



2026

Accountability in Action:

Locally-Led Approaches from East Africa



Credits

2 ECTS



Dates

30 March – 3 April 2026



Format

In person in Nairobi.

This residential course requires 6-7 hours of dedicated work per day. We recommend that participants allow 100% of their time for the course and adapt their professional activity accordingly.



Language

English



Fees

- **Full price:** CHF 1'700
- **Partner rate (MSF, ICRC, UNICEF, IOM):** CHF 1'360 (20% discount)
- **Special Rate for Government and NGO/CBO Staff:** CHF 850. Available exclusively to staff from local and national NGOs, CBOs, and government employees in low/middle-income countries. Proof of local employment and salary required.



Lecturer

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Short description

East Africa has become a leading region for innovation in humanitarian accountability, community engagement, and people-centred programming. This hands-on residential course, held in Nairobi, explores locally led approaches and regional best practices that are reshaping humanitarian and development work. Developed in partnership with local actors, and designed for practitioners, policy-makers, and donors from across the humanitarian–development–peace nexus, the course offers a collaborative learning space to exchange experiences, visit organisations, and co-design actionable strategies for more inclusive and locally owned accountability systems.

This one-week residential course can be taken as a stand-alone or as part of the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Accountability to Affected People (CAS AAP).



Learning outcomes of the course

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

- Analyse locally led and community-based accountability models developed across East Africa
- Compare regional innovations with global frameworks (CHS, AAP, Grand Bargain, etc.) to identify alignment and gaps
- Identify enablers and barriers to locally led accountability within their own organisations
- Apply participatory and inclusive tools to strengthen accountability and build trust
- Formulate strategies and recommendations for integrating people-centered approaches in their operational or policy contexts



Workload

Around 50 hours of work overall, including:

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1. Face-to-face sessions (presentations, case studies, visits)
2. Preparatory work before the course (readings, podcasts, videos)
3. Assessment after the course



Structure of the course

- **Day 1:** Local Innovations in Accountability: East African perspectives (regional trends, mapping)
- **Day 2:** Community-led models, locally developed tools
- **Day 3:** Localisation and partnerships: Case study dialogues with local actors
- **Day 4:** Accountability in practice: Field visits to local organisations and initiatives
- **Day 5:** Co-designing accountability strategies: Integrating local lessons



Audience

- Professionals in the humanitarian, development or social sector looking to improve the provision of humanitarian assistance through accountability lenses
- Professionals from any other sectors (donors, policy-makers, civil servants) who wish to increase their understanding of the humanitarian field and develop their competence in accountability to affected people
- Professionals in the East Africa region specifically



Admission requirements

1. A university qualification (Bachelor's degree or equivalent)
2. At least three years of relevant professional experience
3. Excellent command of English

Application deadline and registration:

