



# Course information

## On location course Parents Awareness Workshop

**Empowering parents by offering knowledge, practice, and a positive perspective on the deaf child's future, with Deaf role models as facilitators.**

Did you know that more than 90% of deaf children are born to hearing parents? Unfortunately, in many countries of the Global South, these parents face social stigma due to the belief that having a deaf child is a curse. As a result, they struggle to communicate with their child and lack understanding about deafness. This often leads to deaf children not going to school. Early childhood is a critical time for language and socio-emotional development. Parents can benefit from meeting deaf adults who can show that being deaf does not prevent a person from learning and contributing to the family. It is possible to overcome communication barriers by learning visual interaction and sign language. By doing so, the immediate environment of a deaf child can positively influence their language development, which is crucial for their future learning.

### Course for community facilitators

Kentalis International Foundation, part of Royal Kentalis, collaborated with deaf associations from various African countries to create a Parents Awareness Workshop (PAW). This course is carried out in person in a group setting. It educates (preferably Deaf) community facilitators on conducting workshops for parents, covering topics such as deafness causes, communication, and human rights, as well as how to deliver an interactive seminar that activates parents. The goal is to enable Deaf role models to become facilitators and provide parents with a positive outlook on their deaf child's future, and thereby increasing school enrollment.

### Training outcomes:

- > Know how to inform parents about root causes and myths around deafness, stimulate positive thinking, and have a can-do mentality.
- > Sensitize parents for the importance of early communication for their child's cognitive development and show them alternative ways to communicate with their child, using visual input.
- > Understand how to encourage parents to involve their child in family and community life and provide concrete examples for alternative interaction.
- > Learn how to advise parents in making informed choices on school enrollment and in contacting deaf associations where parents can learn sign language.

### Suitable for

This course is for organizations involved in disability-inclusive early childhood development. It is ideal for training community outreach campaign staff, including deaf associations, disabled persons' organizations, and NGO staff.

### Contact us

To inquire about this course for your organization, simply scan the QR code provided to contact us.

