

Online Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

7-week online training course



Course summary

Do you need to build effective monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) into project and programme work for both accountability and learning? This course will strengthen your skills in supporting the monitoring and evaluation objectives of your organisation, from programme design through to evaluation and impact assessment.

Good MEL is essential for all civil society organisations – large or small, international, local or community-based. MEL enables you to learn from and improve the work that you do and to be more accountable to donors and to the communities that you work with.

This course is designed to develop your understanding of the principles and practice of effective MEL and help you to tackle MEL challenges that you may be facing. In response to participants' feedback, we have streamlined the contents of the live session: we have added more self-paced activities, resources and opportunities for individual feedback. The course ensures that you will have a thorough understanding of MEL concepts, build both your core practical skills and the confidence needed to do MEL effectively.

Who is this training course suitable for?

This course is particularly relevant to those working in the not-for-profit/ international development sector who need to achieve a better understanding of the MEL cycle. No previous MEL training or experience is required, but some degree of exposure to MEL would help put the learning into practice.

What are the objectives?

By the end of the training participants will:

- Define the main terms and concepts associated with the processes of monitoring and evaluating projects and programmes.
- Articulate the main purposes and key characteristics of effective MEL, in different contexts.
- Select and use a range of MEL tools with confidence.
- Apply results of MEL processes for improving accountability and organisational learning and explore some of the challenges that can arise from these processes.
- Reflect on your own role in bringing about improved MEL in your projects, programmes and organisations.

What is the course format?

The online Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning course is a facilitated, interactive and collaborative e-learning experience. You will have access to:

- Interactive live sessions facilitated by our highly experienced consultants and an instructional producer, including small groups discussions and exercises. Each live session lasts 90 minutes
- All course materials on the INTRAC e-learning platform, including self-paced individual and group activities, as well as recommended readings and resources
- Opportunities to interact with other participants on the course through the platform discussion forum and the live sessions
- Feedback on individual assignments
- One 50-minute individual mentoring session

Course calendar

Session	Topic	Date
	<i>Course preparation – no live session</i>	<i>2 to 6 June 2022</i>
1	Introduction to MEL	Wed, 8 June 2022
2	Developing a plan for MEL	Wed, 15 June 2022
3	Setting objectives	Wed, 22 June 2022
4	Developing indicators	Thu, 23 June 2022
5	Data collection	Wed, 29 June 2022
6	Data analysis	Wed, 6 July 2022
7	Evaluations and the 'L' in MEL	Thu, 14 July 2022

All sessions take place from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm UK time.

What is the time commitment?

The online Monitoring Evaluation and Learning training course is delivered over the course of 7 weeks. On average, we estimate participants should set aside 4-6 hours per week to complete this course.

What are the IT requirements?

You will need a laptop and ideally also a headset, as well as access to broadband internet. You will need to be able to download software (Zoom) to access the live sessions. INTRAC's e-learning platform (Moodle) is accessible via browser. If you have any doubt about these requirements, please do get in touch.

Course fee

The fee for this course is £750.

Scholarships are available for small NGOs /civil society organisations based in selected countries in the Global South. For more information, visit our website or contact the INTRAC training team using the details below.