Human Resources Management in Cooperative Enterprises Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Cooperative Societies	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Understand and apply the unique principles of HRM within cooperative governance structures.
2. Develop and implement strategic workforce planning aligned with cooperative growth and member needs.
3. Design effective talent acquisition and retention strategies for cooperative enterprises.
4. Implement robust performance management systems that foster accountability and continuous improvement.
5. Develop and execute impactful training and development programs for cooperative staff and leaders.
6. Navigate labor laws and regulatory compliance specific to cooperative employment in Kenya.
7. Establish fair and transparent compensation and benefits structures that motivate employees.
8. Foster a positive organizational culture that embodies cooperative values and promotes inclusivity.
9. Effectively manage employee relations, grievances, and disciplinary processes.
10. Leverage HR technology and data analytics for informed decision-making in cooperatives.
11. Implement health, safety, and wellness programs for a thriving cooperative workforce.
12. Drive succession planning and leadership development for cooperative continuity.
13. Integrate gender and youth empowerment considerations into cooperative HRM practices.

Organizational Benefits

1. Improved employee productivity and operational efficiency.
2. Enhanced talent attraction and retention rates.
3. Stronger alignment between HR practices and cooperative strategic goals.
4. Reduced legal risks and improved compliance with labor laws.
5. Increased employee engagement, motivation, and job satisfaction.
6. More effective leadership and succession pipelines.
7. A more inclusive and diverse cooperative workforce.

8. Improved ability to adapt to changing market and regulatory environments.
9. Strengthened cooperative identity and values among staff.
10. Enhanced overall organizational resilience and sustainability.

Target Participants

- Human Resources Managers and Officers in Cooperatives
- Cooperative General Managers and CEOs
- Members of Cooperative Boards and Management Committees
- Department Heads and Team Leaders in Cooperatives
- Consultants specializing in Cooperative Development
- HR Professionals transitioning into the cooperative sector
- Government officials involved in cooperative oversight

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Module 1: Foundations of HRM in Cooperative Context

- Defining Human Resources Management (HRM) in the cooperative framework.
- Understanding the unique characteristics of cooperatives affecting HR (member ownership, democratic control, social mission).
- Aligning HR strategy with cooperative principles and strategic goals.
- The role of HR in fostering member and employee dual identity.
- Case Study: Analyzing a successful cooperative's HR philosophy and its impact on member participation.

Module 2: Strategic Workforce Planning & Talent Acquisition

- Forecasting human resource needs for cooperative growth and diversification.
- Developing effective job descriptions and competency frameworks for cooperative roles.
- Implementing recruitment strategies tailored to attract cooperative-minded talent.
- Best practices in selection processes, interviewing, and onboarding.
- Case Study: A SACCO's approach to recruiting and onboarding new staff to align with their member-centric service model.

Module 3: Performance Management & Development

- Designing performance appraisal systems that fit cooperative structures.
- Setting SMART goals aligned with both individual roles and cooperative objectives.
- Providing constructive feedback and coaching for continuous improvement.
- Identifying training needs and developing impactful learning and development programs.
- Case Study: How an agricultural cooperative implemented a performance management system to improve crop yield and farmer support.

Module 4: Compensation, Benefits & Rewards

- Developing fair, competitive, and transparent compensation structures.
- Designing attractive benefits packages tailored to cooperative employee needs.
- Implementing performance-based incentive schemes and recognition programs.
- Understanding the role of non-financial rewards in cooperative motivation.
- Case Study: A housing cooperative's innovative approach to employee benefits and how it contributes to retention.

Module 5: Employee Relations & Conflict Resolution

- Fostering a positive and inclusive work environment based on cooperative values.
- Managing grievances and disciplinary processes fairly and transparently.
- Understanding labor laws, collective bargaining, and union relations in Kenya.
- Strategies for effective communication and conflict resolution.
- Case Study: Resolving an employee dispute in a cooperative setting while upholding democratic principles.

Module 6: HR Compliance & Risk Management

- Navigating the Cooperative Societies Act (Kenya) and relevant labor laws (e.g., Employment Act).
- Ensuring compliance with statutory deductions (NSSF, NHIF, PAYE) and other legal requirements.
- Identifying and mitigating HR-related risks (e.g., litigation, turnover).
- Developing and implementing HR policies and procedures.
- Case Study: A cooperative's journey in achieving full compliance with the latest labor regulations.

Module 7: Leveraging HR Technology & Data Analytics

- Introduction to Human Resources Information Systems (HRIS) for cooperatives.
- Using HR analytics to inform decision-making (e.g., turnover rates, training ROI).
- Implementing digital tools for recruitment, payroll, and performance tracking.
- Ensuring data security and privacy in HR systems.
- Case Study: How a large cooperative leveraged an HRIS to streamline operations and enhance strategic planning.

Module 8: Building a Cooperative HR Culture & Future Trends

- Strategies for fostering a strong cooperative culture and values among staff.
- Promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within the cooperative workforce.
- Succession planning for key cooperative leadership and management roles.
- Exploring emerging trends: remote work, gig economy, and their impact on cooperatives.
- Case Study: Developing a comprehensive succession plan for a multi-generational cooperative leadership team.

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	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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