Empowering Local Humanitarian Actors

The Local Humanitarian Actors Forum is a centralised hub of knowledge, tools, and partnerships for improved emergency response and community resilience in Zimbabwe.

Explore the Knowledge Hub

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LOCAL HUMANITARIAN ACTORS FORUM

A collaborative platform for local NGOs in Zimbabwe

Knowledge Hub – Empowering Local Humanitarian Leadership



ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

The Local Humanitarian Actors Forum

By Us, For Us: Powering Local Humanitarian Action

- 🌍 A dedicated space for **local humanitarian actors in Zimbabwe**
- 📚 Provides access to the **best tools, ideas, and practices—anytime, anywhere**
- 💻 The **Local Humanitarian Actors Forum (LHAF) Knowledge Hub** offers this platform
- 🎯 Purpose:
  - 💪 Strengthen local organisations
  - 📢 Amplify community voices
  - ✅ Drive evidence-based action

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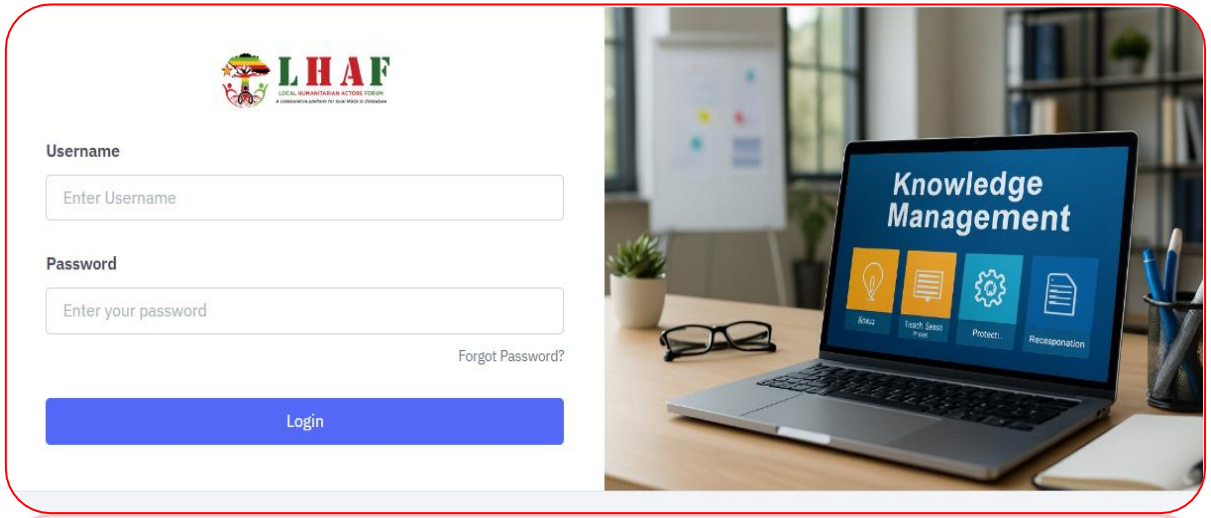
Becoming Registered with the Knowledge Hub

🔑 Registration is simple and secure. Each organisation designates a Knowledge Hub Admin who receives an email invitation from the superadmin. With just a few clicks, the admin creates an account and unlocks full access to the Hub.

👉 While non-registered users can only view limited public documents, **registered members gain full access to resources, courses, and collaboration opportunities** that can transform the way they work.



Knowledge Base – Your Digital Library of Solutions

The Knowledge Base is more than storage; it's your **strategic library**, offering curated resources that make local responses smarter, faster, and more impactful.

📂 Categories include:

- **Community Engagement & Participation** – feedback tools, information-sharing strategies.
- **Core Humanitarian Standards & Principles** – practical guides for CHS implementation.
- **Disaster Risk Reduction & Preparedness** – climate adaptation, emergency planning, livelihoods.
- **Emergency Response & Relief** – WASH, food security, protection, NFIs.
- **Legal & Policy Frameworks** – key humanitarian laws, compliance tools.
- **Monitoring & Evaluation** – frameworks, accountability methods, reporting.
- **Organisational Capacity Building** – fundraising, project management, networking.

