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6th EDITION OF TALITHA KUM LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATES

To: Talitha Kum Network

Cc: Superiors General/Provincial

We are pleased to invite you to apply for the sixth training course for the leaders of Talitha Kum, offered in collaboration with **Tangaza University College (Nairobi)** and the **Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (Rome)**. The course will start on **January 16, 2026** and end with the Final Online Ceremony on **December 11, 2026**. Applications are now open, and we warmly encourage you to join us.

1. BACKGROUND

Over the past eight years, Talitha Kum has organized **five leadership courses**, forming **131 participants** with the support of more than **30 teachers, formators, and facilitators**. Each edition was adapted to the context and needs of the time, offering a valuable space for growth and networking.

This course is designed to **strengthen the leadership skills of Religious Sisters and their partners** serving within Talitha Kum networks, and to prepare new leaders capable of **walking with communities in prevention efforts, empowering survivors, advocating for systemic change, and engaging in collaborative action against human trafficking**.

Objectives of the Course:

- Deepen understanding of human trafficking and its systemic causes.
- Strengthen knowledge of Talitha Kum's identity, spirituality, and networking approach.
- Develop leadership skills rooted in Gospel values, Catholic Social Teaching, and Integral Ecology.
- Provide tools for advocacy, prevention, communication, accompaniment, and safeguarding.
- Offer a space for practical leadership experience through collaborative group projects.

The Program plan as follows:

- November–December, 2025 – Selection of Participants
- January 16, 2026 – Official start of the course
- January–June, 2026 – Online Meetings / Trainings
- June 24-30, 2026 – In-presence/ residential stage in Bangkok (Thailand)
- July–October, 2026 – Project Work Group
- November–December, 2026 – Progress Report / Dissertations
- December, 2026 – Closing Stage of the Course

See the general program phase of the course below.

2. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS PHASE

A selection process will follow in **November–December 2025**.

Maximum **27 participants** will be admitted.

- I. The initial selection will be based on the candidate's CV/resume, Statement of Commitment and fulfilment of the candidacy criteria (eligibility requirements).
- II. Personal Interview (Online) - candidates who pass the initial selection will be invited to a personal interview in English with the Course Formator Team.

Selection Criteria & Commitments

Candidates must:

1. Already be engaged in the mission of a Talitha Kum network.
2. Be fluent in English.
3. Commit to participate actively in all online and in-person sessions.
4. Be available for the residential week in June 24-30, 2026.
5. Remain engaged in Talitha Kum for at least 3 years after the course.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted by **Monday, November 17, 2025**, using the Google Form available at this link: [APPLICATION FORM](#) or by scanning this QR code.



The application requires the following documents:

- Updated CV / Resume
- Letter of Endorsement from the Superior General/Provincial (not required for lay participants).
- Letter of Endorsement from the Talitha Kum Network Coordinator or National Conference of Religious (mandatory for all).
- Signed Statement of Commitment with declaration of the following:
 - ✓ Her/his motivation to attend the course;
 - ✓ Her/his being fluent in **English** language;
 - ✓ Her/his firm commitment to attend the entire in-presence residential stage in Bangkok, Thailand on **June 24-30, 2026**;
 - ✓ Her/his willingness and availability to allocate the necessary time and effort to follow actively all the course's phases and initiatives;
 - ✓ Her/his firm commitment to remain engaged in Talitha Kum for at least three years after the course ends.

3. COMMITMENT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

1. Each selected participant for the course will be responsible for ensuring to attend all sessions on the schedule, both online and onsite meetings with maximum 3 justified absences for the online meetings. Those who miss more than 3 online sessions and/or in-person training sessions will be automatically withdrawn from the leadership course.
2. Each selected participant is expected to access reliable internet connection.
3. Each selected participant commits her/himself to read or watch through the required materials carefully, and to actively participate in all the foreseen activities, as this is vital to successfully complete the training.
4. Talitha Kum will cover all the course-related expenses, including travel, food and accommodation for the residential training. No cost will be charged to the participants.
5. Certificate of Completion will be given at the end of the course.

4. COURSE STRUCTURE IN FOUR PHASES

- I. **Online Learning Phase: (January–June 2026)**
Monthly two-hours online sessions introducing key topics and building a common foundation.
Date: February 20, March 13 and 27, April 17, May 15 and 29, June 12
Time: 2pm-4pm Rome (CET)
- II. **Residential Phase: (June 24-30, 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand)**
A week of intensive in-person training, community, and exposure integration.
- III. **Group Project Work: (July–October 2026)**
Group work projects supported by mentors and enriched by monthly “learning pit-stops.” The deadline submission of the Final Report of group work project is on **October 12, 2026**.
- IV. **Final Thesis & Wrap-Up (October–November 2026)**
A personal written reflection on the leadership experience - the deadline to deliver the final thesis is fixed on **November 20, 2026**.

All the topics will be addressed through the lenses of Catholic Social Teaching, Gospel, Spirituality, and the Integral Ecology approach.

During the development of the Group Project Works, the participants will also gather for monthly “learning pit-stops” which will have the key role of constantly monitoring the progress of the project and, at the same time, reinforcing the leadership skills. The schedule of these gatherings will be shared in Thailand (or earlier on, if feasible).

The Closing Ceremony (online) will be organized to deliver the official certificates for the 6th Edition of **Talitha Kum Leadership Training Course** by December 2026.

We warmly invite you to **prayerfully reflect on this opportunity** and consider applying if you feel called to contribute to Talitha Kum’s mission through leadership. We look forward to **journeying together with you** in faith, hope, and a shared commitment to promoting the dignity of every person.

Thank you !

Talitha Kum Leadership Formation Team
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