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This free Clinical Master Class will explore how three torture and trauma rehabilitation services from Australia and Europe quickly adapted from face-to-face to remote services, to be able to respond to the unique challenges faced by survivors of torture and refugee trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These impacts have been specifically colossal for vulnerable groups of our society such as refugees. In addition to the day to day impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, refugees are faced with additional challenges such as having resettlement put on hold, to delays in the progress of their applications, as well as triggers of their previous trauma and multiple losses. These challenges have intensified existing symptoms of PTSD, anxiety and depression, grief reactions, and have also created further panic, anxiety and fear regarding Covid-19 pandemic. It has been also a challenge for organisations who provide support and rehabilitation services for refugees, as most have been forced to quickly adjust providing face-to-face services to providing interventions using remote technology.

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