Impact Indicator Selection in M&E Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Monitoring and Evaluation	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 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 results-based management (RBM) principles to impact indicator selection
2. Design SMART, SPICED, and CREAM impact indicators
3. Align indicators with Theory of Change and Logical Frameworks
4. Integrate SDG-aligned and ESG-linked indicators into M&E systems
5. Differentiate between output, outcome, and impact indicators with precision
6. Incorporate gender-responsive and equity-focused indicators
7. Select indicators suitable for complex and adaptive programs
8. Ensure data quality, validity, reliability, and feasibility of indicators
9. Use mixed-methods approaches for impact measurement
10. Avoid common indicator selection pitfalls and bias
11. Apply learning-oriented and adaptive indicator frameworks
12. Align donor, policy, and organizational reporting requirements
13. Utilize digital M&E tools and data visualization for impact tracking

Target Audience

1. Monitoring and Evaluation Officers and Specialists
2. Project and Program Managers
3. Development Practitioners and NGO Staff
4. Government Planning and Policy Officers
5. Donor Agency and Grant Management Professionals
6. Research, Learning, and Accountability (RLA) Staff
7. Data Analysts and MIS Officers
8. Consultants in Development, ESG, and Sustainability

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Impact Measurement

- Understanding impact vs outcomes vs outputs
- Results-based management and accountability
- Global trends in impact measurement

- Role of indicators in evidence-based decision-making
- **Case Study:** Impact measurement failure due to poor indicator design

Module 2: Theory of Change and Indicator Alignment

- Developing and validating a Theory of Change
- Causal pathways and assumptions
- Mapping indicators to change pathways
- Vertical and horizontal alignment of indicators
- **Case Study:** Education sector Theory of Change alignment

Module 3: Designing High-Quality Impact Indicators

- SMART, SPICED, and CREAM frameworks
- Quantitative vs qualitative indicators
- Proxy indicators and composite indices
- Measuring intangible and behavioral change
- **Case Study:** Governance and institutional capacity indicators

Module 4: Equity, Gender, and Inclusion in Indicator Selection

- Gender-responsive indicator design
- Measuring equity and inclusion outcomes
- Disaggregation by sex, age, disability, and geography
- Ethical considerations in impact measurement
- **Case Study:** Gender-transformative indicators in health programs

Module 5: Data Quality and Feasibility Assessment

- Data sources and collection methods
- Validity, reliability, and sensitivity analysis
- Cost-effectiveness of indicators
- Risk management in data collection
- **Case Study:** Data quality audit in a multi-country project

Module 6: Mixed Methods and Adaptive Indicators

- Combining qualitative and quantitative approaches
- Outcome harvesting and contribution analysis
- Adaptive management and learning indicators
- Real-time monitoring and feedback loops
- **Case Study:** Adaptive indicators in climate resilience projects

Module 7: Digital Tools and Reporting Frameworks

- Digital M&E systems and dashboards
- Indicator tracking tables and databases
- Visualization for decision-making
- Aligning indicators with donor reporting tools
- **Case Study:** Digital impact tracking for donor-funded programs

Module 8: Practical Application and Indicator Review

- Indicator validation and stakeholder engagement
- Reviewing and refining indicator sets
- Common mistakes and how to correct them
- Linking indicators to evaluation questions
- **Case Study:** Redesigning impact indicators for a livelihoods program

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
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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