Training course on Advanced Social Protection Financing Strategies

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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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives:

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

1. **Analyze core concepts and strategic responsibilities** of **advanced social protection financing strategies** for achieving universal coverage and adequacy.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **conducting comprehensive fiscal space analysis** to identify potential resources for social protection expansion.
3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **designing and implementing innovative domestic resource mobilization (DRM) strategies** to fund social protection programs.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **identifying and re-allocating public expenditures** to create fiscal space for social protection investments.

5. **Manage complex considerations** for **understanding and navigating the political economy** of social protection financing reforms and building consensus.
6. **Apply robust strategies** for **developing shock-responsive financing mechanisms** to ensure social protection can scale up during crises.
7. **Understand the deep integration of international cooperation and development finance** in complementing domestic efforts for social protection financing.
8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** from successful social protection financing reforms in diverse country contexts, particularly in Africa (including Kenya).
9. **Optimize strategies for utilizing new and emerging financial instruments** (e.g., social bonds, impact investments) for social protection.
10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **conducting actuarial valuations and ensuring the long-term financial sustainability** of contributory social security schemes.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of financial and operational efficiency in social protection programs to optimize resource utilization.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **high public debt, economic volatility, informal economies, and political resistance** in securing social protection financing.
13. **Develop a holistic, evidence-based, and politically astute approach** to **designing and implementing Advanced Social Protection Financing Strategies,** ensuring the sustainable funding of inclusive social protection systems.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals interested in Advanced Social Protection Financing Strategies:

1. **Senior Officials from Ministries of Finance, Planning, and Social Affairs:** Responsible for national budget formulation and resource allocation, with a specific focus on social sector financing in Kenya.
2. **Economists and Fiscal Policy Analysts:** Working in government, central banks, and research institutions, particularly those analyzing public finance in African contexts.
3. **Social Protection Program Managers:** Overseeing large-scale social assistance or social security schemes, including Kenya's National Safety Net Programme (NSNP).
4. **Actuaries and Social Security Specialists:** Involved in financial sustainability assessments of social insurance, such as Kenya's NHIF and NSSF.
5. **Development Partners & International Financial Institutions (IFIs):** Supporting social protection financing reforms and technical assistance in developing countries.
6. **Public Financial Management (PFM) Experts:** Focused on improving efficiency and transparency in public spending within government agencies.
7. **Researchers & Academics:** Specializing in public finance, social policy, and development economics, with an interest in sustainable development.
8. **Civil Society Organization (CSO) Leaders:** Advocating for increased and more equitable social protection financing and fiscal transparency.

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Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Foundations of Social Protection Financing**
    - The Case for Investing in Social Protection: Economic, social, and human rights arguments.
    - Overview of Social Protection Typologies: Contributory vs. non-contributory schemes, their financing implications.
    - Basic Financing Mechanisms: General taxation, social security contributions, targeted taxes, external aid.

    - Global Trends in Social Protection Expenditure: Benchmarking and regional comparisons (e.g., Africa vs. other regions).
    - Challenges in Social Protection Financing: Fiscal constraints, informality, political will, economic shocks (with examples from Kenya, including debt service pressures).
- **Module 2: Fiscal Space Analysis for Social Protection**
    - Defining Fiscal Space: Understanding the capacity of a government to provide resources for public purposes.
    - Methodologies for Fiscal Space Assessment: Macroeconomic context, debt sustainability analysis.
    - Four Pillars of Fiscal Space: Reallocating public expenditure, improving tax revenue, borrowing, external aid.
    - Quantifying Fiscal Space for Social Protection Expansion: Tools and models for projections.
    - Practical Application: Case study on assessing fiscal space for a new social protection program in Kenya.
- **Module 3: Advanced Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) - Tax Reforms**
    - Taxation for Social Protection: Progressive income tax, corporate tax, wealth tax.
    - Indirect taxation: VAT, excise taxes, carbon taxes, digital services taxes (with Kenyan examples).
    - Broadening the Tax Base and Improving Compliance: Strategies to enhance revenue collection and address illicit financial flows.
    - Revenue potential and distributional impact of various tax policy reforms.
    - Case studies of successful tax reforms for social protection financing.
- **Module 4: Advanced Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) - Non-Tax & Other Sources**
    - Expanding Social Security Contributions: Strategies for extending coverage to the informal economy (relevant for Kenya's NHIF/NSSF).
    - Revenues from Natural Resources: Exploring the potential of mineral wealth and other natural assets.
    - Leveraging Public Assets and State-Owned Enterprises: Optimizing returns and re-investing profits.
    - Dedicated Levies and Earmarked Taxes: Exploring specific funding sources for social protection.
    - Addressing Illicit Financial Flows: Impact on domestic revenue and social protection financing.
- **Module 5: Strategic Expenditure Re-allocation and Efficiency Gains**
    - Identifying Inefficient or Regressive Spending: Fuel subsidies, inefficient public enterprises, military spending (potential re-allocation).
    - Expenditure Reviews and Value for Money Assessments: Tools for optimizing public spending.
    - Rationalizing Public Sector Wages and Benefits: Creating fiscal space through reforms.
    - Improving Efficiency of Social Protection Programs: Administrative cost reduction, better targeting, digital payments (as used in Kenya's cash transfers).
    - Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Social Protection: Opportunities and risks for financing.
- **Module 6: The Political Economy of Social Protection Financing Reforms**
    - Stakeholder Analysis: Identifying key actors and their interests in financing reforms (e.g., political parties, trade unions, civil society).
    - Building Political Will and Consensus: Strategies for advocacy, dialogue, and coalition building.
    - Overcoming Resistance to Reforms: Addressing opposition from vested interests and managing public perception.
    - Communication Strategies: Explaining the benefits and costs of social protection investments to the public and policymakers.
    - Navigating Macroeconomic Constraints and Austerity: Balancing fiscal consolidation with social protection needs.

