Training course on Designing M and E Frameworks for Complex Social Protection Interventions

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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Course Objectives

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

1. Analyze the fundamental concepts of **complexity theory** and its implications for social protection M and E.
2. Comprehend the strategic importance of **well-designed M and E frameworks** for complex interventions.
3. Master the development of robust **Theories of Change (ToC)** for complex social protection programs.
4. Develop expertise in designing **comprehensive results frameworks** (logframes, results chains) for multi-component interventions.
5. Formulate strategies for developing **effective indicators** (input, output, outcome, impact) for complex programs.
6. Understand the critical role of **baselines, targets, and data sources** in M and E framework design.
7. Implement robust approaches to **data visualization and dashboards** for communicating performance.
8. Explore the principles and practices of **adaptive management and learning agendas** in M and E frameworks.
9. Apply methodologies for designing **M and E frameworks for shock-responsive social protection** and humanitarian contexts.
10. Understand and address **ethical considerations** in designing M and E frameworks for complex interventions.
11. Develop preliminary skills in **costing M and E frameworks and resource allocation**.
12. Design a comprehensive **M and E framework (including ToC and indicators)** for a complex social protection program.
13. Examine **global best practices and lessons learned** in designing M and E frameworks for complex social protection.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals seeking to design and manage M and E systems for complex social protection programs:

1. **M and E Specialists & Managers:** Responsible for developing and overseeing M and E frameworks.
2. **Social Protection Program Managers:** Leading the design and implementation of complex interventions.
3. **Government Officials:** From planning and social welfare ministries involved in M and E system development.
4. **Development Practitioners:** From NGOs and international organizations managing complex programs.
5. **Researchers & Academics:** Studying program design and evaluation methodologies.
6. **Consultants:** Providing M and E design services for social protection.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Understanding Complexity in Social Protection Interventions

- Define complex interventions in social protection (e.g., multi-component, multi-sectoral, adaptive).
- Explore concepts from complexity theory relevant to M and E (e.g., non-linearity, emergence, feedback loops).
- Discuss why traditional linear M and E approaches fall short for complex programs.
- Identify characteristics of complex social protection interventions.
- Analyze case studies of complex social protection programs.

Module 2: The Strategic Importance of M and E Frameworks

- Comprehend why well-designed M and E frameworks are crucial for complex interventions.
- Discuss the role of M and E frameworks in accountability, learning, and adaptive management.
- Understand how frameworks guide data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- Explore the linkages between M and E frameworks and program design.
- Identify the benefits of a robust M and E framework for stakeholders.

Module 3: Developing Robust Theories of Change (ToC)

- Master the process of developing a comprehensive Theory of Change (ToC).
- Differentiate between assumptions, pathways, outputs, outcomes, and impacts in a ToC.
- Learn techniques for facilitating ToC workshops with stakeholders.
- Address challenges in developing ToCs for complex and adaptive programs.
- Practice mapping a ToC for a social protection intervention.

Module 4: Designing Comprehensive Results Frameworks

- Develop expertise in designing various types of results frameworks.
- Learn to construct logical frameworks (logframes) for social protection.
- Understand results chains and their application for multi-component interventions.
- Link the results framework directly to the program's Theory of Change.
- Ensure vertical and horizontal coherence within the framework.

Module 5: Indicator Development for Complex Programs

- Formulate strategies for developing effective indicators across all levels of the results chain.
- Differentiate between input, output, outcome, and impact indicators.
- Learn to select SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) indicators.
- Discuss challenges in measuring complex outcomes and unintended effects.
- Practice developing indicators for a social protection program.

Module 6: Baselines, Targets, and Data Sources

- Understand the critical role of baselines in measuring change.
- Learn to set realistic and ambitious targets for indicators.
- Identify appropriate data sources for each indicator (e.g., administrative data, surveys, qualitative data).
- Discuss the importance of data disaggregation for equity analysis.
- Plan for baseline data collection and ongoing data flows.

Module 7: Data Visualization and Dashboards

- Implement robust approaches to data visualization for M and E frameworks.
- Design effective dashboards for real-time monitoring and reporting.
- Learn to present complex data clearly and concisely for diverse audiences.
- Explore various visualization tools and software (e.g., Power BI, Tableau basics).
- Practice creating compelling data dashboards.

Module 8: Adaptive Management and Learning Agendas

- Explore the principles and practices of adaptive management in M and E frameworks.
- Design a learning agenda to guide continuous inquiry and program adjustments.
- Develop mechanisms for regular feedback loops and reflection sessions.
- Discuss the role of M and E in fostering organizational learning and flexibility.
- Analyze case studies of adaptive management in social protection.

Module 9: M and E Frameworks for Shock-Responsive SP

- Apply methodologies for designing M and E frameworks for shock-responsive social protection.
- Develop indicators for monitoring preparedness, response, and recovery phases.
- Design early warning system (EWS) components within the M and E framework.
- Discuss the challenges of M and E in humanitarian and crisis-affected contexts.
- Learn to integrate flexibility into frameworks for rapid adaptation.

Module 10: Ethical Considerations in M and E Framework Design

- Understand and address ethical considerations in all stages of M and E framework design.
- Ensure informed consent, privacy, and confidentiality in data collection.
- Discuss how to minimize potential harm and maximize beneficence.
- Address power dynamics and ensure participation of vulnerable groups.
- Develop protocols for ethical review and oversight.

Module 11: Costing and Resourcing M and E Frameworks

- Develop preliminary skills in costing M and E frameworks effectively.
- Understand resource allocation for M and E activities (personnel, data collection, analysis).
- Discuss strategies for securing funding for comprehensive M and E.
- Explore the cost-effectiveness of investing in robust M and E.

- Learn to justify M and E budgets to stakeholders.

Module 12: Practical Application and Case Studies

- Engage in a comprehensive group exercise to design a complete M and E framework for a complex social protection program.
- Analyze real-world challenges in designing M and E frameworks and brainstorm solutions.
- Discuss lessons learned from diverse country contexts regarding M and E framework successes.
- Present and receive feedback on developed M and E frameworks.
- Collaborate on refining a ToC and indicator set for a challenging intervention.

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.

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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