

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

DISEASE ELIMINATION & ERADICATION COURSE (DEEC)

2025

GENERAL

What is the Disease Elimination & Eradication Course (DEEC)?

DEEC is a collaborative course offered by GLIDE, The Carter Center, and the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) in Rwanda. It is offered to public health professionals and others and aims to improve participants' knowledge on the principles of disease elimination and eradication and equip them with public health science, leadership and planning skills.

What is the goal of the DEEC?

The goal is to enhance participants', specifically those working in disease control and elimination programs, understanding of disease elimination and eradication principles and equip them with skills to develop and optimize strategies to further elimination and eradication efforts of infectious diseases—with a focus on neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), polio, and malaria.

What will participants gain from the DEEC?

Participants will gain an understanding of core principles of disease elimination and eradication, develop strategies for tackling infectious diseases, strengthen practical skills in resource allocation, budgeting, monitoring, evaluation, community engagement, and policy. They will also have the opportunity to build professional networks—both within their countries and internationally—and enhance their portfolios with professional-level final products and context specific disease elimination strategies.

Will I receive a certificate at the end of the DEEC?

Participants who participate the entire course (online and in-person) will receive a certificate of participation on the final day of the course, after they have presented their final presentations in their respective groups. DEEC is not an accredited academic course.

Why do I have to apply as part of a country unit?

In practice, disease elimination and eradication are achieved through partnership within the country, and even more so, community level. After two iterations of DEEC, we have learned that the course is a good catalyst to initiate intra-country partnerships and that country teams can creatively develop a practical and achievable final project that could accelerate disease efforts beyond the DEEC experience.

What is expected of me by the end of the DEEC?

Throughout the course, participants will collaborate in country-specific groups to create tailored disease elimination strategies, incorporating what was learned in each course session. The expectation is for teams to tailor strategies that consider the unique context and challenges of the selected disease and issue. On the final day, these groups will present their strategies to a panel

composed of global health experts, to showcase their comprehensive plans and insights gained throughout the course.

Who will the course facilitators be?

The course will include global health experts from UGHE, Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (NMIMR), GLIDE, The Carter Center, disease program leaders and other representatives from other global health focused organizations.

COURSE FORMAT

What is the format of the DEEC?

The DEEC is a hybrid course comprising a **one-month online component** and a **seven day in-person component**. The online portion is self-paced with a weekly moderated session – it introduces participants to key concepts that will be further discussed in person. The in-person segment focuses on the application of these concepts through active learning, group participation, and strategy co-creation.

When will the DEEC take place?

Online portion:

May 5 - June 3, 2025

In-person portion:

UGHE campus, Rwanda from June 11-19, 2025

How will the DEEC accommodate growing interest and increase accessibility?

To increase accessibility and accommodate growing interest, the course will be held at UGHE campus, with an online platform developed for participants to prepare and maximize their onsite experience.

ELIGIBILITY

What is the admission criteria for country teams?

- Minimum 2-3 people per country
- Country teams will be prioritized; very limited spaces will be available for individual applicants not affiliated with a country team
- Applicants must be engaged in an eliminable infectious disease control or elimination program or interested in building skills and competencies for infectious disease elimination and eradication strategy development. Priority will be given to those whose work focuses on NTDs, Malaria, and/ or Polio.
- Mid-career professionals with comparable years of experience

- Country teams can be multidisciplinary and made up of team members from diverse backgrounds (e.g. government disease program, academia, NGO), however, the team must consist of one (or more) member from a government disease program. Team diversity is encouraged, however, country teams all from a government disease program will still be considered. Examples of diverse country team profiles can include:

1. Disease program managers (NTDs, malaria or polio) or other Ministry of Health/Government disease program staff.
2. Public health professionals from NGOs, UN agencies, and private for-profit organizations.
3. Academia - inclusion of young researchers (e.g. post-doc) whose work focus on NTD, malaria and polio with an element of integration are encouraged to apply

Can I apply if I am not part of a country team?

Very limited spaces will be available for individual applicants not affiliated with a country team. Country teams will be prioritized.

Do I need to attend both the online and in-person portions of the course?

Yes. Full attendance is mandatory for both the online and in-person portion of the course. Applicants who cannot attend either portion will not be accepted in the course. The one-month online portion is self-paced (approximately four hours per week), however, it consists of approximately 8 hours of mandatory attendance (i.e. 2 hours/week).

APPLICATION PROCESS

How can I apply for the DEEC?

To apply, complete the online application form in the flyer or on the [GLIDE website](#). Your progress will be saved automatically, and you can return to your application at any time using the link sent to your email. Submit your application by clicking the 'SUBMIT APPLICATION' button once completed.

How can we apply as a country team?

Each country team must submit a single application form, with a designated primary applicant responsible for completing the form on the country team's behalf.

The primary applicant must send CVs of all team members, along with their letter(s) of acknowledgement/approval from your direct supervisor/department to attend the course to DEEC-info@glideae.org.

Can I attend the course if I have already attended in previous years?

No. Applicants who have already attended the 2022, 2023 or 2024 DEEC are ineligible to attend subsequent DEECs.

I'm having trouble submitting my proposal, what should I do?

If you are having trouble with the on-line application process you can email DEEC-info@glideae.org

When are the application opening & closing dates?

Application opening date: March 5, 2025

Application closing date: March 31, 2025.

SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT

Is there sponsorship support available for participants?

Yes, scholarship support covering course fees, housing, and travel costs is available for a select number of applicants based on merit and need. Additionally, other organizations, such as NGOs and similar organizations, that work with disease programs in any capacity are encouraged to financially support public health professionals.

Can NGOs and similar organizations support applicants financially to attend the DEEC?

Yes. While NGOs and similar organizations can apply for financial support, a priority will be given to country disease program professionals. Thus, NGOs and similar organizations are encouraged to provide financial support to their staff or affiliates who wish to attend the DEEC.

How much is the tuition fee?

Candidates that indicate in the application form that they will cover their own expenses to attend the course will need to pay the tuition fee of 4,500USD. This tuition fee covers all expenses related to course attendance but **excludes airfare**.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

How will I know if I have been selected to attend the DEEC?

Only shortlisted applicants will be notified. Applicants who are not short-listed will not receive a notification. Unfortunately, we will be unable to reply to inquiries about application status.