Training Course on Shelter and Settlement Planning

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Development	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the basic principles of shelter and settlement planning for sustainable development.
2. Learn how to integrate climate-resilient and affordable construction methods in shelter planning.
3. Gain knowledge of how to design settlements that are inclusive and community-centered.
4. Explore strategies for improving urban infrastructure and services in housing projects.
5. Understand the role of disaster risk reduction (DRR) in shelter planning and implementation.
6. Apply international standards and frameworks to shelter and settlement development.
7. Learn how to address the challenges of informal settlements and slum upgrading.
8. Master the process of community engagement and participatory planning in shelter projects.
9. Analyze the impact of shelter policies and regulations on housing and urban development.
10. Develop skills in evaluating the effectiveness and sustainability of shelter projects.

Organizational Benefits

1. **Expert Knowledge**: Equip your team with cutting-edge knowledge in shelter and settlement planning to enhance project delivery.
2. **Sustainability**: Promote the design of sustainable, climate-resilient, and affordable housing solutions for long-term community impact.
3. **Efficiency**: Improve the efficiency of planning and implementing shelter projects by utilizing practical planning tools and frameworks.
4. **Disaster Preparedness**: Enhance the organization's ability to provide effective shelter solutions in post-disaster recovery and disaster-prone regions.
5. **Community-Centered Approach**: Encourage participatory planning, ensuring shelter solutions meet the needs of all community members.
6. **Improved Collaboration**: Facilitate better collaboration between architects, planners, engineers, and local governments for seamless project execution.
7. **Policy Compliance**: Ensure compliance with national and international shelter and settlement planning standards.
8. **Resource Optimization**: Learn to optimize the use of resources for more cost-effective and scalable shelter solutions.
9. **Leadership Development**: Build leadership in shelter and settlement planning, positioning your organization as a leader in the field.
10. **Increased Impact**: Empower your organization to design and implement shelter projects that have a lasting positive impact on communities.

Target Participants

This course is ideal for professionals working in shelter planning, urban development, disaster management, and humanitarian aid. Key participants include:

- Urban planners and designers.
- Architects and engineers working in housing and infrastructure.

- Humanitarian aid professionals involved in emergency shelter provision.
- Government officials responsible for urban housing policies and planning.
- NGO staff working in refugee camps and post-disaster reconstruction.
- Community development professionals and leaders.
- Environmental and social impact consultants.
- Developers and construction firms focusing on affordable housing.
- Donor agencies supporting shelter and housing initiatives.
- Researchers and academics in urban studies and housing development.

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Module 1: Introduction to Shelter & Settlement Planning

1. Key principles and objectives of shelter planning.
2. Importance of sustainable and inclusive settlement design.
3. Urban vs. rural planning: Adapting to different environments and needs.
4. The role of infrastructure in shelter development.
5. **Case Study**: Urban slum upgrading in Cape Town, South Africa.

Module 2: Sustainable Shelter Design and Construction

1. Climate-resilient and disaster-proof construction techniques.
2. Cost-effective and environmentally friendly building materials.
3. Energy-efficient design strategies for shelter projects.
4. Integrating renewable energy and water management systems.
5. **Case Study**: Eco-friendly housing in post-earthquake Nepal.

Module 3: Community Participation and Stakeholder Engagement

1. Methods for involving communities in the shelter planning process.
2. The importance of stakeholder collaboration: Government, NGOs, and private sector.
3. Ethical considerations in participatory planning.
4. Strategies for fostering ownership and empowerment in shelter projects.
5. **Case Study**: Community-led shelter design in Kibera, Kenya.

Module 4: Disaster Resilience in Shelter & Settlement Planning

1. Assessing risks and vulnerabilities in disaster-prone areas.
2. Designing shelters for resilience: Structural and environmental considerations.
3. Incorporating early warning systems and emergency response strategies.
4. The role of shelter in post-disaster recovery.
5. **Case Study**: Disaster-resilient shelter solutions in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake.

Module 5: Basic Services and Infrastructure in Shelter Planning

1. Planning for water, sanitation, and waste management in settlements.
2. Integrating healthcare, education, and transportation into settlement designs.
3. Ensuring access to utilities and services in informal and rural settlements.
4. Role of infrastructure in ensuring the success of shelter projects.
5. **Case Study**: Infrastructure planning in refugee camps (e.g., Zaatari Refugee Camp, Jordan).

Module 6: Policy, Legal Frameworks, and Financing for Shelter Projects

1. National and international policies affecting shelter planning and housing.
2. Legal considerations: Land tenure, property rights, and building codes.
3. Financing shelter projects: Government, private sector, and donor funding.

4. Monitoring and evaluating shelter projects for sustainability and impact.
5. **Case Study**: National housing policies in Latin America and their effects on urban development.

Training Methodology

1. **Interactive Lectures**: Theoretical concepts delivered by industry experts, focusing on best practices and international standards in shelter planning.
2. **Case Studies**: Real-world examples of shelter and settlement projects, followed by group discussions to draw practical lessons.
3. **Group Workshops**: Collaborative exercises to develop shelter plans and solve complex settlement challenges.
4. **Role-Playing**: Simulations that mimic the decision-making process in shelter planning, enabling participants to practice community engagement and problem-solving.
5. **Hands-On Exercises**: Practical activities to apply knowledge in real-world shelter planning scenarios.
6. **Site Visits**: If possible, visits to local shelter projects or settlements to observe and analyze planning and implementation firsthand.

This **Training Course on Shelter & Settlement Planning** is a vital opportunity for professionals to deepen their knowledge, gain practical skills, and learn to design and implement shelter projects that are sustainable, resilient, and inclusive.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

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

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

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
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
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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