER & FACILITATOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead IPC Level 1 Training Lead IPC Country Analysis Workshop
LEVEL 3 <i>IPC Expert</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed IPC Level 1 and 2 Certificates Lead at least TWO IPC Level 1 trainings Lead at least THREE IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshops Co-facilitate at least ONE IPC Level 2 Training Pass IPC Global Support Unit final interview with endorsement from the IPC Global Steering Committee 	IPC EXPERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead IPC Level 1 and Level 2 Trainings Lead IPC Country Analysis Workshop and Regional Synthesis Be part of the IPC International Roster of IPC EXPERTS

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WHY GET AN IPC CERTIFICATION?

- An **IPC Certification establishes** a food security-wide recognition of your technical skills. Candidates will become a part of an elite group of highly sought after professionals. Confidence in your skills will grow by learning and validating relevant cutting edge content.
- **You will be able** to innovate, simplify your food security expertise, employ best practices, which can lead to a more prominent role within an organization. Your credibility is immediately established as you raise your personal bar. A certified candidate will have a reduced need for assistance or technical support.
- **IPC Certification provides** a direct return on your training investment because it validates the skill levels of food security experts. It also helps to define professional development areas and skill sets with the IPC networking staff.
- **IPC Certification increases** credibility for internal and external customers from managers and peers. Certified individuals will know how to get the most from IPC approach and final goal, and design innovative solutions.

REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO GET CERTIFIED

IPC Certification	Requirements	How To:
LEVEL 1 <i>IPC Analyst</i>	e-Learning Course on Food Security	http://www.foodsec.org/dl/elcpages/food-security-courses.asp?pgLanguage=en&leftItemSelected=food-security-courses
	IPC Level 1 Training Participation	Contact the IPC Technical Working Group (TWG) in your country or the IPC Regional Coordinators in your region
	Participation in at least ONE IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshop	
	IPC Level 1 Certification Final Test successfully completed	The test is being finalized and will be available soon on the IPC website
LEVEL 2 <i>IPC Trainer & Facilitator</i>	IPC Level 2 Training participation	Contact the IPC Technical Working Group (TWG) in your country or the IPC Regional Coordinators in your region
	Co-Facilitation of at least ONE IPC Level 1 Training	
	Co-Facilitation of at least TWO IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshop.	
LEVEL 3 <i>IPC Expert</i>	Lead at least TWO IPC Level 1 trainings	Contact the IPC Technical Working Group (TWG) in your country or the IPC Regional Coordinators in your region
	Lead at least THREE IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshops	
	Co-facilitate at least ONE IPC Level 2 Training	
	Pass IPC Global Support Unit final interview	

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