Training course on Designing Integrated Social Protection Information Systems (SPIS)

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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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 **Integrated Social Protection Information Systems (SPIS)** and their critical role in social protection delivery.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **defining SPIS architecture and key components**, including the design of a Single Registry.
3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **implementing effective data governance frameworks** to ensure data quality, security, and privacy within an SPIS.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **managing the entire beneficiary lifecycle** (registration, eligibility, payments, grievances, exits) within an integrated SPIS.

5. **Manage complex considerations** for **designing and integrating secure and efficient payment mechanisms** within an SPIS.
6. **Apply robust strategies** for **ensuring interoperability and data exchange** between the SPIS and other relevant government information systems.
7. **Understand the deep integration of digital identity and biometric solutions** for beneficiary identification and verification within an SPIS.
8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** from designing and implementing SPIS in diverse country contexts, including Kenya.
9. **Optimize strategies for addressing institutional, technical, and human capacity challenges** in SPIS development and deployment.
10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **planning for the long-term sustainability, maintenance, and scalability** of an SPIS.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of existing social protection information systems to identify integration opportunities and modernization needs.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **data fragmentation, political will, digital divide, and cybersecurity risks** in SPIS implementation.
13. **Develop a holistic, user-centric, and technically sound approach** to **designing and managing Integrated Social Protection Information Systems,** maximizing their contribution to effective and adaptive social protection.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals interested in Designing Integrated Social Protection Information Systems (SPIS)

1. **IT and Digital Transformation Specialists:** From government ministries, national agencies, and development organizations.
2. **Social Protection Program Managers:** Overseeing operations and seeking to streamline processes through technology.
3. **Policymakers & National Planners:** Involved in digital governance and social sector reforms.
4. **Data Analysts & M&E Specialists:** Utilizing program data for insights and reporting.
5. **Government Statisticians:** Responsible for official data collection and management.
6. **Public Financial Management (PFM) Specialists:** Focusing on efficient and transparent financial flows in social programs.
7. **Development Partners & UN Agency Staff:** Supporting countries in digitalizing social protection.
8. **Civil Society Organizations:** Interested in transparency, accountability, and beneficiary data protection.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Introduction to Integrated Social Protection Information Systems (SPIS)**
  - **Defining SPIS**: Core concepts, objectives, and distinguishing from traditional MIS.
  - **Rationale for Integration**: Addressing fragmentation, duplication, and inefficiencies.
  - **Key Benefits of SPIS**: Enhanced efficiency, transparency, accountability, and adaptive capacity.
  - **Components of a Comprehensive SPIS**: Single Registry, MIS modules, payment systems, grievance redress.
  - **Global Overview and Trends**: Examples of integrated SPIS in various countries.
- **Module 2: SPIS Architecture and Single Registry Design**
  - **Conceptual SPIS Architecture**: Layers and modules of an integrated system.

    - **The Single Registry (SR)**: Purpose, data elements, and relationship to program-specific MIS.
    - **Design Principles for SR**: Uniqueness, accuracy, comprehensiveness, and regular updating.
    - **Data Model and Database Design**: Structuring beneficiary and program data effectively.
    - **Use Cases for the Single Registry**: Targeting, shock response, inter-program coordination.
- **Module 3: Data Governance, Security, and Privacy**
    - **Data Governance Framework**: Roles, responsibilities, and policies for data management.
    - **Data Quality Management**: Validation rules, data cleaning, and data integrity.
    - **Data Security Best Practices**: Access control, encryption, cybersecurity measures.
    - **Data Privacy and Protection**: Compliance with national laws (e.g., Kenya's Data Protection Act) and international standards (e.g., GDPR principles).
    - **Ethical Considerations**: Responsible use of sensitive beneficiary data, avoiding surveillance risks.
- **Module 4: Beneficiary Lifecycle Management Modules**
    - **Outreach and Registration**: Digitalizing application processes, leveraging mobile technology.
    - **Eligibility Determination and Enrollment**: Integrating targeting methodologies (e.g., PMT) into the system.
    - **Beneficiary Management**: Tracking status changes, recertification, and graduation.
    - **Case Management**: Managing individual beneficiary cases, referrals to other services.
    - **Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)**: Integrating channels for complaints and appeals within the SPIS.
- **Module 5: Payment and Financial Management Integration**
    - **Digital Payment Ecosystems**: Mobile money, bank accounts, direct transfers.
    - **Integrating SPIS with Payment Service Providers**: APIs and data exchange protocols.
    - **Payment Reconciliation and Reporting**: Ensuring transparent and accountable financial flows.
    - **Fraud Prevention and Detection**: Leveraging data analytics for anomaly detection.
    - **Cash-for-Work Payments**: Specific considerations for public works programs.
- **Module 6: Interoperability and Cross-Sectoral Linkages**
    - **Benefits of Interoperability**: Enhanced targeting, service referrals, comprehensive profiling.
    - **Linking SPIS with Other Government Systems**: National ID, civil registry, health, education, tax.
    - **Data Sharing Agreements and Protocols**: Legal and technical considerations for cross-agency data exchange.
    - **Unique Identification Systems**: Role of national ID in linking data across sectors.
    - **Challenges of Interoperability**: Technical standards, institutional resistance, data ownership.
- **Module 7: SPIS Implementation, Capacity Building, and Sustainability**
    - **Phased Implementation Strategies**: Agile methodologies vs. waterfall approach.
    - **Change Management and User Adoption**: Strategies for ensuring buy-in from all stakeholders.
    - **Capacity Building for SPIS Users**: Training at central, county, and local levels (relevant for Kenya).
    - **System Maintenance, Support, and Upgrades**: Ensuring long-term functionality.
    - **Financing SPIS**: Budgeting for development, operations, and future enhancements.
- **Module 8: Strategic Planning for SPIS in Practice**
    - **Conducting a SPIS Needs Assessment**: Identifying current gaps and future requirements.
    - **Developing a SPIS Roadmap**: Phased implementation plan, key milestones, and resource allocation.
    - **Risk Assessment and Mitigation**: Addressing technical, institutional, and human risks.
    - **Cost-Benefit Analysis for SPIS Investment**: Justifying the investment in integration.

- **Case Study Application**: Participants work in groups to outline a strategic design for an integrated SPIS for a specific social protection program or the national system in Kenya.

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.
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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

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
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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