📌 Every partner contributes knowledge—toolkits, case studies, manuals—so the Hub grows richer and more relevant with each upload. Superadmins ensure the quality and reliability of all public content.

Knowledge Base Categories

Explore practical tools, guides, and standards that support your humanitarian work.



Community Engagement & Participation

Communication & Information Sharing; Community-Based Approaches; Feedback Mechanisms

View Resources



Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) & Principles

CHS Implementation; Humanitarian Principles

View Resources



Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) & Preparedness

Risk Assessment & Analysis; Emergency Preparedness Planning; Climate Change Adaptation; Livelihoods

View Resources



Emergency Response & Relief

Needs Assessments; Shelter & Non-Food Items (NFIs); Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH); Food Security & Nutrition; Protection &...

View Resources



Legal & Policy Frameworks

National and International Humanitarian Law; Relevant Policies and Regulations; Compliance Information

View Resources



Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

M&E Frameworks & Tools; Data Collection & Management; Evaluation Methodologies; Accountability & Learning; Reporting

View Resources



Organizational Capacity Building

Resource Mobilisation & Financial Sustainability; Project Management; Networking & Collaboration; Training and...

View Resources

Learning Management System (LMS) – Beyond a Library

The Hub isn't just a place to **read**—it's a place to **learn, train, and grow**.

✨ **Key Features:**

- **Self-Paced Courses:** Learn anytime, anywhere. Quizzes keep you engaged (15 randomised questions; 80% pass mark).
- **Interactive Learning:** Choose between animated videos or scripts, making training accessible to all.
- **Locally Relevant Topics:** Courses tailored for Zimbabwe's realities:
  - *Community-Led M&E for Accountability*
  - *Organisational Governance & Compliance in Zimbabwe*
  - *Fundraising & Grant Writing for Local NGOs*
  - *Protection Mainstreaming & GBV Response in Zimbabwe*
  - *Decolonisation & Localisation in Practice*
  - *Anticipatory Action Planning & Forecast-Based Early Action*

Practical Impact: Gain real skills—like writing stronger proposals, setting up safeguarding systems, or developing better anticipatory action plans.

📢 **Looking ahead:** We aim to **co-create mandatory essential courses** (e.g., safeguarding induction for new NGO staff) with you, ensuring sector-wide standards that are practical, relevant, and shared.



Anticipatory Action Planning & Forecast-Based Early Action

5 Lessons · 100% Complete
Pass 80%

5/5 completed 100%

Review Continue



Decolonisation & Localisation in Practice

5 Lessons · 100% Complete
Pass 80%

5/5 completed 100%

Review Continue



Protection Mainstreaming & Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Response in Zimbabwe

7 Lessons · 0% Complete
Pass 80%

0/7 completed 0%

View Continue



Fundraising & Grant Writing for Local NGOs

5 Lessons · 100% Complete
Pass 80%

5/5 completed 100%

Review Continue



Organisational Governance & Compliance in Zimbabwe

4 Lessons · 100% Complete
Pass 80%

4/4 completed 100%

Review Continue



Community-Led M&E for Enhanced Accountability and Learning

4 Lessons · 100% Complete
Pass 80%

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Why this Matter? Our Strength is Our Network 👬

The Hub is a living platform, powered by the members of the Local Humanitarian Actors Forum (LHAF).

- **For the humanitarian system:** It shifts the power—**from North to South, and from international to local**—where knowledge and leadership truly belong.
- **The Need:** Local actors require tailored tools, contextualised training, and a dedicated platform to strengthen collaboration and enhance their capacity to respond to emergencies.
- **Member-Driven Content:** Partners contribute their expertise by sharing documents and best practices on the Hub. Each organisation has a designated Admin to upload on their behalf.
- **Secure & Accessible:** Registration is by invitation from an organisation's admin. Content can be shared exclusively with registered members or made public after approval by superadmins.
- **Co-Creating the Future:** We will co-create more courses together and envision a future with standardised, mandatory training for staff on key topics like Safeguarding.

