

Management of Development

Master of Science  Velp, Holland



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Master in Management of Development

The Master in Management of Development (MSc) is designed for mid-career development professionals, with a background in rural development or agriculture. This top-rated programme is renowned for its international learning environment, team projects and linking theory and practice. Relevant work experience is essential to the course, as students contribute and use their previously obtained know-how. Graduates are competent rural development professionals prepared to support service delivery organisations, private and government agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) or other development-related organisations in the area of food and nutrition security, disaster risk management, social inclusion, gender and youth.

So, if you wish to gain insight into the living conditions and survival strategies of those at risk of becoming excluded and to become equipped to translate this insight into organisational policies and strategies, then join the Management of Development programme.

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Degree

Upon graduation you will receive a Master of Science degree. Our Master programmes are accredited by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO).



Duration

1 year



Location

Velp, Holland



Language

English



Admission

To qualify for enrolment you should have a Bachelor degree or equivalent qualification in a relevant subject and at least two years of relevant work experience. You also need to prove English proficiency by providing a certificate issued by selected language institutions (TOEFL 550/IELTS 6.0, or other equivalent certificates).



Combine theory and practice



Competence based



Small classes



Simulating professional situations

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Specialisations of Master in Management of Development



Building people's resilience
to disasters and conflicts

Disaster Risk Management

One of the key development challenges of our time is the increasing number of people placed at risk of crises and disasters; people's vulnerability increases due to shocks and trends as a result of natural and man-made hazards. The number, complexity and impact of disasters are increasing which heightens the need for better disaster management. Disaster Risk Management (DRM) has become one of the cornerstones of international development: there is an urgency to reduce disaster losses and a need to minimize the impact of disasters on sustainable development. Disasters are, in essence, the result of poorly managed risks and human failure to introduce appropriate risk reduction measures. Effective crises and disaster responses therefore demand a shift away from reactive Emergency Relief to pro-active Disaster Risk Reduction. DRM combines the concept of response and recovery (in the postdisaster phase) with the concept of prevention, mitigation and preparedness (the pre-disaster phase). Graduates will be better able to respond to natural and man-made disasters in increasingly complex and dynamic environments. In the context of increasing climate variability and climate change (slow-onset disasters), this specialization pays attention to linking Disaster Risk Reduction with Climate Change Adaptation. Additionally, the specialisation touches on conflict, making the course also relevant for those working in tense and conflict affected regions. Central to the DRM specialization is the focus on reducing the negative impact of disaster and conflict on peoples' lives and livelihoods and to build people's resilience to disasters, crises and conflict.



Food and Nutrition Security

Food security exists when everybody has access to sufficient, nutritious and safe food at all times. However, various predictable and unpredictable challenges around the globe, including changes in climate (i.e. rising/falling temperatures, droughts and floods, diseases and pests), market tendencies, insufficient access to food for households, unequal distribution of resources and opportunities and inadequate food distribution channels, prevent the realisation of this idealistic and often oversimplified term. Despite a growing number of large-scale, high-external input farms and enough food production to feed the world, post-harvest losses result in less optimal yields and (locally) produced foods are often used for other purposes, such as animal feed or biofuel. Consequentially, More than 800 million undernourished people around the globe do not have access to this lost and wasted food. Ensuring access to food for everyone is the key to ending hunger, which will require improved collaboration between various stakeholders - producer (organisations), the private sector, governments, traders and development organisations. Structures, policies and programmes must be continuously



Local Food Security in a Globalising World

adapted to a variety of external factors, such as the economy, environment and current social structures. Rethinking of informal rules and habits is another essential step in attaining food security, considering even members of the same household are not guaranteed equal access to food. In light of these external factors and challenges, this specialisation presents various interventions needed to combat hunger and ensure food security for everyone.



Linking sustainable development to social inclusion

Social Inclusion, Gender and Youth

While governments around the world have committed themselves to fighting poverty, it can only be eradicated once marginalised individuals and groups experience equality, regardless of their gender, race, ethnicity, disabilities or age. That is why discussions on sustainable development and reversing poverty often refer to social inclusion. Development organisations and government agencies can contribute to inclusive transformation processes that improve circumstances for marginalised people and allow them to take part in society and benefit from social services and various political, social, physical and market spaces. Youth are particularly important drivers of innovation, entrepreneurship and prosperity in developing countries and engaging them in the agricultural sector should be a priority. To ensure inclusive transformation processes, development professionals and organisations need to understand and define marginalised peoples' needs, interests, constraints and possibilities, as well as understand their roles in decision-making processes at household, economic and societal levels. This specialisation equips students with competences needed to define the needs and interests of marginalised people, mainstream social inclusion in rural development and service delivery, and to facilitate change and community development towards empowerment of the marginalised and enhancement of social equity.

Study programme

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural development theories • Personal leadership • Food security and rural livelihoods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of development professionalism • Organisations and institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research design and implementation 	Thesis
Specialisation	Specialisation	Specialisation	

Please contact us for more information about the different study options of the Master programme, e.g. 2 times 6 months or 4 times 3 months.

Studying in Holland

Holland is well known for being open-minded, tolerant and internationally-oriented. Study and living costs are affordable and the quality of Dutch institutions is well-recognised. Off campus you can explore the picturesque nature areas that surround our site in Velp by foot or bike. Throughout the year there are several free festivals, markets and concerts where you can hang out with your friends and meet the locals. Amsterdam, The Hague, Berlin and Paris are only a short train journey away.

Facts and figures

	Theory	Practice
15-20 lesson hours per week	50%	50%
20-25 hours of self-study weekly	Individual 65%	Teamwork 35%

These facts and figures give an estimate of the time you spend on your studies.

Tuition fee

€ 13,700 per year.

Scholarships

This Master Programme is eligible for the OKP scholarship which is targeted at professionals from selected countries who, after their studies in Holland, will be able to further develop and strengthen the organisations at which they work. For more information on OKP and other scholarships, please visit www.studyinholland.nl/scholarships.

"It has developed my confidence to work in the area of gender, in any organisation, at any position."

Aberash Tsehay, Programme coordinator NGO, from Ethiopia



Career opportunities

- Food security project manager
- Sustainable agriculture counselor
- Programme coordinator NGO
- Advisor rebuilding after disasters
- Mediator between farmers and government
- Agriculture coordinator
- Consultant for social inclusion

Meet us



Open day Velp

Larensteinselaan 26a, Velp

24th November 2018

16th February 2019



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Questions?

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