Big Data for Program Monitoring Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Monitoring and Evaluation	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

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

1. Apply Big Data concepts to program monitoring frameworks
2. Integrate structured and unstructured data sources for Monitoring
3. Design real-time Monitoring systems using Big Data pipelines
4. Use predictive analytics to anticipate program risks and bottlenecks
5. Implement data-driven adaptive management strategies
6. Develop scalable Monitoring dashboards using Big Data tools
7. Leverage mobile, satellite, and sensor data for program tracking
8. Ensure data quality, validation, and triangulation at scale
9. Apply machine learning techniques for Monitoring insights
10. Address data privacy, ethics, and governance in Big Data Monitoring
11. Automate performance reporting and alerts
12. Strengthen donor reporting and accountability using Big Data evidence
13. Align Big Data Monitoring systems with SDGs, Results-Based Management (RBM), and impact frameworks

Target Audience

1. Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Officers and Specialists
2. Program and Project Managers
3. Data Analysts and Data Scientists in development
4. NGO, UN, and donor agency staff
5. Government planning and Monitoring officers
6. Digital transformation and ICT for development professionals
7. Research, learning, and adaptive management teams
8. Policy analysts and impact measurement consultants

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Big Data for Program Monitoring

- Big Data concepts
- Differences between traditional data and Big Data in Monitoring
- Big Data ecosystem for development programs
- Role of Big Data in adaptive and real-time Monitoring
- **Case Study:** Using national administrative data for large-scale social program monitoring

Module 2: Big Data Sources for Program Monitoring

- Administrative and management information systems
- Mobile, SMS, and call detail record (CDR) data
- Satellite, geospatial, and remote sensing data
- Social media and digital platform data
- **Case Study:** Mobile data for Monitoring cash transfer programs

Module 3: Data Architecture and Integration

- Data lakes and data warehouses for Monitoring
- ETL pipelines for program data integration
- Interoperability and API-based data exchange
- Cloud platforms for Big Data Monitoring
- **Case Study:** Integrating health facility and mobile reporting data

Module 4: Data Quality and Validation at Scale

- Data cleaning and preprocessing techniques
- Automated data validation rules
- Bias detection and data completeness checks
- Triangulation across multiple data sources
- **Case Study:** Improving data reliability in education Monitoring systems

Module 5: Real-Time Monitoring Systems

- Streaming data and real-time analytics
- Event-based Monitoring frameworks
- Automated alerts and exception reporting
- Dashboards for continuous performance tracking
- **Case Study:** Real-time Monitoring of humanitarian logistics

Module 6: Big Data Analytics for Program Performance

- Descriptive and diagnostic analytics
- Trend analysis and pattern detection
- Key performance indicators (KPIs) at scale
- Linking outputs, outcomes, and impact data
- **Case Study:** Performance analytics for agricultural extension programs

Module 7: Predictive Analytics and Early Warning Systems

- Predictive modeling for program risks
- Forecasting outcomes using Big Data
- Early warning indicators and thresholds
- Scenario analysis for adaptive programming
- **Case Study:** Predicting dropout risks in education programs

Module 8: Machine Learning for Monitoring

- Introduction to machine learning in Monitoring
- Classification and clustering for beneficiary analysis
- Anomaly detection for fraud and leakage
- Model validation and Monitoring model performance

- **Case Study:** Detecting anomalies in social protection programs

Module 9: Geospatial Big Data for Program Monitoring

- GIS and spatial data integration
- Satellite imagery for Monitoring infrastructure and environment
- Spatial analysis for service coverage
- Mapping inequalities and geographic trends
- **Case Study:** Remote sensing for climate resilience Monitoring

Module 10: Dashboards and Data Visualization

- Principles of effective Monitoring dashboards
- Visualizing Big Data insights for decision-makers
- Interactive and role-based dashboards
- Data storytelling for program assurance
- **Case Study:** Executive dashboards for donor-funded programs

Module 11: Automation and Digital Reporting

- Automated data pipelines and workflows
- AI-assisted reporting and summaries
- Continuous Monitoring reports
- Reducing reporting burden through automation
- **Case Study:** Automated donor reporting systems

Module 12: Ethics, Privacy, and Data Governance

- Data protection and consent in Big Data
- Ethical risks and bias mitigation
- Governance frameworks for program data
- Compliance with data protection regulations
- **Case Study:** Ethical use of mobile data in Monitoring

Module 13: Big Data for Adaptive Management

- Linking Monitoring insights to decision-making
- Learning loops and feedback mechanisms
- Course correction using real-time data
- Scaling evidence-based innovations
- **Case Study:** Adaptive management in nutrition programs

Module 14: Institutionalizing Big Data Monitoring

- Capacity building and skills development
- Organizational readiness for Big Data
- Partnerships with data providers
- Sustainability of Big Data Monitoring systems
- **Case Study:** Government-wide Monitoring platforms

Module 15: Future Trends in Big Data and Program Monitoring

- AI, advanced analytics, and automation

- Digital public infrastructure and Monitoring
- Integrating Big Data with evaluation and impact measurement
- Future skills for Monitoring professionals
- **Case Study:** AI-powered Monitoring systems in development programs

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price

23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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