



CENTER FOR LEARNING  
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## QUALITATIVE RESEARCH TRAINING FOR FEMALE RESEARCHERS

### KEY INFORMATION

<b>Application Deadline</b>	05 December 2020
<b>CourseDuration</b>	6 Days
<b>Time</b>	4:00pm - 7:00pm
<b>Location</b>	Mogadishu, Somalia
<b>Fees</b>	Free
<b>Number of Trainees</b>	Only 15 candidates will be selected and trained

### ABOUT SPA CENTER FOR LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The [Center for Learning and Development](#) is a training and capacity development facility run by Somali Public Agenda (SPA). It aims to connect the civil servants, policymakers and non-profit sector workers with communities and provide administrations with the technical skills necessary to formulate and implement solutions for public service challenges. Moreover, the center offers training to Somali professionals and university graduates who have the desire and passion to join the public sector as well as professionals engaged in the civil service and non-profit sectors.

[Somali Public Agenda](#) is a non-profit public policy and administration research organization based in Mogadishu. Its aim is to advance understanding and improvement of public administration and public services in Somalia through evidence-based research and analysis.

### ABOUT THE COURSE

In this course, you will be introduced to the basic ideas behind the qualitative research in social science. You will learn about data collection, description, analysis and interpretation in qualitative research. Qualitative research often involves an iterative process. We will focus on the ingredients required for this process: research design, data collection and analysis.

You won't learn how to use qualitative methods by just listening to lectures, so we put emphasis on collecting data through observation and interviews and analyzing and interpreting the collected data in other assignments.

## **WHAT ARE THE MAIN TRAINING OBJECTIVES?**

The following objectives are planned to be achieved by the end of the training:

- To equip trainees with knowledge, skills and practices of qualitative research methods;
- To familiarize trainees with research design, data collection, data analysis and writing research reports;
- To lessen perceptions/misperception among young Somali females about research as being solely male domain;
- To advance the participants' understanding of ethical considerations in qualitative research.

## **WHO CAN APPLY**

This training is exclusively for female researchers. Female applicant who are university graduates and those who are in the last year of their undergraduate studies (with proof) who are interested in research and writing and based in Mogadishu are eligible to apply for the training.

## **TRAINING OUTLINE**

### **MODULE 1: — INTRODUCTION TO QUALITATIVE RESEARCH**

- What is social science research?
- Why research?
- Why do you engage in research?
- Qualitative research design

### **MODULE 2: —INTERVIEWS AND FOCUS GROUPS**

- Note-taking and recording
- Other ways to record information
- Processing data
- Recruiting informants

### **MODULE 3: — RELATIONSHIPS AND RISKS IN THE FIELD**

- Relationships and risks
- Note-taking and recording in the field
- Interviews and Focus groups (group work)

### **MODULE 4: — FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE**

- Fieldwork experience of the training participants
- Group presentations

### **MODULE 5: — CODING AND ANALYSING FIELD WORK DATA**

- Coding and analyzing fieldwork data



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## **MODULE 6: — WRITING AND PRESENTING FIELDWORK DATA**

- How do I convey fieldwork insights in writing?
- How can I make effective use of quotes?
- Which ethical concerns are important in writing?
- What are the common types of writing outputs?

## **TRAINING METHODS**

- Practical application of qualitative research tools and techniques
- Fieldwork and participant-led presentations
- Interactive group exercises and discussions
- Relevant and concise course material

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Minimum of an undergraduate degree, preferably in social sciences or a related field. Last year undergraduate students can also apply.
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Passion to develop research and analysis skills
- Fluency in English and Somali languages

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply the training by sending the following required documents to [info@somalipublicagenda.org](mailto:info@somalipublicagenda.org)

- Cover Letter explaining your interest in the Training Program
- Resume/CV (not more than 3 pages)
- Copy of Degree Certificate(s) / Transcript(s)

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

- Initial screening
- Short listing
- Selection of the best candidates
- Informing the selection results to all applicants

NB: only 15 candidates will be selected for the training.

## **INQUIRIES:**

For further inquiry on the course, please contact the organizers on the following contacts:

**Mobile:** +252 (0)841467

**Email:** [info@somalipublicagenda.org](mailto:info@somalipublicagenda.org)