

# Course information

## E-learning Introduction to Deafness and Hearing Loss

**Starting point for any professional in the Global South in need of basic information on deafness and hearing loss. With modules that can be used offline allowing participants to learn at their own pace, wherever and whenever they want.**

Deaf and hard-of-hearing persons encounter numerous challenges in their daily lives. Stigmatization and exclusion are experienced both, in the Global North and South. Specifically for those living in low- and middle-income countries, exclusion from access to education forms a barrier. This fact stands in sharp contrast to the ambition of the international community to become disability-inclusive in development programming. Education, refugee, and youth empowerment programs, all are challenged to include deaf or hard-of-hearing persons in their interventions. The absence of accessible information regarding deafness and hearing loss is a significant contributing factor to this issue. To address this problem, it is essential to comprehend the diversity of this group and their specific needs to provide suitable support and interventions.

### **Course for anyone working with deaf or hard-of-hearing persons**

Kentalis International Foundation, which is a part of Royal Kentalis, is providing an online introductory course on deafness and hearing loss. This e-learning is self-directed and serves as a starting point for anyone who intends to include deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals in their development interventions. This course provides a basic comprehension of Deafness and hearing loss and will equip you with the fundamental knowledge necessary for inclusive programming and connecting with deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, regardless of whether you work in a school, medical center, refugee camp, or local community.

### **Training outcomes:**

- > Know the differences between the medical and socio-cultural perspectives on deafness.
- > Comprehend the basic functioning of sound, hearing loss and its consequences.
- > Grasp the significance of Deaf culture and history.
- > Understand the complexity and simplicity of deaf-inclusive programming.

### **Suitable for**

This online introductory course is designed for teachers, medical staff, community workers, and governmental and non-governmental institutions in the Global South who intend to learn about this specific target group.

### **Information and contact**

To inquire about this course for your organization, simply scan the QR code, log in as a guest, and browse our catalog. You can also contact us by sending an email to [international@kentalis.nl](mailto:international@kentalis.nl).

