Training course on Social Protection Law, Governance, and Regulatory Frameworks

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 core concepts and strategic responsibilities** of **social protection law, governance, and regulatory frameworks** in ensuring rights and effective delivery.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **interpreting constitutional provisions and international human rights law** related to social security.

3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **drafting and reviewing social protection legislation** (laws, regulations, policies) that are rights-based and enforceable.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **establishing sound governance structures** for social security institutions and programs.
5. **Manage complex considerations** for **designing and applying regulatory oversight mechanisms** for both public and private social protection providers.
6. **Apply robust strategies** for **ensuring accountability and transparency** in social protection financing and program administration.
7. **Understand the deep integration of data protection and privacy principles** in the legal and regulatory frameworks of social protection.
8. **Leverage knowledge of international labor standards** (ILO Conventions and Recommendations) and their application in national law.
9. **Optimize strategies for establishing accessible and effective complaint and appeal mechanisms** for beneficiaries.
10. **Formulate specialized legal and regulatory recommendations** to address emerging challenges in social protection (e.g., informal sector coverage, digitalization).
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of existing legal and governance frameworks to identify gaps, inconsistencies, and areas for reform.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **legal pluralism, political interference, judicial interpretation challenges, and capacity constraints** in legal enforcement.
13. **Develop a holistic, rights-based, and practical approach** to **social protection law, governance, and regulatory frameworks, with a focus on strengthening systems in Kenya and globally.**

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals interested in Social Protection Law, Governance, and Regulatory Frameworks:

1. **Policymakers & Legislators:** Involved in drafting and reviewing social protection laws.
2. **Legal Professionals:** Lawyers, judges, and legal advisors working in social security or public law.[5]
3. **Government Officials:** From ministries responsible for social protection, labor, finance, and justice.
4. **Social Protection Program Managers:** Overseeing legal compliance and governance of programs.
5. **Regulators & Auditors:** Responsible for oversight and accountability of social security funds and schemes.
6. **Researchers & Academics:** Specializing in social policy, public law, and administrative law.
7. **Development Practitioners:** From UN agencies (ILO, UNDP), World Bank, and NGOs advising on social protection reforms.
8. **Civil Society Advocates:** Working on social rights, legal aid, and beneficiary protection.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules :

- **Module 1: Foundations of Social Protection Law and Rights**
    - **Constitutional Basis of Social Protection**: Analyzing provisions in national constitutions (e.g., Kenya's Article 43) that establish social security as a right.
    - **International Human Rights Frameworks**: Understanding the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, ICESCR, and their implications for social protection.
    - **ILO Social Security Standards**: Deep dive into ILO Convention No. 102 (Minimum Standards) and Recommendation No. 202 (Social Protection Floors).

    - **The Right to Social Security**: Legal conceptualization of social security as an enforceable entitlement.
    - **Rights-Based Approach to Social Protection**: Translating human rights principles into legal frameworks and program design.
- **Module 2: Developing Social Protection Legislation**
    - **Stages of Legislative Development**: From policy intent to bill drafting, parliamentary process, and enactment.
    - **Types of Social Protection Laws**: Framework laws, specific program laws (e.g., NSSF Act, NHIF Act in Kenya), and regulations.
    - **Key Elements of Social Protection Laws**: Defining scope, eligibility, benefits, financing, institutional roles, and appeal mechanisms.[6]
    - **Principles of Good Legislative Drafting**: Clarity, consistency, enforceability, and alignment with policy objectives.
    - **Comparative Legislative Models**: Learning from different countries' approaches to social protection legislation.
- **Module 3: Governance of Social Protection Institutions**
    - **Institutional Models**: Comparing unitary, decentralized, and semi-autonomous social security institutions.
    - **Roles and Responsibilities**: Defining mandates of ministries, social security funds, regulatory bodies, and local governments.
    - **Board Governance and Fiduciary Duty**: Principles of good governance for social security boards (composition, independence, transparency).
    - **Stakeholder Participation**: Mechanisms for involving workers, employers, and beneficiaries in governance processes.
    - **Combating Corruption and Mismanagement**: Legal and governance safeguards to ensure integrity and proper use of funds.
- **Module 4: Regulatory Frameworks and Oversight**
    - **Purpose of Regulation**: Ensuring financial sustainability, protecting beneficiaries, promoting compliance, and maintaining standards.
    - **Regulatory Bodies**: Establishment, powers, and functions of social protection regulators.
    - **Regulatory Tools**: Licensing, prudential supervision, solvency requirements, and consumer protection regulations.[7]
    - **Oversight of Private Providers**: Regulating private pension schemes, health insurance, and other social protection actors.
    - **Harmonization and Coordination**: Addressing regulatory fragmentation and promoting consistency across different schemes.
- **Module 5: Accountability, Transparency, and Grievance Mechanisms**
    - **Accountability in Social Protection**: Mechanisms for holding institutions and individuals responsible for performance and conduct.
    - **Transparency and Disclosure**: Legal requirements for publishing information on budgets, beneficiaries, benefits, and operations.
    - **Complaint and Appeal Procedures**: Designing accessible, impartial, and effective mechanisms for beneficiaries to challenge decisions.
    - **Judicial Review and Legal Redress**: Role of courts in upholding social protection rights and enforcing laws.
    - **Role of Oversight Bodies**: Ombudsmen, auditors general, and parliamentary committees in ensuring good governance.
- **Module 6: Data Protection and Privacy in Social Protection**

    - **Legal Frameworks for Data Protection**: Understanding national data protection acts (e.g., Kenya's Data Protection Act) and international standards.
    - **Collection, Use, and Storage of Personal Data**: Legal requirements and best practices for managing sensitive beneficiary information.
    - **Privacy by Design**: Integrating data protection principles into the design of social protection systems and digital platforms.
    - **Information Sharing and Interoperability**: Legal provisions for sharing data between government agencies while protecting privacy.
    - **Cybersecurity and Data Breaches**: Legal responsibilities and preventative measures for securing social protection data.
- **Module 7: Adapting Frameworks for Emerging Challenges**
    - **Informal Economy and Legal Inclusion**: Adapting legal frameworks to extend social protection coverage to informal workers.
    - **Digitalization and Legal Compliance**: Legal implications of digital IDs, mobile payments, and AI in social protection delivery.
    - **Shock-Responsive Social Protection Law**: Legal provisions for rapid scale-up and adaptation of benefits during crises.
    - **Climate Change and Legal Adaptation**: How social protection law can address climate-induced risks and displacement.
    - **Regional and International Legal Harmonization**: Efforts towards cross-border social security coordination (e.g., EAC).
- **Module 8: Case Studies and Strategic Legal Reform**
    - **Analysis of Kenya's Social Protection Legal Framework**: Deep dive into the Constitution, Social Protection Bill 2025, NSSF Act, NHIF Act, and other relevant laws.
    - **Global Case Studies in Legal Reform**: Examining successes and challenges in strengthening social protection law and governance (e.g., South Africa, Brazil, India).
    - **Identifying Gaps and Inconsistencies**: Practical exercise in reviewing existing laws against best practices and constitutional mandates.
    - **Developing a Legal Reform Agenda**: Participants outline key legal and governance reforms for a selected social protection area.
    - **Advocacy for Legal and Governance Change**: Strategies for influencing policy and legislative processes to strengthen social protection.

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.

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
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