Training course on Social Protection and Food Security Linkages

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Social Protection	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 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 **food security and its four pillars** (availability, access, utilization, stability).
2. Comprehend the strategic importance and potential of **social protection in improving food security and nutrition outcomes**.
3. Master the design and implementation of diverse **social protection instruments** tailored to enhance food security.
4. Develop expertise in **targeting methodologies** to effectively reach food-insecure households.
5. Formulate strategies for effectively **linking social protection with food systems and agricultural interventions**.
6. Understand the critical role of **shock-responsive social protection (SRSP)** in addressing food crises.
7. Implement robust approaches to **data collection, monitoring, and evaluation** for food security impacts.
8. Explore key **policy, legal, and institutional frameworks** that support social protection and food security.
9. Apply methodologies for ensuring **gender-responsive and child-sensitive approaches** in food security programming.
10. Develop strategies for fostering **multi-sectoral coordination and partnerships** for comprehensive food security.
11. Analyze the **challenges and opportunities** of implementing social protection for food security in diverse contexts.
12. Design a preliminary **social protection strategy** aimed at enhancing food security in a specific context.
13. Examine **global best practices and lessons learned** from successful social protection initiatives for food security.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals working on social protection and food security:

1. **Social Protection Policymakers & Program Managers:** Designing and implementing social safety nets.
2. **Food Security Experts:** Focusing on food access, availability, and stability.
3. **Nutrition Specialists:** Working on public health nutrition programs.
4. **Agricultural Development Practitioners:** Linking social protection to agricultural livelihoods.
5. **Government Officials:** From ministries of social welfare, agriculture, health, and planning.
6. **UN Agency Representatives:** From WFP, FAO, UNICEF, IFAD.
7. **Civil Society Organizations & NGOs:** Implementing food security and social protection programs.
8. **Researchers & M&E Specialists:** Studying the impact of interventions on food security outcomes.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Understanding Food Security and its Pillars

- Define food security: concepts, definitions, and the four pillars (availability, access, utilization, stability).
- Analyze the immediate, underlying, and basic determinants of food insecurity.
- Discuss the causes of hunger and malnutrition globally and nationally.
- Explore the linkages between poverty, vulnerability, and food insecurity.
- Overview of global and regional trends in food security.

Module 2: The Strategic Role of Social Protection in Food Security

- Explain how social protection directly contributes to enhancing food access and consumption.
- Discuss the pathways through which social protection impacts food security: income effect, asset protection, risk management.
- Analyze the evidence base on the positive impacts of social protection on food security and nutrition outcomes.
- Explore the cost-effectiveness of investing in social protection for food security.
- Introduce the concept of "food security-sensitive" social protection.

Module 3: Social Protection Instruments for Food Security

- **Cash Transfers:** Designing conditional or unconditional cash transfers to improve food access and dietary diversity.
- **Food Assistance:** Implementing in-kind food transfers or food vouchers in emergency and recovery contexts.
- **Public Works Programs:** Linking employment to food security (e.g., cash-for-work for food production infrastructure).
- **School Feeding Programs:** Enhancing nutrition and education for children.
- **Social Services:** Facilitating access to health, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) for improved food utilization.

Module 4: Targeting and Reaching Food-Insecure Households

- Methodologies for identifying and targeting food-insecure households (e.g., food consumption scores, livelihood zones).

- Discuss the use of social registries and vulnerability assessments for efficient targeting.
- Strategies for reaching specific food-insecure groups (e.g., smallholder farmers, pastoralists, urban poor).
- Analyzing inclusion and exclusion errors in targeting food-insecure populations.
- Practical exercise: designing a targeting strategy for a food security-focused social protection program.

Module 5: Linking Social Protection with Food Systems and Agriculture

- Strategies for effectively linking social protection beneficiaries with agricultural support and food systems.
- Discuss the role of social protection in promoting climate-smart agriculture and resilient livelihoods.
- Exploring linkages with market access, input subsidies, and value chain development.
- Analyzing how social protection can stabilize food prices and strengthen local markets.
- Case studies of successful social protection-agriculture linkages.

Module 6: Shock-Responsive Social Protection (SRSP) for Food Crises

- Analyzing the heightened food insecurity vulnerabilities in humanitarian crises (natural disasters, conflicts, economic shocks).
- Designing shock-responsive social protection (SRSP) that is inherently food security-sensitive.
- Discuss rapid food security assessments and targeting for acute food insecurity in emergencies.
- Strategies for ensuring rapid and appropriate food and cash assistance to prevent and mitigate food crises.
- Case studies of food security-focused SRSP in diverse emergency settings.

Module 7: Data, Monitoring, and Evaluation for Food Security Impacts

- Designing robust M&E frameworks for social protection programs with food security objectives.
- Developing food security indicators (e.g., food consumption scores, dietary diversity, coping strategies index).
- Strategies for collecting accurate and timely data on food security outcomes.
- Using participatory M&E approaches that engage communities and households.
- Analyzing data to assess the impact of social protection on food security and nutrition.

Module 8: Policy, Governance, and Multi-Sectoral Coordination

- Identifying and analyzing national policies and legal frameworks that support social protection and food security.
- Discussing the alignment of national social protection policies with national food security strategies.
- Strengthening institutional mandates and capacities for integrated food security-social protection.
- Fostering effective multi-sectoral coordination between social protection, agriculture, health, and humanitarian sectors.
- Advocating for policy coherence and increased investment in social protection for food security.

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.

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23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500

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