Training course on Learning Agendas and Adaptive Management in Social Protection Programs

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 **organizational learning** and **adaptive management** in social protection.
2. Comprehend the strategic importance of **learning agendas** for guiding evidence generation and program adaptation.
3. Master the process of **developing a strategic learning agenda** for social protection programs.
4. Develop expertise in linking learning agendas to **real-time monitoring (RTM)** and M&E frameworks.
5. Formulate strategies for **synthesizing evidence** from diverse sources to inform learning.
6. Understand the critical role of **feedback loops and reflection cycles** in adaptive management.
7. Implement robust approaches to **iterative program design and adjustment** based on learning.
8. Explore key strategies for **fostering a culture of learning and experimentation** within organizations.
9. Apply methodologies for **managing knowledge and facilitating knowledge sharing** in social protection.
10. Understand and address **common challenges** in implementing learning agendas and adaptive management.
11. Develop preliminary skills in **leading adaptive teams and processes**.
12. Design a comprehensive **learning agenda and adaptive management plan** for a social protection program.
13. Examine **global best practices and lessons learned** in adaptive social protection.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals seeking to lead and implement adaptive social protection programs:

1. **Social Protection Policymakers & Program Managers:** Leading program design and implementation.
2. **M&E Specialists & Researchers:** Focused on generating and utilizing evidence for learning.
3. **Government Officials:** Involved in social welfare, planning, and public sector innovation.
4. **Development Practitioners:** From NGOs and international organizations.
5. **Organizational Development Specialists:** Supporting learning and adaptation processes.
6. **Team Leaders & Facilitators:** Guiding program teams through adaptive cycles.
7. **Knowledge Management Professionals:** Focused on evidence utilization.
8. **Donors & Funding Partners:** Interested in flexible and adaptive programming.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Organizational Learning and Adaptive Management

- Define organizational learning and its relevance to social protection.
- Explore the concept of adaptive management and its principles.
- Discuss why linear program management is insufficient for complex social protection.
- Understand the distinction between "M&E for accountability" and "M&E for learning."
- Identify the benefits of an adaptive approach for program effectiveness.

Module 2: The Strategic Importance of Learning Agendas

- Comprehend the strategic role of a learning agenda in social protection.
- Discuss how a learning agenda guides evidence generation and inquiry.
- Understand how it fosters a shared understanding of critical knowledge gaps.
- Explore the linkage between learning agendas and program Theory of Change.
- Identify the benefits of a clear learning agenda for stakeholders.

Module 3: Developing a Strategic Learning Agenda

- Master the process of developing a strategic learning agenda.
- Learn to identify key learning questions for social protection programs.
- Prioritize learning questions based on strategic importance and feasibility.
- Discuss how to define the scope and boundaries of a learning agenda.
- Practice developing a learning agenda for a social protection program.

Module 4: Linking Learning Agendas to Real-Time Monitoring (RTM)

- Develop expertise in connecting learning agendas to RTM systems.
- Understand how RTM data can provide rapid insights for learning questions.
- Explore the design of RTM indicators specifically for learning purposes.
- Discuss how RTM dashboards can facilitate real-time learning and adaptation.
- Analyze case studies of RTM informing learning agendas.

Module 5: Evidence Synthesis for Learning

- Formulate strategies for synthesizing evidence from diverse sources.
- Learn to combine quantitative and qualitative data for holistic insights.
- Discuss rapid evidence reviews and systematic mapping for learning.
- Explore techniques for extracting actionable insights from various studies.
- Practice synthesizing evidence to answer learning questions.

Module 6: Feedback Loops and Reflection Cycles

- Understand the critical role of feedback loops in adaptive management.
- Learn to design effective reflection cycles and learning events.
- Discuss the importance of regular team meetings for data review and discussion.
- Explore participatory approaches for engaging stakeholders in reflection.
- Analyze case studies of successful feedback mechanisms.

Module 7: Iterative Program Design and Adjustment

- Implement robust approaches to iterative program design and adjustment.
- Understand the "test, learn, adapt" cycle in social protection.
- Discuss how learning informs mid-course corrections and program pivots.
- Explore agile methodologies for program management.
- Practice making evidence-informed program adjustments.

Module 8: Fostering a Culture of Learning and Experimentation

- Explore key strategies for cultivating a learning-oriented organizational culture.
- Discuss the role of leadership in championing adaptive management.
- Learn to promote psychological safety for experimentation and failure.
- Understand how to incentivize learning and knowledge sharing.
- Address common barriers to organizational learning.

Module 9: Knowledge Management and Sharing

- Apply methodologies for effective knowledge management in social protection.
- Learn to capture, organize, and disseminate learning insights.
- Discuss the use of knowledge platforms and communities of practice.
- Explore strategies for facilitating peer-to-peer learning and cross-organizational exchange.
- Develop a knowledge sharing plan for a social protection program.

Module 10: Challenges and Solutions in Adaptive Management

- Understand and address common challenges in implementing learning agendas and adaptive management.
- Discuss issues of political will, bureaucratic inertia, and risk aversion.
- Explore strategies for managing complexity and uncertainty.
- Learn to advocate for flexible funding and adaptive programming.
- Analyze case studies of overcoming adaptive management challenges.

Module 11: Leading Adaptive Teams and Processes

- Develop preliminary skills in leading and facilitating adaptive teams.
- Understand the role of adaptive leadership in social protection.
- Learn techniques for fostering collaboration and collective problem-solving.
- Discuss how to manage change and uncertainty within teams.
- Practice leading an adaptive planning session.

Module 12: Designing an Adaptive Management Plan

- Design a comprehensive learning agenda and adaptive management plan.

- Integrate learning questions, RTM indicators, and feedback mechanisms.
- Develop a clear roadmap for iterative program adjustments.
- Plan for knowledge management and dissemination.
- Present and receive feedback on individual or group adaptive management plans.

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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Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

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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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