Ethical Decision-Making in M&E Practice Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Monitoring and Evaluation	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

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

1. Apply ethical frameworks in M&E decision-making processes.
2. Identify common ethical dilemmas in data collection and reporting.
3. Integrate integrity and transparency in program evaluations.
4. Navigate conflicts of interest effectively in M&E practices.
5. Ensure compliance with donor and organizational ethical standards.
6. Strengthen accountability in stakeholder engagement and reporting.
7. Implement culturally sensitive and equitable evaluation practices.
8. Promote data confidentiality, privacy, and responsible usage.
9. Utilize scenario-based ethical decision-making tools.
10. Enhance moral reasoning in complex M&E environments.
11. Conduct risk assessments for ethical breaches in evaluations.
12. Develop organizational ethics policies for M&E teams.
13. Apply lessons from global case studies to local M&E contexts.

Target Audience

1. M&E Officers and Managers
2. Program Evaluators and Analysts
3. Data Analysts in NGOs and Government Agencies
4. Compliance and Accountability Officers
5. Program Coordinators and Project Managers
6. Donor-Funded Program Staff
7. Ethics Committee Members
8. Research and Policy Advisors

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Ethics in M&E

- Definition and importance of ethics in evaluation
- Ethical principles
- Historical cases of ethical lapses in M&E
- Role of ethics in donor and stakeholder trust
- Case Study: Misreporting project outcomes in donor-funded programs

Module 2: Ethical Frameworks and Theories

- Overview of utilitarianism, deontology, and virtue ethics

- Application of ethical theories to M&E scenarios
- Decision-making frameworks for evaluators
- Balancing efficiency and ethical considerations
- Case Study: Ethical evaluation of resource allocation in health programs

Module 3: Identifying Ethical Dilemmas

- Common dilemmas in data collection and reporting
- Recognizing conflicts of interest
- Ethical considerations in stakeholder engagement
- Prioritizing transparency vs. confidentiality
- Case Study: Managing donor pressure while reporting negative outcomes

Module 4: Accountability and Integrity in M&E

- Defining accountability in monitoring and evaluation
- Building integrity-focused evaluation teams
- Reporting mechanisms for unethical practices
- Audit and compliance standards in M&E
- Case Study: Establishing whistleblowing policies in an NGO

Module 5: Ethical Data Collection

- Obtaining informed consent
- Avoiding coercion or bias
- Ensuring participant confidentiality
- Handling sensitive data responsibly
- Case Study: Ethical considerations in surveys with vulnerable populations

Module 6: Ethical Data Analysis and Interpretation

- Avoiding data manipulation
- Presenting results truthfully and objectively
- Managing selective reporting and bias
- Peer review and validation mechanisms
- Case Study: Misinterpretation of education program data for donor satisfaction

Module 7: Cultural Sensitivity and Equity

- Understanding local norms and traditions
- Promoting inclusivity and equity in evaluation
- Avoiding cultural biases in tools and methods
- Gender and diversity considerations in M&E ethics
- Case Study: Gender-sensitive evaluation in rural development projects

Module 8: Confidentiality and Privacy

- Data protection principles
- Legal frameworks for confidentiality
- Secure data storage and access
- Handling breaches and ethical reporting
- Case Study: Protecting participant data in health research

Module 9: Conflict of Interest Management

- Identifying personal and organizational conflicts
- Developing mitigation strategies
- Disclosure policies and transparency mechanisms
- Monitoring compliance with ethical codes
- Case Study: Ethical evaluation of projects funded by competing donors

Module 10: Donor and Organizational Compliance

- Understanding donor ethical requirements
- Aligning organizational policies with ethical standards
- Reporting obligations and transparency
- Ethical contract management
- Case Study: Navigating conflicting donor requirements ethically

Module 11: Scenario-Based Ethical Decision-Making

- Role-playing ethical dilemmas
- Decision-making under uncertainty
- Ethical reasoning in high-stakes scenarios
- Collaborative problem-solving techniques
- Case Study: Responding to fraudulent reporting in real-time

Module 12: Risk Assessment for Ethical Breaches

- Identifying potential ethical risks in M&E
- Developing mitigation strategies
- Monitoring and evaluation of ethical practices
- Reporting and corrective action plans
- Case Study: Risk assessment in financial audits of projects

Module 13: Developing Ethics Policies for M&E Teams

- Drafting organizational ethics guidelines
- Implementing codes of conduct
- Monitoring adherence and accountability
- Continuous improvement in ethical practices
- Case Study: Implementing ethics guidelines across multiple projects

Module 14: Global Best Practices in Ethical M&E

- Lessons from international M&E organizations
- Benchmarking ethical practices
- Adapting global lessons to local contexts
- Case Study: Ethical evaluation of UN development programs

Module 15: Integrating Ethics into Daily M&E Practice

- Creating a culture of ethical awareness
- Continuous learning and professional development
- Tools and checklists for ethical decision-making

- Sustaining transparency and accountability
- Case Study: Building an ethical M&E culture in a multi-country NGO

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.

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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	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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