



REPORT ON

3-day Africa Partner Launch Training

Project ECHO Partner Launch Training

Organisation:

RECONCILIATION AND DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION (RADA)

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1. Introduction

The Reconciliation and Development Association (RADA) participated in the Africa Project ECHO Partner Launch Training (PLT) held from 10th to 12th February. The training aimed at equipping partner organizations with the necessary knowledge, skills, and tools to successfully establish, manage, and sustain Project ECHO programs within their respective institutions and communities.

The participation of RADA in this three-day training was aligned with its mission to support community development by building bridges to sustainable solutions including in the domains of health, education, agriculture, technology, sustainable peace and environmental protection. The knowledge and skills gained from this training will be directly applied to strengthen RADA's Breast Cancer Program, particularly in improving early detection, awareness, referral systems, and quality of care.

2. Overview of Project ECHO

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a global movement that uses a virtual, hub-and-spoke knowledge-sharing model to build capacity and expand access to specialized services in underserved areas. Through case-based learning and mentorship, Project ECHO empowers local professionals to deliver high-quality services within their communities.

The Africa PLT focused on preparing new partners to effectively launch and implement ECHO programs across the continent, including disease-specific programs such as breast cancer care and prevention.

3. Objectives of the Training

The key objectives of the Africa Partner Launch Training included:

- ❖ Understanding the ECHO model and its core principles
- ❖ Learning how to establish and manage an ECHO hub
- ❖ Developing skills for session facilitation and case-based learning
- ❖ Understanding monitoring, evaluation, and reporting mechanisms
- ❖ Strengthening partnerships and collaboration across Africa
- ❖ These objectives are directly relevant to enhancing the effectiveness of RADA's Breast Cancer Program.

4. Highlights

Day 1 focused on introducing participants to **Project ECOH**, its objectives, and overall structure.

Day 2 focused on the application of the **ECHO Model** and implementation.

Day 3 of the training focused primarily on the operationalization and quality assurance of ECHO programs. Key areas covered included:

4.1 Session Planning and Facilitation

Participants learned how to:

- ❖ Structure effective ECHO sessions
- ❖ Facilitate case-based discussions
- ❖ Encourage active participation and peer learning
- ❖ Maintain a non-hierarchical, collaborative learning environment
- ❖ Practical exercises allowed participants to simulate ECHO sessions and receive constructive feedback. These skills will enable RADA to conduct structured virtual sessions focused on breast cancer case discussions, clinical updates, and community-based interventions.

4.2 Monitoring and Evaluation

The session emphasized:

- ❖ Data collection tools and performance indicators
- ❖ Tracking participant engagement
- ❖ Measuring program impact
- ❖ Reporting requirements for sustainability and accountability

This knowledge will support RADA in monitoring improvements in breast cancer awareness, screening referrals, early diagnosis, and patient support services.

4.3 Technology and Platform Management

Participants were introduced to:

- ❖ Best practices in virtual session management
- ❖ Troubleshooting common technical challenges
- ❖ Ensuring secure and effective online collaboration

This is particularly important for confidential discussions of breast cancer cases and coordination among healthcare providers.

5. Key Lessons Learned

RADA gained valuable insights, including:

- ❖ The importance of structured planning before launching an ECHO program
- ❖ The need for strong coordination between hub teams
- ❖ The value of case-based learning in strengthening professional capacity
- ❖ The critical role of consistent monitoring and evaluation

These lessons will guide the successful implementation of the ECHO model within RADA's Breast Cancer Program.

6. Relevance to RADA's Work

Participation in the Africa Partner Launch Training is highly relevant to RADA's mission. The ECHO model provides an opportunity to:

- ❖ Expand access to knowledge and capacity-building in underserved communities
- ❖ Strengthen partnerships with local and international stakeholders
- ❖ Enhance service delivery through continuous learning
- ❖ Promote sustainable development initiatives

RADA intends to integrate the ECHO model specifically into its Breast Cancer Program to improve early detection, strengthen healthcare provider capacity, and enhance coordinated patient care.

7. Conclusion

The Africa Project ECHO Partner Launch Training was informative, practical, and transformative. Day 3, in particular, strengthened RADA's understanding of operational management, quality assurance, and sustainability of ECHO programs.

RADA appreciates the opportunity to participate in this important training and remains committed to applying the knowledge and skills gained to strengthen its Breast Cancer Program and enhance its impact within the communities it serves.

Appendix

