Training course on Addressing Poverty and Inequality through Social Protection

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Social Protection	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 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 the fundamental concepts of **poverty (income and multidimensional) and various forms of inequality**.
2. Comprehend the strategic importance and potential of **social protection as a tool for poverty reduction and inequality mitigation**.
3. Master the design and implementation of diverse **social protection instruments** to address poverty and inequality.
4. Develop expertise in **targeting methodologies** to effectively reach the poorest and most vulnerable populations.
5. Formulate strategies for **financing sustainable social protection systems** for poverty and inequality reduction.
6. Understand the critical role of **linking social protection with complementary services** for holistic impact.
7. Implement robust approaches to **monitoring, evaluation, and impact assessment** of social protection programs.
8. Explore key **policy, legal, and institutional frameworks** that support social protection for poverty and inequality.
9. Apply methodologies for ensuring **gender-responsive and inclusive approaches** in social protection design.
10. Develop strategies for fostering **multi-sectoral coordination and partnerships** for comprehensive poverty reduction.
11. Analyze the **challenges and opportunities** of implementing social protection in diverse socio-economic contexts.

12. Design a preliminary **social protection strategy** aimed at addressing poverty and inequality in a specific country.
13. Examine **global best practices and lessons learned** from successful social protection initiatives in poverty and inequality reduction.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals working on poverty reduction, social justice, and development

1. **Social Protection Policymakers & Program Managers:** Designing and implementing social safety nets.
2. **Economists & Public Finance Experts:** Analyzing poverty, inequality, and fiscal sustainability.
3. **Development Practitioners:** From NGOs and international organizations focused on poverty and equity.
4. **Government Officials:** From ministries of social welfare, finance, planning, and statistics.
5. **Civil Society Organizations:** Advocating for social justice and poverty eradication.
6. **Researchers & Policy Analysts:** Studying poverty, inequality, and social protection effectiveness.
7. **UN Agency Representatives:** From UNDP, UNICEF, ILO, World Bank.
8. **Donors & Funding Partners:** Supporting poverty reduction and social development initiatives.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Understanding Poverty and Inequality

- Define poverty: income-based (e.g., poverty lines) vs. multidimensional poverty (e.g., MPI).
- Analyze various forms of inequality: income, wealth, opportunity, social, spatial.
- Discuss the drivers and consequences of persistent poverty and widening inequalities.
- Explore the concept of social exclusion and its links to poverty and inequality.
- Overview of global trends in poverty and inequality and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Module 2: The Role of Social Protection in Addressing Poverty and Inequality

- Explain how social protection directly contributes to poverty reduction and consumption smoothing.
- Discuss how social protection can mitigate the impacts of shocks and prevent households from falling into poverty.
- Analyze the role of social protection in reducing various dimensions of inequality (e.g., access to health, education).
- Explore the pathways through which social protection fosters human capital development and economic inclusion.
- Introduce the concept of social protection floors as a foundation for universal social protection.

Module 3: Social Protection Instruments for Poverty and Inequality Reduction

- **Cash Transfers:** Designing conditional and unconditional cash transfers for poverty alleviation.
- **In-Kind Transfers:** Food assistance, school meals, and other in-kind support.
- **Public Works Programs:** Providing employment and income while building community assets.
- **Social Insurance:** Extending coverage for health, unemployment, and pensions to vulnerable workers.
- **Social Services:** Linking beneficiaries to health, education, and child protection services.

Module 4: Targeting and Reaching the Poor and Vulnerable

- Methodologies for identifying and targeting the poorest and most vulnerable populations (e.g., proxy means tests, community-based targeting).
- Discuss the use of social registries and household databases for efficient targeting.
- Analyzing inclusion and exclusion errors and strategies for minimizing them.
- Exploring universal approaches to social protection and their role in addressing inequality.
- Practical exercise: evaluating different targeting mechanisms for a given context.

Module 5: Designing Effective Social Protection Programs

- Principles of designing social protection programs that maximize poverty reduction and inequality mitigation.
- Discuss appropriate benefit levels, frequency, and duration of assistance.
- Ensuring program flexibility and adaptability to changing needs and contexts.
- Integrating complementary services and linkages for holistic impact.
- Case studies of successful social protection programs in reducing poverty and inequality.

Module 6: Financing Sustainable Social Protection Systems

- Exploring various financing mechanisms for social protection: general taxation, social contributions, innovative sources.
- Discuss strategies for expanding fiscal space for social protection investments.
- Analyzing the cost-effectiveness and long-term sustainability of different financing models.
- Advocating for increased domestic resource mobilization for social protection.
- Case studies of countries with sustainable social protection financing.

Module 7: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Impact Assessment

- Designing robust M&E frameworks for social protection programs aimed at poverty and inequality.
- Developing indicators to track changes in income, consumption, multidimensional poverty, and various inequalities.
- Strategies for collecting high-quality data and conducting rigorous impact evaluations.
- Using M&E findings to inform program adjustments, policy reforms, and accountability.
- Discussing challenges in attributing impact and measuring long-term outcomes.

Module 8: Policy, Governance, and Future Directions

- Identifying and analyzing national social protection policies and legal frameworks.
- Discussing the role of social dialogue and multi-stakeholder engagement in policy development.
- Strengthening institutional mandates and capacities for social protection governance.
- Exploring the political economy of social protection reform and expansion.
- Future trends: universal social protection, digital transformation, and addressing new forms of inequality.

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.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

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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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