E-Governance and Digital Public Services in Social Protection Training course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Analyze core concepts and strategic responsibilities** of **E-Governance and Digital Public Services** in social protection.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **designing user-centric and inclusive digital social protection services** that address the needs of vulnerable populations.
3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **implementing interoperable and integrated digital information systems** (e.g., social registries, digital identity) for social protection.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **ensuring robust data governance, privacy, and cybersecurity** in digital social protection environments, aligned with Kenya's DPA.
5. **Manage complex considerations** for **leveraging electronic payments and digital financial services** for efficient and transparent social protection transfers.
6. **Apply robust strategies** for **addressing the digital divide and promoting digital literacy** to ensure equitable access to digital social protection services.
7. **Understand the deep integration of e-governance principles with anti-corruption measures and enhanced accountability** in social protection delivery.

8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** from successful digital public service implementations, with a strong focus on African experiences and relevant Kenyan initiatives (e.g., Inua Jamii).
9. **Optimize strategies for managing change, building internal capacity, and fostering political will** for digital transformation in social protection.
10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **establishing robust legal and regulatory frameworks** that support digital innovation while safeguarding citizen rights.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of the ethical implications and potential risks (e.g., algorithmic bias, surveillance) associated with digital social protection systems.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** related to **stakeholder engagement, multi-agency coordination, and building public trust** in digital government services.
13. **Develop a holistic, strategically informed, and ethically sound approach** to **E-Governance and Digital Public Services in Social Protection,** fostering transparent, efficient, and citizen-centered welfare delivery.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals interested in E-Governance and Digital Public Services in Social Protection:

1. **Senior Policymakers & Government Officials:** Responsible for strategic planning and digital transformation initiatives.
2. **ICT Directors & Managers:** Overseeing the development and implementation of digital government systems.
3. **Social Protection Program Managers:** Leading the design and delivery of social assistance programs.[19]
4. **Legal & Compliance Officers:** Focused on data protection, digital rights, and regulatory frameworks.
5. **Public Relations & Communication Officers:** Managing public perception and trust in digital services.
6. **Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Specialists:** Evaluating the impact and efficiency of digital transformations.
7. **Development Partners & International Organizations:** Supporting e-governance and social protection reforms.
8. **Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) & Advocacy Groups:** Advocating for inclusive and rights-based digital public services.

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Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Foundations of E-Governance in Social Protection (Day 1)**
  - Defining E-Governance: Components, goals (efficiency, transparency, participation, accountability).[20]
  - Types of E-Governance: G2C (Government-to-Citizen), G2B, G2G, G2E – relevance to SP.[21]
  - The imperative for digital transformation in social protection: Drivers and opportunities.
  - Benefits of e-governance for SP: Reduced leakage, faster payments, improved outreach.
  - Global trends and frameworks in digital public services.
- **Module 2: Principles of Digital Public Services & Design Thinking (Day 1)**
  - Core principles: User-centric, digital by default, open by default, modularity, interoperability.
  - Introduction to Design Thinking and Human-Centered Design for public services.
  - Empathy mapping and user journey mapping for social protection beneficiaries.
  - Importance of iterative design and continuous feedback loops.

    - Designing for accessibility and inclusion from the outset.[22]
- **Module 3: Digital Identity and Social Registries (Day 2)**
    - The role of robust digital identity systems (e.g., Kenya's Huduma Namba discussions) in social protection.
    - Understanding Social Registries (e.g., Kenya's Single Registry - ESR): Purpose, components, data collection.
    - Interoperability between digital identity, social registries, and other government databases.
    - Challenges and risks of integrated identity and registry systems (e.g., exclusion errors, surveillance).
    - Best practices for designing and managing secure and inclusive digital identity systems.
- **Module 4: Digital Payments and Financial Inclusion (Day 3)**
    - Evolution from manual to electronic payments in social protection (e.g., Inua Jamii).
    - Leveraging mobile money ecosystems (e.g., M-Pesa in Kenya) for G2P payments.
    - Benefits: Efficiency, security, transparency, financial inclusion for beneficiaries.
    - Challenges: Digital literacy, agent network reach, cash-out points in remote areas.
    - Ensuring beneficiary choice and control in digital payment methods.
- **Module 5: Data Governance and Data-Driven Decision Making (Day 4)**
    - Principles of good data governance for social protection data.
    - Establishing data ownership, quality standards, and data sharing protocols.
    - Leveraging data analytics for policy formulation, program targeting, and M&E.
    - Ethical considerations in using big data and AI for social protection (e.g., predictive analytics).[23]
    - Transparency in algorithmic decision-making and explainable AI in public services.
- **Module 6: Cybersecurity and Data Protection in Digital SP (Day 5)**
    - Understanding the threat landscape for sensitive social protection data.
    - Implementing robust cybersecurity measures: Encryption, access controls, incident response.
    - Compliance with national data protection laws (e.g., Kenya's Data Protection Act) and international standards.
    - Conducting Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) for digital social protection services.
    - Building a culture of data security and privacy among government employees.
- **Module 7: Digital Inclusion and Literacy Strategies (Day 6)**
    - Assessing the digital divide among social protection beneficiaries.
    - Strategies for promoting digital literacy and skills for vulnerable groups.
    - Designing hybrid service delivery models (digital + traditional) to ensure no one is left behind.
    - Role of community engagement, digital hubs, and "digital navigators."
    - Addressing the digital gender gap and disability-related barriers.
- **Module 8: Legal and Regulatory Frameworks (Day 7)**
    - Key legislative and policy enablers for e-governance in social protection.
    - Reviewing relevant acts and policies (e.g., Kenya's e-Government Strategy, DPA).
    - Ensuring legal recognition of digital signatures and electronic transactions.
    - Developing frameworks for cross-agency data sharing and interoperability.
    - Safeguarding citizen rights in a digital environment (e.g., right to privacy, right to access).
- **Module 9: Change Management and Institutional Capacity Building (Day 8)**
    - Overcoming resistance to change in public administration.
    - Strategies for capacity building: Training, recruitment of digital talent, fostering innovation.
    - Leadership and political will in driving digital transformation.
    - Developing a roadmap for digital maturity in social protection agencies.
    - Fostering a culture of continuous learning and adaptation.[24]
- **Module 10: E-Service Delivery Models and Grievance Redress (Day 9)**

    - Designing and implementing effective online portals, mobile applications, and SMS/USSD services.
    - User authentication and secure access mechanisms.
    - Integrating digital grievance redress mechanisms (GRMs) into e-services.
    - Real-time feedback mechanisms for continuous service improvement.
    - Ensuring transparent and accountable resolution of citizen concerns.
- **Module 11: International Best Practices and Case Studies (Day 9)**
    - Deep dive into successful e-governance implementations in social protection globally (e.g., India's Aadhaar, Brazil's Bolsa Familia).
    - Lessons from African countries pioneering digital public services (e.g., Rwanda, Estonia (Baltic example for advanced e-governance)).
    - Analysis of Kenya's journey: successes of Inua Jamii, challenges of integrated registries, and future potential.
    - Emerging technologies and their implications: Blockchain for transparency, AI for personalization.
    - Discussions on replicable models and adaptable strategies.
- **Module 12: Strategic Planning for E-Governance in SP (Day 10)**
    - Participants' assessment of current e-governance maturity in their context.
    - Developing a strategic action plan for digital transformation in a specific social protection program.
    - Identifying key priorities, phases, resource requirements, and risk mitigation strategies.
    - Stakeholder engagement and communication plan for digital initiatives.
    - Presentations of individual/group strategic plans and peer feedback.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- 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

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
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