Training course on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through Social Health Protection

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 **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)** and its three dimensions.
2. Comprehend the strategic importance and potential of **Social Health Protection (SHP)** as the primary pathway to UHC.
3. Master the principles and components of **different models of SHP** (e.g., social health insurance, tax-based systems).
4. Develop expertise in assessing and designing **sustainable financing mechanisms** for UHC.
5. Formulate strategies for defining and prioritizing **essential health benefit packages** and service delivery models.
6. Understand the critical role of **equity, non-discrimination, and financial protection** in UHC implementation.
7. Implement robust approaches to **data, information systems, and digital health** for UHC monitoring and delivery.
8. Explore key **governance, regulation, and accountability frameworks** for social health protection.
9. Apply methodologies for **linking social health protection with other social protection branches** for holistic well-being.
10. Develop strategies for **human resources for health (HRH) planning and management** to support UHC.
11. Analyze the **challenges and opportunities of achieving UHC in fragile and conflict-affected settings (FCAS)** and emergencies.
12. Design a preliminary **UHC strategy through Social Health Protection** for a specific country context.
13. Examine **global best practices and lessons learned** from successful UHC journeys.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals working on health policy, social protection, and public finance:

1. **Health Policymakers & Program Managers:** Designing and implementing national health strategies.
2. **Social Protection Program Managers:** Focusing on social security and social assistance.
3. **Public Finance Experts & Health Economists:** Analyzing health budgets and financing models.
4. **Social Security Administrators:** Managing health insurance schemes.
5. **Government Officials:** From ministries of health, finance, social welfare, and planning.
6. **UN Agency Representatives:** From WHO, ILO, UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank.
7. **Civil Society Organizations:** Advocating for health rights and UHC.
8. **Researchers & Academics:** Studying health systems and policy.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

- Define UHC: ensuring access to quality health services without financial hardship.
- Discuss the three dimensions of UHC: population coverage, service coverage, and financial protection.
- Explore the global commitment to UHC as a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 3.8).
- Analyze the ethical and human rights imperative for UHC.
- Overview of global progress and challenges in achieving UHC.

Module 2: Foundations of Social Health Protection

- Define social health protection (SHP) and its role in UHC.
- Discuss the principles of risk pooling, solidarity, and equitable financing in SHP.
- Explore the benefits of SHP: reducing out-of-pocket (OOP) expenditures, improving access, enhancing health outcomes.
- Differentiate SHP from other health financing mechanisms (e.g., private insurance, direct payments).
- Introduce the ILO's Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202) and its relevance to health.

Module 3: Different Models of Social Health Protection

- Master the characteristics and operational modalities of various SHP models:
    - **Social Health Insurance (SHI):** Mandatory contributions, payroll-based.
    - **Tax-Based Systems:** Funded through general government revenue.
    - **Community-Based Health Insurance (CBHI):** Voluntary, community-managed schemes.
    - **Hybrid Models:** Combining elements of different approaches.
- Analyze the strengths, weaknesses, and applicability of each model in diverse country contexts.
- Discuss the political economy considerations in choosing and reforming SHP models.
- Case studies of countries implementing different SHP models.

Module 4: Financing Universal Health Coverage

- Explore the three core functions of health financing: revenue raising, pooling of funds, and purchasing of services.
- Discuss various revenue sources for UHC: general taxation, social contributions, external aid.
- Strategies for enhancing fiscal space for health and ensuring progressive financing.

- Analyze different pooling arrangements to maximize redistribution and financial protection.
- Practical exercise: assessing health financing options for a given country scenario.

Module 5: Designing Benefit Packages and Service Delivery

- Formulate strategies for defining and prioritizing an essential health benefit package for UHC.
- Discuss criteria for inclusion/exclusion of services (e.g., cost-effectiveness, burden of disease, equity).
- Explore different service delivery models: primary health care (PHC) as the foundation, hospital care, specialized services.
- Ensuring quality of care, patient safety, and responsiveness of health services.
- Case studies of benefit package design and service delivery reforms.

Module 6: Equity and Non-Discrimination in Social Health Protection

- Understand the critical role of equity and non-discrimination in UHC.
- Analyze how SHP can address health inequities based on socio-economic status, gender, age, disability, ethnicity, and geography.
- Discuss strategies for identifying and overcoming barriers to access for marginalized and vulnerable groups.
- Implementing policies and programs that promote equitable service coverage and financial protection.
- Ensuring a human rights-based approach to UHC.

Module 7: Data, Information Systems, and Digital Health

- The critical importance of robust health information systems for UHC planning, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Discuss strategies for collecting, analyzing, and using disaggregated data to track UHC progress and identify inequities.
- Explore the role of digital health technologies (e.g., telemedicine, electronic health records, mobile health) in expanding access and improving efficiency.
- Addressing challenges related to data quality, interoperability, cybersecurity, and digital divide.
- Case studies of digital health innovations supporting UHC.

Module 8: Governance, Regulation, and Accountability

- Principles of good governance in social health protection systems.
- Discuss the roles and responsibilities of government agencies, regulatory bodies, and oversight institutions.
- Exploring mechanisms for public participation, transparency, and accountability to citizens and service users.
- Analyzing the regulatory frameworks for health service providers, pharmaceuticals, and health technology.
- Case studies of governance reforms for UHC.

Module 9: Linking Social Health Protection with Other Social Protection Branches

- Explore the synergies between social health protection and other social protection branches (e.g., cash transfers, unemployment benefits, pensions).
- Discuss how integrated social protection can enhance holistic well-being and resilience.
- Strategies for linking health-related social protection (e.g., cash transfers for health, sickness benefits).
- Analyzing the benefits of a "whole-of-social-protection" approach to UHC.

- Case studies of integrated social protection systems.

Module 10: Human Resources for Health (HRH) and Health Workforce Planning

- The critical role of a sufficient, skilled, well-distributed, and motivated health workforce for UHC.
- Discuss strategies for HRH planning, production, recruitment, retention, and equitable distribution.
- Addressing challenges related to health worker shortages, maldistribution, and brain drain.
- Exploring innovative models of care delivery and task shifting.
- Investing in continuous professional development and supportive work environments for HRH.

Module 11: UHC in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings (FCAS) and Emergencies

- Analyzing the unique challenges of achieving UHC in FCAS and during humanitarian emergencies.
- Discuss strategies for maintaining essential health services and protecting health workers in crises.
- Exploring adaptive financing mechanisms and partnerships in volatile environments.
- The role of social health protection in building resilience and supporting recovery in FCAS.
- Case studies of UHC initiatives in complex humanitarian contexts.

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

- Designing robust M&E frameworks to track UHC progress across its three dimensions.
- Developing indicators to measure service coverage, financial protection, and equity.
- Establishing feedback loops for continuous learning, adaptation, and evidence-based policy-making.
- Exploring emerging trends and innovations shaping the future of UHC (e.g., climate change impacts, aging populations, new technologies).
- Developing a roadmap for sustained political commitment and investment towards UHC.

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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