



CALL FOR APPLICATION SHORT TRAINING COURSE ON IMPACT EVALUATION 2021

The Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) - a policy research think tank in Tanzania, undertakes, and articulates research aiming at enhancing the understanding of policy options and development management. The mandate of ESRF also includes capacity development of intellectual resources of both producers and users of knowledge. In this regard, one of the research and capacity development programmes implemented by the ESRF is Impact Evaluation Laboratory (<https://esrf.or.tz/index.php/impact-evaluation-laboratory/>). The objective of this initiative is to strengthen capacity of national workforce in conducting scientific impact evaluation research. The programme also aims at establishing and sustaining a vibrant community of practice on impact evaluation research in Tanzania. This programme is supported by William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (<https://hewlett.org>).

Under the auspices of Impact Evaluation Laboratory, the ESRF is pleased to announce a training opportunity on impact evaluation. Through this initiative, the ESRF aims at offering one short term training course to a cohort of 25 participants. The training course shall be delivered through three separate but interrelated modules to the same cohort (group) of participants. The training course is particularly relevant to individuals interested with acquiring skills and techniques for undertaking impact evaluations and assessments of effectiveness of development programs. The main target beneficiaries of the course are researchers, policy/program analysts, academicians, and government officials regardless of their background on impact evaluation methodologies. The course is structured around three modules as follows:

SN	Time period (dates)	Description of the Module
1.	6 th – 10 th September, 2021	<u>Introduction to core methods of impact evaluation.</u> Some of the topics to be covered include an introduction to impact evaluation and causal inference; core methods of impact evaluation namely randomized assignment, randomized promotion, regression discontinuity, and differences-in-differences.
2.	4 th – 8 th October, 2021	<u>Introduction to fieldwork design for impact evaluation.</u> Some of the topics to be covered include questionnaire design, fieldwork organization, quality assurance, transparency, power calculations, machine learning and big data in impact evaluation research.

3.	1 st – 5 th November, 2021	<p><u>Introduction to data analysis using STATA software</u></p> <p>Some of the topics to be covered include: - Introduction to STATA software, overview of basic STATA commands, writing a do-file, more complex commands, regression mechanics using STATA, and L^AT_EX interaction with STATA.</p>
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The Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) is hereby pleased to invite interested candidates to apply to the above-mentioned capacity building initiative. This is a funded training opportunity such that all tuition costs shall be met by the ESRF. However, all applicants residing outside of Dar es Salaam are required to meet their own transport/living expenses while attending the course in Dar es Salaam.

To apply for the training course, potential applicants should send applications composed of the following items:

- (a) Application letter
- (b) Curriculum Vitae (with current e-mail address and phone numbers)
- (c) Copies of academic certificates.

All applications and/or inquiries should be addressed to: -

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While an e-mail address has been provided; to the extent possible, applicants are advised to send their applications by hard copies rather than electronic mails (e-mails).

Should there be any inquiries, applicants are advised to liaise with our Administrative Officer, Mr. Yasser Manu through the following telephone +255 788 998 599.

The deadline for receiving applications is Friday 20th August, 2021.