Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) in M&E Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Monitoring and Evaluation	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Apply AAP principles across the full M&E cycle
2. Design participatory M&E frameworks
3. Integrate community feedback loops into results frameworks
4. Establish complaint and response mechanisms (CRM)
5. Apply data protection and ethical data collection standards
6. Ensure gender, age, disability, and diversity inclusion (GADDI)
7. Strengthen downward accountability practices
8. Align M&E systems with CHS and Sphere indicators
9. Use real-time monitoring and adaptive management
10. Analyze feedback data for evidence-based decision-making
11. Mitigate power imbalances and bias in evaluations
12. Enhance transparency and information-sharing with communities
13. Measure accountability, trust, and perception indicators

Target Audience

1. M&E Officers and Specialists
2. Program and Project Managers
3. Accountability and AAP Focal Points
4. MEAL / MEL Practitioners
5. Protection, Gender & Inclusion Advisors
6. Donor Compliance and Quality Assurance Staff
7. Local NGO and CSO Leaders
8. Humanitarian and Development Consultants

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of AAP in M&E

- AAP principles and rights-based approaches
- CHS, Sphere, Grand Bargain alignment
- Ethical accountability vs compliance
- Power dynamics in data systems

- **Case Study:** Community mistrust due to extractive evaluations

Module 2: Participatory Monitoring & Community Engagement

- Participatory indicators and tools
- Community scorecards and social audits
- Co-creation of M&E frameworks
- Inclusive facilitation techniques
- **Case Study:** Participatory monitoring in cash assistance programs

Module 3: Feedback, Complaints & Response Mechanisms (FCRM)

- Designing safe, accessible feedback channels
- Handling sensitive complaints (SEA/SH)
- Closing the feedback loop
- CRM integration into M&E systems
- **Case Study:** Hotline-based CRM in refugee settings

Module 4: Data Ethics, Protection & Safeguarding

- Informed consent and do-no-harm
- Data privacy and digital protection
- Ethical use of community data
- Safeguarding in data collection
- **Case Study:** Data misuse risks in digital surveys

Module 5: Inclusion, Equity & Protection in M&E

- Gender-responsive and disability-inclusive M&E
- Reaching marginalized and hard-to-reach groups
- Intersectionality in data analysis
- Conflict-sensitive evaluation
- **Case Study:** Exclusion of women in post-distribution monitoring

Module 6: Accountability Indicators & Measurement

- Measuring trust, satisfaction, and perception
- Qualitative vs quantitative accountability indicators
- Outcome harvesting for accountability
- Community validation of findings
- **Case Study:** Perception surveys influencing program redesign

Module 7: Learning, Adaptation & Decision-Making

- Real-time feedback for adaptive management
- Learning agendas and pause-and-reflect sessions
- Communicating findings back to communities
- Accountability-driven program adaptation
- **Case Study:** Adaptive changes based on beneficiary feedback

Module 8: Institutionalizing AAP in M&E Systems

- Organizational accountability frameworks

- Staff roles and accountability culture
- Localization and partnership accountability
- Donor reporting vs community accountability
- **Case Study:** Embedding AAP indicators in organizational MEL systems

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price

23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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