

[ADF TCCC MEDICAL TRAINING]

Over the past three years, members of the ADF from various ranks, professions, and services have undergone critical medical training at the Al Minhad Airforce Base in the UAE before deploying to the Middle East. The responsibility for delivering this Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) training, including assessment and final confirmation, fell to Iqarus, the Training Division of International SOS.



Iqarus was to ensure that over 14,000 ADF personnel were fully prepared for their operational roles. These students, drawn from the Army, Air Force, Navy, medical services, and civilian support organisations, ranged from large groups of over 700 to specialised pairs. Providing tailored training and assessment for each individual, regardless of prior experience, required a highly skilled training team - a challenge Iqarus was well-equipped to meet.

The Iqarus team selected for this mission was composed of professionals with extensive operational military medical experience, many of whom shared similar service backgrounds with the ADF students. This included a former Officer in Command of UK Special Forces Medical Training, several Warrant Officers from the UK SF Medical Support Unit, Royal Marine Commandos, Royal Navy Medics, and former ADF medics with Special Forces experience.

The arrival of COVID-19 posed significant challenges, but Iqarus swiftly adapted to continue training under the new restrictions. The close alignment with the ADF allowed for the rapid development and implementation of pragmatic solutions, ensuring training continued safely and effectively throughout the pandemic.

Iqarus' efforts were rigorously scrutinised by ADF contract managers and strategically reviewed by JTF633 and HQ JLC.

The validation processes consistently showed that Iqarus exceeded the mandated standards, reflecting the team's commitment to going the extra mile. This success was further affirmed by the positive feedback from ADF members, whose honest opinions were the true measure of the training's effectiveness.

“ Greatly appreciate the operational and contemporary experience of the trainers and their ability to explain the principles and the reason why certain methods are applied. Once again, the Trg has been professionally delivered and prepared me for my movement into the operational area. Thank you, this was the best TCCC that I have done. ”

“ Thank you for all the knowledge bombs! ”

“ TCCC was done multiple times during force prep. Recommend stopping all TCCC done at home and just do it here. ”

“ Brilliant lessons, compared to course in Aus this was 200% better. Now leaving feeling very confident. Thank you. ”

“ TCCC was good. Should be done like that back in the units. ”