Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Cooperatives Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals and strategic value of CSR in cooperative structures.
2. Explore global trends and frameworks in CSR, including ESG, SDGs, and stakeholder theory.
3. Develop CSR policies that align with cooperative values and local regulations.
4. Analyze the ethical, legal, and economic dimensions of CSR in cooperatives.
5. Integrate sustainability and impact measurement into cooperative CSR programs.
6. Assess CSR risks and opportunities using data-driven approaches.
7. Engage stakeholders effectively through inclusive CSR communication strategies.
8. Learn from real-world CSR best practices across sectors and regions.
9. Design cooperative-driven CSR initiatives that enhance social capital.
10. Apply CSR in crisis management and post-pandemic recovery contexts.
11. Foster partnerships between cooperatives, NGOs, and government entities.
12. Use CSR as a tool for innovation and competitive advantage.
13. Build CSR reporting and accountability systems using global standards (e.g., GRI).

Target Audience

1. Cooperative board members and executives
2. CSR and sustainability officers in cooperatives
3. Cooperative auditors and compliance officers
4. NGO professionals working with cooperatives
5. Community development practitioners
6. Government policy advisors
7. Corporate governance consultants
8. Cooperative education and training institutions

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to CSR in Cooperatives

- Define CSR and its evolution
- Cooperative principles and CSR alignment
- Role of cooperatives in promoting inclusive development
- Overview of global CSR standards and frameworks
- Benefits of CSR to cooperatives
- **Case Study:** The CSR journey of the Mondragon Cooperative Group (Spain)

Module 2: Ethical Foundations of CSR

- Ethical theories in CSR
- Social justice and CSR in cooperative contexts
- Transparency and accountability
- Fair trade and ethical sourcing
- Conflict of interest and corporate ethics
- **Case Study:** Ethical dilemmas in Kenya’s SACCOs and how they were resolved

Module 3: CSR and Environmental Sustainability

- Environmental responsibility in cooperatives

- Circular economy principles
- Green energy initiatives
- Carbon footprint assessment
- Waste management strategies
- **Case Study:** Solar-powered cooperatives in India and their impact

Module 4: Legal and Regulatory Compliance

- CSR legal frameworks globally and locally
- Cooperative-specific CSR obligations
- Risk and liability management
- Compliance audits
- Reporting requirements
- **Case Study:** South Africa's King IV Code and cooperative compliance

Module 5: CSR Policy Development

- Components of a strong CSR policy
- Stakeholder involvement in policy-making
- Policy implementation planning
- Policy evaluation and review
- Aligning with national development goals
- **Case Study:** CSR policy development in an agricultural cooperative in Ghana

Module 6: Community Engagement and Social Impact

- Identifying community needs
- Designing inclusive CSR programs
- Education, health, and livelihood programs
- Volunteerism and cooperative culture
- Impact measurement tools
- **Case Study:** Community-driven CSR in Uganda's Coffee Farmers Cooperatives

Module 7: CSR and Cooperative Governance

- Governance models that support CSR
- Role of the board and management
- Internal CSR accountability systems
- Ethical decision-making in boards
- Integrating CSR into strategic planning
- **Case Study:** Governance reform in Philippine cooperative banks

Module 8: Financial Sustainability of CSR

- Budgeting for CSR
- Funding mechanisms (grants, donations, profit allocation)
- Social Return on Investment (SROI)
- Balancing profit and purpose
- CSR in cooperative financial reports
- **Case Study:** Financial modeling for CSR in EU rural cooperatives

Module 9: CSR Communications and Branding

- CSR storytelling for cooperatives
- Internal and external communication strategies
- Use of digital media and platforms

- Branding through impact
- Crisis communication and reputation management
- **Case Study:** Rebranding a cooperative through CSR in Latin America

Module 10: CSR and SDGs

- Linking CSR programs to the SDGs
- Mapping cooperative goals to global goals
- SDG indicators and metrics
- Partnerships for SDG progress
- Reporting CSR contributions to SDGs
- **Case Study:** SDG-aligned CSR in dairy cooperatives in Tanzania

Module 11: Gender and Inclusion in CSR

- Gender mainstreaming in CSR
- Promoting youth and minority inclusion
- Anti-discrimination policies
- Inclusive training and development
- Intersectionality and CSR
- **Case Study:** Gender equity programs in Nepalese savings cooperatives

Module 12: Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

- CSR KPIs and metrics
- Data collection and analysis tools
- Logic models and impact frameworks
- Baseline and endline surveys
- Participatory evaluation techniques
- **Case Study:** M&E in Ethiopian financial cooperatives' CSR projects

Module 13: CSR Crisis Response and Resilience

- Role of CSR during disasters
- Cooperative-led humanitarian efforts
- Building community resilience
- Post-crisis evaluation
- Long-term CSR recovery strategies
- **Case Study:** Cooperative response during COVID-19 in Italy

Module 14: Technology and Innovation in CSR

- Digital tools for CSR planning
- Blockchain for transparency
- Agri-tech and health-tech in CSR
- Tech-driven community education
- Social innovation labs
- **Case Study:** Mobile apps supporting CSR in East African SACCOs

Module 15: International CSR Best Practices

- CSR benchmarking
- Lessons from multinational cooperatives
- Cross-border CSR collaborations
- Adapting global models locally
- Participating in international CSR awards

- **Case Study:** Canadian Cooperative Association's global CSR toolkit

Training Methodology

- Interactive workshops and expert-led sessions
- Group discussions and role-playing exercises
- Case study reviews and scenario-based simulations
- Live cooperative CSR project presentations
- Quizzes, reflections, and peer learning activities
- Templates, tools, and resource kits for immediate use

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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

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
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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