

ESSAY COMPETITION 2014

Violence Against Health Care: Social and Humanitarian Implications

TOPIC

"Violence against health care: social and humanitarian implications"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Violence, both actual and threatened, against wounded and sick, and against health care facilities and personnel, is one of the most crucial yet overlooked humanitarian issues of today. In conflicts and upheavals all over the world, violence disrupts health care services at the moment when they are needed most. Injured die when they ought to survive because they are prevented from receiving the timely medical assistance to which they have a right.

The role of Government and other organizations like the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), National Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies, NGOs and Civil Defence mechanisms, etc. cannot be over-looked in alleviating such situations. For more details on ICRC's campaign on health care in danger, please visit:
www.icrc.org/eng/what-we-do/safeguarding-health-care

ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is open to following:
- University students (current and former having completed their degree/diploma 1 year ago)
 - Medical practitioners
 - Staff associated with think tanks
 - Journalists
 - Staff/volunteers of humanitarian organizations

Each participant shall be permitted to submit only one individual entry; joint entries shall not be permitted.

All submissions must be the original and bona fide work of the participants; plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.

The submission should not have been submitted in any other competition and/or for publication whatsoever.

Submissions that pursue a political agenda, or vilify, demean or discriminate against a particular group of people on any basis whatsoever will not be judged favourably.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

There is no registration fee for the competition.

Submissions that do not fulfil the following criteria will not be eligible for the competition:

- Submissions are due by 24:00 (PST) on 13th July 2014
- Submissions will be accepted till two days after the last date of submission, with a penalty of 2 marks per day
- The word limit for each submission is 5,000 words (excluding footnotes).
- Submissions in PDF format shall be emailed as an attachment to Usman Khan at kusman@icrc.org, with a copy to Najum-ul-Saqib Iqbal at nulsaqibiqbal@icrc.org.
- The subject of the email shall be: 'Essay Competition: Violence against health care: social and humanitarian implications'.
- Each submission shall include the author's name, email-address, contact phone number, institution/organization/university and field of study.

MARKING CRITERIA

Each submission will be marked out of a total of 100 marks. The marking criteria for the entries shall be as follows:-

Ingenuity/Originality	30 marks
Quality of research	25 marks
Structure and Clarity	25 marks
English/Grammar	10 marks
Presentation (Formatting)	10 marks

JURY

The Jury will consist of three representatives of the ICRC. Their decision will be final. Prize winners will be notified by email no later than 6th August 2014 and invited for an award giving ceremony, which will take place in mid-August 2014 in Islamabad.

All the entries shall be the property of the ICRC, which reserves the right to publish the entries in any book, journal or in any other manner as it may deem appropriate, without providing any royalty or compensation.

1st prize	PKR 50,000
2nd prize	PKR 40,000
3rd prize	PKR 30,000