Training course on Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) and Social Protection Response

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 and methodologies of **Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)**.
2. Comprehend the **importance and specific components of assessing social impacts** within a PDNA framework.
3. Master techniques for **collecting and analyzing data** on disaster-affected populations' social protection needs.
4. Develop expertise in designing **shock-responsive social protection (SRSP)** interventions for post-disaster recovery.
5. Formulate strategies for leveraging existing **social protection systems** to deliver rapid and effective recovery assistance.
6. Understand the critical role of **multi-sectoral coordination** in linking PDNA findings to social protection responses.
7. Identify and address key **policy, legal, and institutional enablers and barriers** for social protection in recovery.
8. Explore various **financing mechanisms** for social protection-led recovery and reconstruction.
9. Apply methodologies for ensuring **gender-responsive and inclusive social protection** in post-disaster contexts.
10. Develop strategies for fostering **community participation and accountability** in PDNA and social protection response.
11. Analyze the **cost-effectiveness and long-term benefits** of integrating social protection into recovery efforts.

12. Design a preliminary **social protection recovery plan** based on a simulated PDNA scenario.
13. Examine **global best practices and lessons learned** from successful social protection in post-disaster recovery.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals involved in disaster recovery and social welfare

1. **Disaster Management Professionals:** Leading and participating in post-disaster assessments and recovery planning.
2. **Social Protection Policymakers & Program Managers:** Shaping strategies for adaptive social safety nets in recovery.
3. **Humanitarian Aid Workers:** Bridging immediate relief with longer-term recovery efforts.
4. **Government Officials:** From ministries of planning, finance, social welfare, and disaster management.
5. **Development Practitioners:** From NGOs and international organizations focused on recovery and resilience.
6. **Economists & Data Analysts:** Contributing to impact assessments and recovery planning.
7. **M&E Professionals:** Designing systems to track recovery progress and social protection outcomes.
8. **Local Government Officials:** Responsible for social services and recovery at the sub-national level.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)

- Define PDNA: purpose, scope, and key principles (government-led, multi-sectoral, human-centered).
- Discuss the PDNA methodology and its phases: data collection, analysis, report generation.
- Explore the linkages between PDNA, recovery frameworks (e.g., Sendai Framework), and national development plans.
- Overview of the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders in a PDNA.
- Case studies of PDNAs conducted in various disaster contexts.

Module 2: Assessing Disaster Impacts: Damage, Loss, and Needs

- Differentiating between damage (physical destruction) and loss (economic flows, human impact).
- Methodologies for quantifying direct and indirect damages and losses across sectors.
- Focus on assessing human and social impacts: fatalities, injuries, displacement, psychological trauma.
- Discuss the importance of disaggregated data (age, gender, disability) in impact assessment.
- Practical exercise: identifying key damage and loss indicators for a social sector.

Module 3: Social Sector Needs Assessment within PDNA

- Deep dive into assessing needs in social sectors: housing, health, education, social protection, culture, gender.
- Specific methodologies for identifying social protection needs (e.g., income loss, asset depletion, food insecurity).
- Discuss the use of household surveys, rapid assessments, and qualitative data collection in affected communities.
- Challenges in data collection in post-disaster environments (access, security, data quality).
- Practical exercise: designing a rapid social needs assessment tool for a post-disaster context.

Module 4: Designing Shock-Responsive Social Protection (SRSP) for Recovery

- Principles of designing social protection interventions tailored for post-disaster recovery.
- Adapting existing social protection programs for surge capacity and new beneficiary groups.
- Discuss vertical (increasing benefits) and horizontal (expanding coverage) scale-up for recovery.
- Explore the continuum from immediate humanitarian assistance to long-term social protection.
- Case studies of SRSP programs effectively supporting recovery.

Module 5: Social Protection Instruments for Recovery

- **Cash Transfers:** Modalities for recovery (e.g., multi-purpose cash, livelihood recovery grants, reconstruction support).
- **Public Works Programs:** Designing cash-for-work or food-for-work for debris removal, infrastructure repair, and community assets.
- **Social Insurance:** Leveraging unemployment benefits, health insurance, and disability benefits for affected workers.
- **Social Services:** Re-establishing access to child protection, psychosocial support, and gender-based violence services.
- Strategies for sequencing and layering different social protection instruments during recovery.

Module 6: Leveraging Existing Social Protection Systems for Recovery

- The importance of using and strengthening national social protection systems in recovery.
- Discuss "piggybacking" on existing social registries, payment mechanisms, and administrative structures.
- Strategies for rapid beneficiary identification and verification using existing SP data.
- Challenges in adapting routine SP systems for emergency response and recovery.
- Case studies of national SP systems leading recovery efforts.

Module 7: Data Management and Information Systems for PDNA and SP Response

- The critical role of robust data for effective PDNA and social protection response.
- Ensuring data interoperability and seamless information flow between PDNA and SP systems.
- Discuss common data standards and platforms for sharing recovery-related data.
- Leveraging GIS and remote sensing for mapping affected areas and tracking recovery progress.
- Implementing data privacy and security measures for sensitive beneficiary information.

Module 8: Financing Social Protection in Recovery and Reconstruction

- Exploring various financing mechanisms for social protection-led recovery.
- Discuss the role of national disaster funds, contingency budgets, and international aid.
- Leveraging climate finance and other development funding for resilient recovery.
- Strategies for ensuring predictable and timely financial flows for social protection interventions.
- Analyzing the cost-effectiveness and economic benefits of social protection investments in recovery.

Module 9: Multi-Sectoral Coordination and Partnerships

- Fostering effective coordination between social protection, disaster management, humanitarian, and other recovery sectors.
- Developing clear roles, responsibilities, and communication protocols for integrated recovery planning.
- Discuss the role of recovery clusters and working groups in integrating social protection.
- Building partnerships with civil society, private sector, and affected communities.

- Lessons learned from multi-stakeholder collaboration in post-disaster recovery.

Module 10: Gender-Responsive and Inclusive Social Protection in Recovery

- Analyzing the differential impacts of disasters on women, men, girls, boys, and other marginalized groups.
- Designing gender-responsive social protection interventions that address specific needs and vulnerabilities.
- Ensuring inclusive access to social protection for persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups.
- Discuss the role of social protection in preventing and responding to gender-based violence in recovery.
- Strategies for promoting equitable participation and decision-making in recovery processes.

Module 11: Community Participation and Accountability in PDNA and SP Response

- The importance of engaging affected communities in PDNA and social protection response planning.
- Methodologies for participatory assessments and feedback mechanisms.
- Discuss the role of community-based organizations and local leaders in implementation.
- Ensuring accountability to affected populations (AAP) throughout the recovery process.
- Strategies for building trust and fostering local ownership of recovery efforts.

Module 12: Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning, and Future Trends

- Designing robust MEL frameworks to track recovery progress and social protection outcomes.
- Collecting and analyzing data on program performance, reach, and impact.
- Establishing feedback loops for continuous learning and adaptation of recovery interventions.
- Exploring emerging trends: anticipatory action, nature-based solutions, digital innovations for recovery.
- Discussing the role of social protection in building long-term resilience and achieving sustainable development.

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.
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