GLOBAL INSTITUTE FOR DISEASE ELIMINATION

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

DISEASE ELIMINATION & ERADICATION COURSE (DEEC)

GENERAL

What is the Disease Elimination & Eradication Course (DEEC)?
The DEEC is a blended course offered by GLIDE and delivered in partnership with leading academic and global health institutions. Previous cohorts have been co-implemented with The Carter Center, the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (NMIMR) in Ghana, and the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) in Rwanda, and Khalifa University in UAE. Designed primarily for public health professionals, the DEEC brings together emerging leaders from across disease programmes to explore the science, strategy, and systems that underpin sustainable disease elimination.

What is the goal of the DEEC?
The goal of the DEEC is to strengthen participants' understanding of core principles of disease elimination and eradication—specifically those working in disease control and elimination programs—and to equip them with the skills necessary to develop and optimize strategies to accelerate progress towards disease elimination of preventable infectious diseases with a focus on neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), polio, and malaria.

What will participants gain from the DEEC?
Participants will deepen their understanding of the core principles of disease elimination and eradication, while developing the strategic and practical skills needed to translate knowledge into action. Through interactive sessions and applied learning, they will strengthen their capacity in systems thinking, resource allocation, monitoring and evaluation, and community engagement, while learning how to consider policy frameworks and integrated approaches in the design of effective disease elimination strategies. Beyond the classroom, participants will join a global network of peers and mentors, fostering collaboration across countries and disciplines. Each participant will leave the course with a context-specific disease elimination strategy — and the confidence to apply these insights within their own programmes and health systems.

Will I receive a certificate at the end of the DEEC?
Participants who participate in the entire course (online and in-person) will receive a certificate of course completion 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.

Who will the course facilitators be?
This iteration will be led by global health experts from GLIDE, The Carter Center and UGHE, alongside representatives from leading global health organizations. Together, they bring a blend of academic, technical, and field experience to guide participants through practical, real-world perspectives on disease elimination and eradication.

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

In practice, disease elimination and eradication are achieved through partnership within the country, and even more so, community level. After multiple 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 teams 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 teams will present their strategies to a panel comprising global health experts, to showcase their comprehensive plans and insights gained throughout the course.

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 mandatory moderated session – it introduces participants to key concepts that will be further discussed and refined in-person. The in-person component focuses on the application of these concepts through active learning, group participation, and strategy co-creation. The in-person component also includes a field visit.

When will the DEEC take place?

Online portion
Delivered through Zoom: 20 July – 21 August, 2026

In-person portion
UGHE Butaro Campus, Rwanda: 31 August – 8 September, 2026

How will the DEEC accommodate growing interest and increase accessibility?

To expand access and meet growing regional demand, the DEEC will be offered with an in-person component hosted in Rwanda. Complementing this, UGHE will host a dedicated online learning platform, providing each participant with a login to access course materials, interactive lessons, discussion forums, and assignments throughout the course. This blended model ensures that participants can engage meaningfully with the content, prepare in advance, and make the most of their in-person experience in Rwanda.

ELIGIBILITY

What is the admission criteria for country teams?

- Minimum 2 people per country team with a maximum of 5 members.
- 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, Polio or other infectious diseases relevant to the region.

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

What level of English proficiency is required?
Participants should have a working command of English to fully engage in discussions, group work, and written assignments.

Basic: Can understand simple information but may struggle in technical discussions.
Intermediate: Can participate in conversations and understand course concepts with some support.
Advanced: Can engage confidently in academic and technical discussions, presentations, and written work.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to a brief interview to help assess English proficiency and ensure they can fully participate in the course.

Can I apply if I am not part of a country team?
Country teams will be prioritized for full scholarship support. A very limited number of places will be available for individual applicants who are not part of a country team. Individual applicants not in a country team are encouraged to be partially or fully self-funded by your affiliation or organization.

Do I need to attend both the online and in-person portions of the course?
Yes. Full participation in both the online and in-person components is mandatory. Applicants who are unable to attend either portion will not be accepted. During the application process, you will be asked to confirm your full availability, and applications will be assessed accordingly. The one-month online portion consists of approximately 8 hours of mandatory attendance (i.e. 2 hours/week) for moderated online sessions. The in-person component spans 7 days, including 5 full working days of course sessions.

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 edit your application at any time before the deadline. Submit your application by clicking the 'SUBMIT' button once completed. Please ensure you have received a confirmation email after application submission as incomplete submissions will not be considered.

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.

All CVs of all team members, along with their letter(s) of acknowledgement/approval from direct supervisor/department to attend the course must be uploaded as part of the application form.

Can I attend the course if I have already attended in previous years?
No. Applicants who have already attended previous DEEC iterations are ineligible to apply.

I'm having trouble submitting the application form, what should I do?
If you are having trouble with the online application process, please contact DEEC-info@glideae.org

When are the application opening & closing dates?
Application opening date: May 15, 2026
Application closing date: June 15, 2026 (11:59PM in your respective time zone)

SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT

Is there sponsorship support available for participants?
Yes, sponsorship is available for a select number of applicants based on merit and need. Additionally, NGOs and similar organizations that work with disease programs in any capacity are encouraged to financially support public health professionals.

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, due to the volume of emails, we will be unable to reply to all inquiries about application status.