Citizen-Led M&E 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. Understand the principles of citizen-led accountability and participatory M&E
2. Design community-driven indicators and outcome frameworks
3. Apply social accountability tools in M&E systems
4. Integrate citizen-generated data with formal M&E data
5. Use digital civic engagement tools for real-time feedback
6. Strengthen inclusion, equity, and gender-responsive M&E
7. Implement community scorecards and social audits
8. Ensure data quality assurance in citizen-led approaches
9. Analyze and visualize citizen feedback data for decision-making
10. Address ethical, safeguarding, and power dynamics in participation
11. Support locally led development and adaptive management
12. Translate citizen evidence into policy influence and advocacy
13. Scale and institutionalize citizen-led M&E systems

Target Audience

1. Monitoring & Evaluation professionals
2. NGO and CSO program managers
3. Community development practitioners
4. Government accountability officers
5. Donor-funded project staff
6. Civic tech and social innovation teams
7. Researchers and evaluators
8. Policy advocates and grassroots leaders

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Citizen-Led M&E

- Concept and evolution of citizen-led M&E
- Participatory vs traditional M&E models
- Value of citizen voice in development
- Rights-based and empowerment approaches
- **Case Study:** Citizen oversight in public health services

Module 2: Social Accountability Frameworks

- Social accountability theory

- Demand-side governance tools
- Citizen engagement cycles
- Accountability ecosystems
- **Case Study:** Budget transparency initiatives

Module 3: Participatory Indicator Development

- Co-creating indicators with communities
- Outcome mapping and citizen priorities
- Context-sensitive measurement
- Qualitative and perception-based indicators
- **Case Study:** Community-defined education indicators

Module 4: Citizen-Generated Data (CGD)

- Types and sources of CGD
- Data collection methods
- Reliability and validity considerations
- Integrating CGD into M&E systems
- **Case Study:** Mobile citizen reporting platforms

Module 5: Community Scorecards

- Scorecard methodology
- Facilitation techniques
- Interface meetings and feedback loops
- Action planning and follow-up
- **Case Study:** Health facility scorecards

Module 6: Social Audits

- Principles of social auditing
- Financial transparency tools
- Community verification methods
- Documentation and reporting
- **Case Study:** Infrastructure project audits

Module 7: Digital Tools for Citizen Engagement

- SMS, IVR, and mobile apps
- Open data and dashboards
- Crowdsourcing platforms
- Data privacy and security
- **Case Study:** Real-time service delivery feedback

Module 8: Inclusion, Gender & Equity

- Power and participation analysis
- Gender-responsive M&E
- Engaging marginalized groups
- Accessibility considerations
- **Case Study:** Inclusive water governance

Module 9: Ethics & Safeguarding

- Do-no-harm principles
- Informed consent
- Managing expectations
- Political sensitivity and risk
- **Case Study:** Ethical challenges in citizen monitoring

Module 10: Data Quality & Verification

- Bias and reliability risks
- Triangulation methods
- Data validation techniques
- Feedback verification
- **Case Study:** Verifying community feedback

Module 11: Data Analysis & Sense-Making

- Participatory data analysis
- Qualitative coding methods
- Visualization for communities
- Learning and reflection sessions
- **Case Study:** Community data review workshops

Module 12: Adaptive Management

- Learning-oriented M&E
- Using feedback for course correction
- Real-time decision-making
- Iterative program design
- **Case Study:** Adaptive service improvement

Module 13: Policy Influence & Advocacy

- Evidence-based advocacy
- Citizen data storytelling
- Engaging policymakers
- Strategic communication
- **Case Study:** Citizen data shaping policy reform

Module 14: Scaling Citizen-Led M&E

- Institutionalization strategies
- Partnerships and coalitions
- Sustainability models
- Capacity strengthening
- **Case Study:** National accountability platforms

Module 15: Designing a Citizen-Led M&E System

- End-to-end system design
- Stakeholder mapping

- Tool selection
- Implementation roadmap
- **Case Study:** Integrated citizen-led M&E design

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	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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