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Locally-led Development and Partnerships

Develop effective localisation strategies to enhance sustainability and build equitable partnerships



Bangkok, 10 to 12 November 2025



Our Locally-led Development and Partnerships course

This course is meant for people who work in the humanitarian and development sector and are interested to learn why localisation (also called locally-led development) is important, and what tools and skills can make it work for their organisations.

Localisation means empowering local responders to lead and deliver humanitarian and development aid. It aims to strengthen the capacities and resources of local organisations to ensure long(er)-term sustainability. Localisation recognises the importance of local contextual knowledge and cultural understanding in providing effective and culturally appropriate development assistance.

In this course, we look at localisation and equitable partnerships. We will discuss how historic trends, persisting attitudes and problematic practices work against effective localisation and how to build and capitalise on more equitable partnerships.

By the end of this course, you will:

- Understand what localisation is and why it is important in today's humanitarian and development context
- Be able to distinguish between different types and levels of localisation as well as their benefits and challenges
- Have practiced relevant tools for localisation in your organisation
- Have strengthened your skills to build equitable partnerships for localisation
- Have reflected on your own localisation mindset
- Have formulated strategies to strengthen localisation in your organisation

Key Topics & Timeline

- What is localisation and why is it important
- The localisation continuum
- Localisation and the Triple Nexus
- Context analysis
- Stakeholder and power analysis
- Strategies for building equitable partnerships

Day 1 (10 November 2025)

- Introduction to the programme
- Localisation – Revolution or the Latest Fad?
- Discussion and sharing: localisation in your organisation
- Benefits and challenges of localisation
- Different types & levels of localisation: the localisation continuum
- Context-awareness: conducting a context analysis

Day 2 (11 November 2025)

- Localisation and the Triple Nexus (Humanitarian-Development-Peace)
- Localisation and Partnerships – reflecting on our mindset
- Stakeholder and power analysis
- Building equitable partnerships: mutual capacity strengthening

Day 3 (12 November 2025)

- Localisation and funding mechanisms
- Strategy and process to strengthen localisation in your projects & programmes
- Personal and organisational action plans
- Final reflections, certification and closing



Your profile

You work in the humanitarian or development sector and are interested to learn why localisation is important and what tools and skills can make it work in your organisation. You may be involved in programme or project management, stakeholder management, partner capacity strengthening or (sub)grant management. You are keen to critically reflect on your own perceptions and mindset related to partnership dynamics, and you are genuinely interested to build more equitable relationships with partner organisations. This course will provide you with the tools and knowledge necessary to adapt programme and project management strategies to different local contexts, build strong strategic partnerships, and ensure impactful and sustainable outcomes.

Terms and conditions

Read more about our cancellation policy, visa requirements and insurances on our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

Certificate

On completion and active participation, MDF Training and Consultancy will award a certificate of completion

Our participants come from



Cost

EUR 870 + VAT

Dates

10 - 12 November 2025

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- Alumni of MDF training within 2 years of the previous training receive a 10% discount.
- Special discounts for local NGOs.

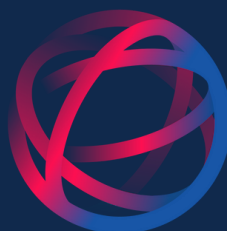
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