Hub Utilisation

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I am pleased to share that I have successfully completed the Anticipatory Action Planning & Forecast-Based Early Action course with Local Humanitarian Actors Forum (LHAF).

As climate risks intensify across Southern Africa, strengthening anticipatory action systems is critical to protecting livelihoods, food security and vulnerable communities. This training has deepened my understanding of forecast-based financing, early warning systems, and proactive disaster risk reduction approaches.

For me, anticipatory action is not just about responding better, it is about acting earlier, smarter and more strategically to build resilience before shocks escalate. I look forward to applying these insights within climate resilience, and sustainable livelihoods programming.

#AnticipatoryAction
#ClimateResilience #ForecastBasedFinancing #DisasterRiskReduction
#FoodSecurity #ResilienceBuilding
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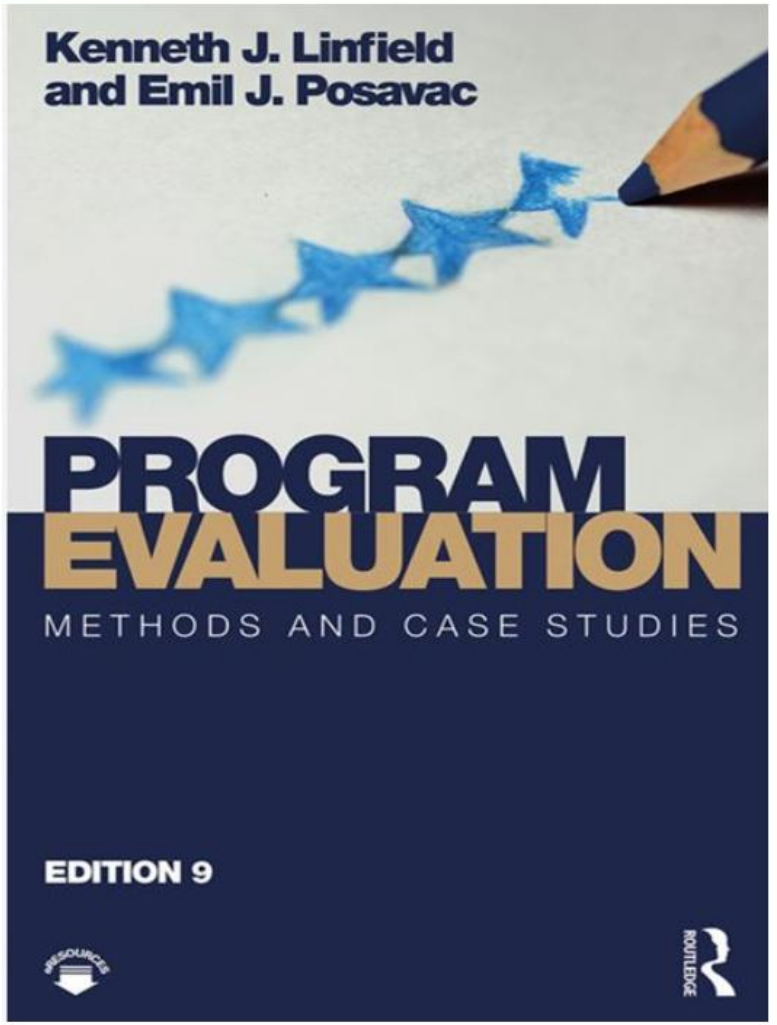

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Committed to Survivor-Centred Approaches in Crisis Response

Gender-Based Violence is one of the most pervasive challenges in humanitarian crises, and responding to it requires deliberate and sustained effort. With this conviction, I recently completed a course in Protection Mainstreaming and GBV Response with the @Local Humanitarian Actors Forum Zimbabwe a collaborative platform of local NGOs in Zimbabwe.

True humanitarian impact lies in how we mainstream protection to prevent and respond to violence before, during, and after a crisis. I am incredibly grateful to DOMCCP (Diocese of Mutare Community Care Programme) for their support and for creating this opportunity to deepen my expertise.

I look forward to applying these best practices to foster safer and more inclusive humanitarian environments. #GBVResponse #ProtectionMainstreaming #HumanitarianWork #SocialWorker #CapacityBuilding



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