Crisis Communication for NGOs Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	General Training	**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. Develop comprehensive Crisis Communication Strategies for NGO operations.
2. Conduct effective Risk Assessment and Crisis Preparedness Planning.
3. Design robust Crisis Response Frameworks and communication protocols.
4. Strengthen Stakeholder Engagement and Trust Management during crises.
5. Manage Social Media Crisis Response and digital reputation risks.
6. Implement effective Media Relations and Press Management strategies.
7. Address Misinformation, Disinformation, and Fake News challenges.
8. Apply Crisis Leadership and Decision-Making techniques under pressure.
9. Create impactful Emergency Communication Plans and messaging templates.
10. Enhance Donor Communication and Accountability Mechanisms.
11. Protect organizational reputation through Strategic Brand Management.
12. Conduct Post-Crisis Recovery and Reputation Rebuilding initiatives.
13. Establish systems for Business Continuity, Organizational Resilience, and Crisis Learning.

Target Audience

1. NGO Executive Directors and CEOs
2. Communication and Public Relations Managers
3. Program and Project Managers
4. Humanitarian Response Coordinators
5. Advocacy and Campaign Officers
6. Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Specialists
7. Donor Relations and Fundraising Teams
8. Emergency Response and Risk Management Personnel

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Crisis Communication for NGOs

- Understanding crisis communication principles
- Types of NGO crises and emerging risks
- Crisis communication lifecycle

- Roles and responsibilities during crises
- Building communication readiness
- **Case Study:** International NGO response to allegations of misconduct affecting donor confidence.

Module 2: Crisis Risk Assessment and Preparedness

- Crisis vulnerability assessment
- Stakeholder mapping and analysis
- Crisis communication policy development
- Scenario planning and contingency preparation
- Establishing crisis communication teams
- **Case Study:** Humanitarian organization preparing communication protocols for conflict-zone operations.

Module 3: Crisis Leadership and Decision-Making

- Leadership communication under pressure
- Rapid decision-making frameworks
- Executive spokesperson preparedness
- Internal coordination during emergencies
- Ethical considerations in crisis response
- **Case Study:** NGO leadership response during a public health emergency.

Module 4: Media Relations and Public Messaging

- Developing key messages and talking points
- Conducting press briefings and interviews
- Managing media scrutiny
- Writing crisis statements and press releases
- Building relationships with journalists
- **Case Study:** NGO media management following a controversial public report.

Module 5: Social Media Crisis Management

- Digital crisis monitoring tools
- Responding to online criticism and backlash
- Managing viral content and reputational threats
- Social media engagement strategies
- Digital reputation protection
- **Case Study:** NGO response to a viral social media misinformation campaign.

Module 6: Stakeholder and Donor Communication

- Communicating with donors during crises
- Beneficiary-centered communication approaches
- Community engagement strategies
- Managing partner and government relations
- Transparency and accountability practices
- **Case Study:** Maintaining donor trust during funding misuse allegations.

Module 7: Misinformation, Disinformation and Reputation Recovery

- Identifying misinformation risks

- Countering false narratives
- Fact-checking and verification processes
- Reputation recovery planning
- Strategic trust rebuilding initiatives
- **Case Study:** NGO response to coordinated disinformation attacks affecting public perception.

Module 8: Crisis Simulation, Recovery and Organizational Resilience

- Crisis simulation exercises
- Developing recovery communication plans
- Lessons learned and after-action reviews
- Organizational resilience frameworks
- Continuous improvement strategies
- **Case Study:** Post-crisis recovery and stakeholder confidence restoration following a cybersecurity breach.

Training Methodology

- 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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