Training course on Econometric Modeling for Social Protection Impact

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 **causal inference** and its challenges in social protection evaluation.
2. Comprehend the principles and assumptions of **Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression** for impact assessment.
3. Master the application of **multiple regression** to control for confounding variables.
4. Develop expertise in identifying and addressing **endogeneity using Instrumental Variables (IV)**.
5. Formulate strategies for applying **Two-Stage Least Squares (2SLS)** for causal estimation.
6. Understand the critical role of **panel data econometrics** (Fixed Effects, Random Effects) in social protection.
7. Implement robust approaches to **discrete choice models** (Logit, Probit) for binary outcomes.
8. Explore econometric implementations of **Difference-in-Differences (DiD)** designs.
9. Apply methodologies for econometric analysis of **Regression Discontinuity Designs (RDD)**.
10. Understand the econometric foundations of **Propensity Score Matching (PSM)**.
11. Develop preliminary skills in **interpreting and communicating complex econometric results**.
12. Conduct a comprehensive **econometric impact assessment** using real-world social protection data.
13. Examine **global best practices and lessons learned** in econometric modeling for social protection.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals seeking to develop advanced econometric skills for social protection

1. **Economists & Statisticians:** Working in government, research, or development.
2. **M&E Specialists & Data Analysts:** Responsible for rigorous impact assessments.
3. **Researchers & Academics:** Conducting quantitative studies on social protection.

4. **Social Protection Policymakers:** Needing to understand and interpret causal evidence.
5. **Program Managers:** Overseeing evidence-based social protection interventions.
6. **Government Officials:** From planning, finance, and social welfare ministries.
7. **Development Practitioners:** Requiring advanced analytical skills for evaluation.
8. **Students (Master's/PhD):** Focusing on development economics or public policy.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Econometrics and Causal Inference

- Define econometrics and its role in social protection impact assessment.
- Understand the concept of causal inference and the counterfactual.
- Differentiate between correlation and causation in program evaluation.
- Discuss potential outcomes framework and treatment effects.
- Introduce the fundamental problem of causal inference.

Module 2: Review of OLS Regression for Impact Assessment

- Revisit the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression model.
- Understand the assumptions of OLS and potential violations.
- Interpret regression coefficients in the context of program impact.
- Learn about hypothesis testing and confidence intervals.
- Apply OLS to simple social protection impact scenarios using software.

Module 3: Multiple Regression and Confounding

- Extend OLS to multiple explanatory variables.
- Understand the role of multiple regression in controlling for confounders.
- Discuss omitted variable bias and its implications for causal inference.
- Learn about model specification and variable selection.
- Practice building and interpreting multiple regression models.

Module 4: Endogeneity and Instrumental Variables (IV)

- Introduce the concept of endogeneity and its sources (e.g., omitted variables, measurement error, simultaneity).
- Understand why endogeneity leads to biased OLS estimates.
- Explore the concept of Instrumental Variables (IV) for causal identification.
- Discuss the assumptions of IV (relevance and exogeneity).
- Identify potential instrumental variables in social protection contexts.

Module 5: Two-Stage Least Squares (2SLS) and IV Estimation

- Master the practical application of Two-Stage Least Squares (2SLS).
- Understand the mechanics of the two stages of estimation.
- Learn how to implement 2SLS in statistical software.
- Interpret 2SLS coefficients as causal effects.
- Discuss diagnostic tests for IV validity (e.g., weak instruments, over-identification).

Module 6: Panel Data Econometrics: Fixed Effects Models

- Introduce panel data structures and their advantages for impact evaluation.
- Understand the concept of unobserved heterogeneity.
- Learn about Fixed Effects (FE) models for controlling time-invariant unobservables.
- Discuss the "within" transformation and its implications.
- Apply FE models to social protection panel data.

Module 7: Panel Data Econometrics: Random Effects Models and Hausman Test

- Explore Random Effects (RE) models and their assumptions.
- Differentiate between FE and RE models and when to use each.
- Understand the Hausman test for choosing between FE and RE.
- Discuss dynamic panel data models (e.g., GMM basics).
- Practice implementing and comparing FE and RE models.

Module 8: Discrete Choice Models (Logit and Probit)

- Understand econometric models for binary and categorical outcomes.
- Learn about Logit and Probit models for analyzing participation, employment, etc.
- Interpret coefficients in non-linear models (e.g., odds ratios, marginal effects).
- Discuss model fit and prediction for discrete outcomes.
- Apply Logit/Probit to social protection data.

Module 9: Econometric Approaches to Difference-in-Differences (DiD)

- Implement Difference-in-Differences (DiD) using a regression framework.
- Understand the parallel trends assumption and methods for testing it.
- Explore DiD with multiple time periods and staggered adoption.
- Discuss event study designs for analyzing dynamic treatment effects.
- Practice implementing DiD regression models.

Module 10: Econometric Approaches to Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD)

- Understand the econometric implementation of Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD).
- Learn about local linear regression for estimating treatment effects at the cutoff.
- Discuss bandwidth selection and robustness checks in RDD.
- Explore fuzzy RDD and its estimation.
- Apply RDD techniques to social protection data.

Module 11: Advanced Topics and Robustness Checks

- Understand the concept of heterogeneous treatment effects and how to estimate them.
- Explore methods for dealing with attrition and missing data in econometric models.
- Discuss robustness checks: sensitivity to assumptions, alternative specifications.
- Learn about bootstrapping and clustered standard errors.
- Introduce an overview of machine learning for causal inference (e.g., causal forests).

Module 12: Software Application, Interpretation, and Communication

- Gain hands-on experience applying all learned econometric techniques in Stata, R, or Python.
- Develop expertise in interpreting complex econometric results accurately.
- Learn to write clear and concise econometric reports and policy briefs.
- Master data visualization techniques for presenting statistical findings.

- Discuss strategies for communicating causal evidence to non-technical audiences.

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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Certification

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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

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
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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