



Sudanese American Medical Association

SAMA Partner Launch Training 2026

Project ECHO | January 13–15, 2026

Port Sudan & Gedarif (Hybrid in-person across two sites)

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1. Background and Context

The Sudanese American Medical Association (SAMA) has served as a Project ECHO Hub since 2021, utilizing the ECHO model to strengthen the capacity of local healthcare providers in Sudan through virtual learning and mentorship.

Following the outbreak of war in Sudan, SAMA leveraged the Project ECHO model to respond to the urgent gaps in medical education and healthcare capacity. Through ECHO, SAMA provided continued learning opportunities, case-based discussions, and access to global expertise—helping frontline healthcare providers manage emerging health emergencies in a complex crisis setting.

In 2025, SAMA expanded its role by becoming a Project ECHO Super Hub, recruiting and training new ECHO partners. Building on this foundation, SAMA plans in 2026 to expand Project ECHO in Sudan through a mission-driven approach focusing on responding to healthcare emergencies and strengthening resilient health systems.

2. Training Overview

SAMA will launch its first Partner Launch Training in January 2026. This training is designed to prepare new and emerging ECHO partners with the knowledge, practical skills, and guidance needed to launch and sustain their own ECHO programs.



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Training Goal

To equip new ECHO partners with the competencies necessary to design, implement, and manage a successful ECHO program using the ECHO model.

Training Objectives

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the Project ECHO model and its principles.
2. Describe the key components of a successful ECHO program.
3. Develop an ECHO program plan (including topic selection, structure, and session workflows).
4. Identify roles and responsibilities within an ECHO team (Hub team, faculty, coordinator, IT, M&E, etc.).
5. Practice session facilitation techniques and case-based learning strategies.
6. Understand operational requirements including recruitment, onboarding, technology setup, and communications.
7. Plan evaluation and reporting using ECHO-aligned monitoring tools.
8. Prepare for next steps toward launching an ECHO program with ongoing mentorship from SAMA.

3. Training Dates and Format

Dates

January 13, 14, and 15, 2026

Format

This training will be delivered **in person**, with two possible learning sites to accommodate participant preferences.

4. Training Location

Participants may attend the training at one of the following locations:

- Dr. Bushra Ibnauf Center for Development and Humanitarian Relief Support – Port Sudan



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- Dr. Bushra Ibnauf Center for Development and Humanitarian Relief Support – Gedarif

Participants will select their preferred training location during the registration process.

5. Participant Travel Policy

SAMA will cover travel costs through reimbursement following the completion of the training.

Reimbursement Process

To receive reimbursement, participants must:

1. Complete the Travel [Reimbursement Form](#) after the training.
2. Upload all receipts and supporting documents with the form submission.
3. Ensure that receipts are clear and include dates, payment amount, and travel details.

Reimbursement will only be processed once the training has been completed and the required documentation has been submitted.

6. Accommodation Policy

SAMA will cover accommodation for participants attending in Port Sudan or Gedarif for a maximum of four nights - Accommodation beyond these days will not be covered.

Covered nights:

- January 12
- January 13
- January 14
- January 15

7. Key Notes for Participants

- Participants are expected to attend the full 3-day training.



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- Participants should arrive by January 12 to ensure readiness for Day 1.
- Participants should retain all travel receipts to ensure reimbursement.
- Training site and logistics details (exact venue address, agenda, and materials) will be shared after registration confirmation.