

Training in Monitoring and Evaluation for Crisis and Recovery Initiatives

Basic-Intermediate Level Course, Colombo, 3 – 5 September 2012

This course covers the basics of evaluation for aid interventions that take place in situations of fragility, tension or crisis. We cover the specific challenges this application poses, such as rudimentary plans, lack of information, or complex implementation structures.

It is intended for people who have already engaged in evaluations, or who have carried out work in or on crisis contexts. Specific experience in recovery initiatives and crisis management evaluation is not required.

The aim is to enable professionals who will commission or carry out Monitoring and Evaluation to better understand the fundamental concepts used in this field, and to allocate resources in an optimal way, whether this relates to data collection, human resources and time, or use of the final products.

The course is designed around the main difficulties experienced by practitioners and drawing on the rich experience from the facilitators Mr Emery Brusset and Mrs Annina Mattsson, veterans in the field of evaluating crisis and recovery initiatives.

The training will focus on:

- Purpose, types and scope of peace building evaluation
- Evaluation criteria, Channel Research's transition mapping method, data collection methods and analysis
- Evaluation management
- Use and dissemination of evaluations
- Ethics in evaluation related to conflict prevention and peace building.

Outline of the Module

Monday 3 September: Performance, but in relation to what?	
Morning 09:00 – 12:30	Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course overview and concepts of M&E• Presentation of monitoring, evaluation, impact assessment, conflict assessments, theories of change• Defining case studies The purpose and types of evaluation:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of evaluation - accountability or learning • The phenomenon of the evaporation of objectives that could serve as reference framework. • OECD DAC evaluation criteria and the central role of objectives and theories of change
Afternoon 13:30 – 17:30	<p>Getting to the Issues, Capturing the Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to Actor Mapping • An introduction to Context Mapping • Case study group work • Compiling information from three maps – towards an agile monitoring dashboard. <p>Working groups – participant case studies</p>

Tuesday 4 September: Data collection and analysis	
Morning 9:00 – 12:30	<p>Data Collection Methods and Analytical Frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying objectives: spheres of influence, pivots • Designing interventions, levels of change, theories of change • Case study group work • Impact assessment: 3 methods. Before/after comparison, randomised control trials, risk based impact assessment.
Afternoon 13:30 – 17:30	<p>Innovative Analytical frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group work & discussion on impact assessment • Data collection methods and evidence collection/collation in hostile and difficult environments • Case study group work <p>Working groups – participant case studies</p>

Wednesday 5 September: Integrating M&E into government work	
Morning 09:30 – 12:30	<p>Building M&E into programme management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical M&E: who and when. Defining workplans for the assessments, and information flows • How to ensure lessons are drawn into programme design • M&E for a programme/portfolio of interventions • Sustainable and agile M&E: scenarios for hostile environments when no security cover is provided.
Afternoon 13:30 – 16:30	<p>Impact at local, sub-national and national level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&E writ large: possible implications for the stabilisation

- unit, for joined up stabilisation and crisis management
- Integrating the latest thinking: Paris Declaration, local ownership, Busan conference
- Selecting the monitors, the evaluators, identifying the audience, and the desired outcomes of M&E.

Wrapping up

If you are interested in attending this course, **please complete the application form** and send it along with your **CV** or a **short biographical notice** to:

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We will be happy to answer your questions and to receive your comments.

The full price of the session is **USD 1000**, including training, materials, lunch for 3 days, beverages; and the training certificate. An early booking reduction of **USD 100** will be provided for those participants who pay the training fee before 03 August 2012. There are places available for NGOs or independent consultants not sponsored by an organisation at a reduced training fee of **USD 900**.

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The Training will be held at **Cinnamon Hotel** (<http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonGrandColombo.htm>) a first class international hotel, provides the best of all worlds with our superb service, unequalled luxurious living and prime location. If you need accommodation please indicate it in the application form.

