Training Course on Agricultural Microfinance and Inclusive Rural Credit

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Agriculture	**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

1. Understand the principles and models of agricultural microfinance systems.
2. Analyze best practices in inclusive rural credit program design.
3. Identify and assess credit risk management techniques for rural lending.
4. Explore digital financial services (DFS) for agricultural development.
5. Design gender-responsive financial inclusion strategies.
6. Evaluate agriculture value chain financing models.
7. Assess the impact of microfinance institutions (MFIs) in rural settings.
8. Apply innovative mobile banking solutions for smallholder farmers.
9. Understand credit appraisal and loan monitoring techniques.
10. Develop strategies for climate-smart agricultural financing.
11. Examine the role of cooperatives and SACCOs in rural credit delivery.
12. Analyze financial literacy and capacity building programs for farmers.
13. Integrate policy and regulatory frameworks for inclusive finance.

Target Audience

1. Microfinance Institution Officers
2. Rural Bank Managers and Staff
3. Agricultural Extension Workers
4. Development Finance Practitioners
5. Government Rural Credit Policy Officers
6. Nonprofit and NGO Program Managers
7. Agribusiness Entrepreneurs
8. Researchers and Academics in Rural Development

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Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of Agricultural Microfinance

- Overview of microfinance in agriculture
- Characteristics of rural financial markets
- Microfinance delivery channels
- Key players in the microfinance ecosystem
- Challenges and opportunities in rural lending
- **Case Study: Bangladesh’s Grameen Bank Model**

Module 2: Inclusive Rural Credit Systems

- Concepts of inclusivity in rural credit
- Barriers to rural credit access
- Social and economic benefits of rural credit
- Models of inclusive financing
- Role of community-based finance

- **Case Study: Kenya’s M-Shwari Lending Model**

Module 3: Designing Sustainable Loan Products

- Loan product customization for farmers
- Flexible repayment options
- Interest rate structuring
- Agro-seasonal cash flow planning
- Farmer profiling and segmentation
- **Case Study: India’s Kisan Credit Card Scheme**

Module 4: Credit Risk Assessment and Mitigation

- Risk identification techniques
- Portfolio risk analysis tools
- Credit scoring models
- Collateral alternatives
- Insurance integration in lending
- **Case Study: Uganda’s Credit Reference Bureau System**

Module 5: Digital Financial Services for Agriculture

- Role of DFS in rural finance
- Mobile wallets and payments
- Digital loan applications
- Agent banking models
- Cybersecurity considerations
- **Case Study: Nigeria’s USSD Mobile Lending Platforms**

Module 6: Value Chain Financing in Agriculture

- Understanding agricultural value chains
- Embedded credit systems
- Input supplier financing
- Buyer credit and contract farming
- Risk-sharing mechanisms
- **Case Study: Ethiopia’s Coffee Value Chain Model**

Module 7: Gender-Inclusive Financial Services

- Gender barriers in rural finance
- Designing women-centric financial products
- Empowerment through credit access
- Gender-sensitive data collection
- Female-led cooperatives and savings groups
- **Case Study: CARE Village Savings & Loans Associations**

Module 8: Credit Appraisal and Loan Monitoring

- Farm budgeting and income projections
- Creditworthiness indicators
- Loan tracking tools
- Early warning systems
- Monitoring loan use and impact
- **Case Study: Philippines' Microfinance MIS Tools**

Module 9: Mobile and Agent Banking Strategies

- Expanding reach through agents
- Integrating telecom and banking
- Financial literacy via SMS
- Low-cost transaction technologies
- Biometric verification in remote areas
- **Case Study: Tigo Pesa in Tanzania**

Module 10: Institutional Frameworks and Policy Environment

- Regulatory frameworks for rural credit
- Role of central banks and ministries
- Financial inclusion policy analysis
- Enabling fintech innovations
- Public-private partnerships in credit
- **Case Study: Ghana's Financial Sector Development Plan**

Module 11: SACCOs and Cooperatives in Finance Delivery

- Cooperative finance models
- Member-based loan schemes
- SACCO governance structures
- Capital mobilization strategies
- Loan recovery and default management
- **Case Study: Rwanda's Umurenge SACCO Program**

Module 12: Microfinance Institution Operations

- Institutional setup and governance
- Client acquisition and retention
- Loan cycle management
- MIS and data systems
- Performance metrics and reporting
- **Case Study: BRAC Microfinance Bangladesh**

Module 13: Climate-Smart Agricultural Financing

- Climate risks and farm income
- Green finance instruments
- Weather-indexed insurance
- Drought-resilient loan structures
- Carbon credit-linked loans
- **Case Study: Malawi's Climate-Smart Loan Initiative**

Module 14: Financial Literacy and Farmer Training

- Key literacy components
- Community-based training models
- Interactive digital education tools
- Curriculum development for adults
- Monitoring learning outcomes
- **Case Study: Zambia's Farmer Business Schools**

Module 15: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Impact Assessment

- M&E tools and KPIs
- Social impact measurement

- Data collection methods
- Outcome vs. output tracking
- Adaptive learning in microfinance programs
- **Case Study: IFAD Results-Based Lending Program**

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and expert facilitation
- Group work and simulation exercises
- Hands-on toolkits and templates
- Real-time case study analysis
- Role-plays and scenario-based learning
- Peer-to-peer knowledge sharing sessions

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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	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
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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