Thanks to my Masters at the UoM, I was able to be part of the humanitarian response in Tacloban, Philippines following Typhoon Yolanda. The MA in Humanitarian Action was a very good springboard to understanding the humanitarian system and the importance of working with affected populations. The experience also gave me the confidence to take on a job at the Inspirasia Foundation, which supports non-profits focused on health, disability, education, and disaster relief. Who knows what lies ahead? What I do know is that my decision to continue studying got me to where I am today, and it’s been one exciting journey!

Louisa Attard
Ass. Dir.
Inspirasia Foundation

The MA in Humanitarian Action touches upon a broad range of relevant themes - history, legal framework, ethics, communication, and contemporary issues among others. Most topics are addressed with a blend of lectures, practical case studies and group work. In fact, a highlight of the programme was the simulation organised to practice crisis assessment and project proposal writing for a response to a crisis. The MA programme has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the institutional and legal framework for humanitarian action. In fact, the knowledge gained has served me well in my current role covering civil protection and internal security issues.

Mikhail Pisani
Senior Policy Officer
Perm. Rep. of Malta to the EU

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Upon graduating with an M.A. in Humanitarian Action, I had the opportunity to work for Insecurity Insight, as a database and research assistant. I also had the amazing opportunity to volunteer in a short medical mission with Amazon Lifesavers, an organisation that offers medical assistance to communities living in remote areas of the Amazon jungle. Earlier this year, I worked for two months as a communication’s assistant volunteer for Kinésitherapeutes du Monde in France. These were all truly enriching experiences for me, but this is only the beginning of my journey as a humanitarian. I am looking forward with excitement and in anticipation to the next challenge.

I had been working in the field of forced migration for several years before embarking on the Master of Arts in Humanitarian Action programme at the University of Malta. Of course, studying for this programme and working full-time at the same time was not an easy task, but definitely worth it. This course provided me with solid knowledge of issues relating to humanitarian emergencies and response, which enabled me to better understand the realities of crisis-affected individuals in search of international protection, with whom I work in Malta, and currently also in Greece. Looking back, I can say that the cherry on the cake was the dissertation. With the professional guidance and support of my supervisor, which were more than exemplary, I learned so much about a largely unexplored area, but which is nothing less than real; sexual and gender-based violence against men in the context of forced migration.