- **Module 7: Shock-Responsive Financing for Adaptive Social Protection**
    - Contingency Financing Mechanisms: Dedicated funds, budget re-allocations, insurance schemes (e.g., drought insurance in ASALs).
    - Climate Risk Financing and Social Protection: Linking climate finance to adaptive social protection.
    - Parametric Insurance and Catastrophe Bonds: Innovative instruments for disaster response.
    - Forecasting and Trigger Mechanisms: Using early warning systems to trigger financing and scale-up.
    - Rapid Disbursement Mechanisms: Leveraging digital payments for crisis response, as seen during COVID-19.
- **Module 8: Role of International Cooperation and Development Finance**
    - Official Development Assistance (ODA) for Social Protection: Trends, challenges, and effectiveness, particularly in Kenya.
    - Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and International Financial Institutions (IFIs): Lending, grants, and technical assistance.
    - Debt Relief and Restructuring: Creating fiscal space in highly indebted countries (relevant for Kenya's current debt situation).
    - South-South Cooperation: Learning and financing from emerging economies.
    - Aligning External Financing with National Priorities: Ensuring country ownership and sustainability.
- **Module 9: New and Emerging Financial Instruments for Social Protection**
    - Social Bonds and Impact Investing: Attracting private capital for social outcomes.
    - Philanthropic Contributions and Foundations: Role in supplementing public finance.
    - Crowdfunding and Digital Fundraising: Harnessing new technologies for resource mobilization.
    - Leveraging Diaspora Remittances: Opportunities for social investment and linking to social protection.
    - Exploring Universal Basic Income (UBI) financing models and their feasibility.
- **Module 10: Actuarial Analysis and Long-Term Sustainability of Contributory Schemes**
    - Principles of Actuarial Valuation: Assessing the financial health of social security schemes (e.g., NSSF, NHIF).
    - Demographic and Economic Projections: Impact on long-term liabilities and revenues.
    - Addressing Funding Gaps and Deficits: Policy options for ensuring solvency (e.g., contribution rates, retirement age, benefit levels).
    - Governance and Investment of Social Security Funds: Ensuring prudent management and returns.
    - Transitioning from Pay-As-You-Go to Partially Funded Systems: Strategies and challenges.
- **Module 11: Fiscal Risk Management and Resilience Financing**
    - Identifying and Assessing Fiscal Risks: Macroeconomic shocks, demographic shifts, natural disasters, epidemics.
    - Developing Contingency Plans and Fiscal Buffers: Mechanisms for preparing for unforeseen events.
    - Role of Budget Stabilization Funds and Sovereign Wealth Funds.
    - Integration of Fiscal Risk Management into Overall Public Financial Management Frameworks.
    - Building Resilience into Social Protection Financing: Ensuring systems can adapt and respond to shocks.
- **Module 12: Developing a National Social Protection Financing Strategy**
    - Elements of a Comprehensive Financing Strategy: Goals, objectives, proposed mechanisms, timeline.

- Costing and Affordability Analysis: Developing detailed financial projections for proposed reforms.
- Risk Assessment and Mitigation in Financing: Identifying financial risks and proposing countermeasures.
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Financing Strategies: Tracking progress and making adjustments.
- Case Study and Group Exercise: Participants develop a strategic financing roadmap for expanding social protection in a specific country context, incorporating lessons from Kenya's financing

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
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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