Cloud Computing and Scalability in Social Protection IT Infrastructure Training course

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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thereby securing their position as indispensable leaders in **modernizing and future-proofing social welfare IT landscapes.**

This intensive 5-day program delves into **nuanced methodologies** for **conducting thorough assessments of existing on-premise infrastructure to identify optimal cloud migration pathways,** mastering **sophisticated techniques for designing resilient, fault-tolerant cloud architectures that minimize downtime,** and exploring **cutting-edge approaches** to **implementing serverless computing for event-driven social protection workflows, leveraging containerization for consistent application deployment, and utilizing cloud-native monitoring tools for proactive performance management.** A significant focus will be placed on understanding the interplay of **cloud solutions with national digital public infrastructure, the specific challenges of managing multi-cloud or hybrid cloud environments in line with Kenya's Cloud Policy, and the practical application of the shared responsibility model for cloud security to sensitive social protection data.** By integrating **global industry best practices in public sector cloud adoption and secure by design principles (drawing examples from pioneering government cloud initiatives, including those compliant with stringent data regulations),** analyzing **real-world examples of successful and challenging cloud deployments, and engaging in intensive hands-on **cloud service selection, cost optimization modeling, security control mapping, compliance verification, and expert-led discussions on overcoming vendor lock-in and skill gaps,** attendees will develop the **strategic acumen** to confidently lead and participate in the secure and scalable deployment of

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Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Analyze core concepts and strategic responsibilities** of **Cloud Computing and Scalability** in social protection IT infrastructure.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **evaluating and selecting appropriate cloud service models** (IaaS, PaaS, SaaS) and deployment models (public, private, hybrid) for social protection needs.
3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **designing and implementing scalable cloud architectures** that ensure high availability and performance.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **optimizing cloud costs** while maintaining service quality and resilience.
5. **Manage complex considerations** for **ensuring stringent data security and privacy** in cloud environments, including compliance with Kenya's Data Protection Act (DPA).
6. **Apply robust strategies** for **ensuring data residency and sovereignty** in cloud deployments, aligned with national policies (e.g., Kenya Cloud Policy 2025).
7. **Understand the deep integration of cloud computing with disaster recovery and business continuity planning** for social protection systems.
8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** from public sector cloud adoption, with a strong focus on African experiences and relevant Kenyan initiatives.
9. **Optimize strategies for managing cloud vendor relationships** and mitigating risks such as vendor lock-in.

10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **building internal technical capacity** and fostering cloud literacy within social protection agencies.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of the regulatory compliance requirements and audit considerations for cloud-based social protection systems.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** related to **legacy system migration, change management, and promoting cloud adoption** within government.
13. **Develop a holistic, secure, and operationally viable approach** to **Cloud Computing and Scalability in Social Protection IT Infrastructure,** fostering agile, resilient, and cost-effective digital welfare delivery.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals interested in Cloud Computing and Scalability in Social Protection IT Infrastructure:

1. **ICT Directors & Managers:** Overseeing government IT strategy and infrastructure.
2. **IT Infrastructure & Systems Administrators:** Responsible for managing current and future IT environments.
3. **Data Architects & Solutions Architects:** Designing data storage and application deployment strategies.
4. **Cybersecurity Specialists:** Focused on securing sensitive data in cloud environments.
5. **Social Protection Program Managers:** Seeking to understand the technical foundations of program delivery.
6. **Procurement Officers:** Involved in acquiring cloud services and managing vendor contracts.
7. **Legal & Compliance Officers:** Ensuring adherence to data protection and cloud policy regulations.
8. **Development Partners & International Organizations:** Supporting digital transformation and infrastructure development in social protection.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Introduction to Cloud Computing for Social Protection (Day 1)**
    - Defining Cloud Computing: Key characteristics (on-demand self-service, broad network access, resource pooling, rapid elasticity, measured service).
    - Cloud Service Models: Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), Software as a Service (SaaS) – relevance to SP.
    - Cloud Deployment Models: Public, Private, Hybrid, Community Cloud – strategic choices for government.
    - Benefits of cloud adoption for social protection: Cost savings, agility, resilience, global reach.
    - Overview of cloud computing trends and its impact on public sector service delivery.
- **Module 2: The Imperative of Scalability in Social Protection IT (Day 1)**
    - Understanding scalability: Vertical vs. Horizontal scaling.
    - Why scalability is critical for social protection: Handling registration surges, payment cycles, shock-responsive programs.
    - Limitations of traditional on-premise infrastructure for scalability.
    - How cloud computing enables dynamic scalability and elasticity.
    - Key metrics for measuring scalability in social protection systems (e.g., transactions per second, user concurrency).
- **Module 3: Cloud Architecture Design for Scalability and Resilience (Day 2)**
    - Designing highly available and fault-tolerant cloud architectures.

    - Load balancing, auto-scaling, and distributed database concepts.
    - Microservices architecture and containerization (e.g., Docker, Kubernetes) for flexible deployment.
    - Serverless computing for event-driven social protection workflows (e.g., processing benefit applications).
    - Best practices for architecting cloud-native social protection applications.
- **Module 4: Cloud Cost Management and Optimization (Day 2)**
    - Understanding cloud pricing models: Pay-as-you-go, reserved instances, spot instances.
    - Strategies for cost optimization: Right-sizing resources, cost allocation, monitoring cloud spend.
    - Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) analysis: Comparing on-premise vs. cloud infrastructure.
    - Leveraging cloud provider tools for cost management and budgeting.
    - Financial implications of cloud adoption for social protection budgets.
- **Module 5: Data Security, Privacy, and Compliance in the Cloud (Day 3)**
    - The shared responsibility model for cloud security: Provider vs. Customer responsibilities.
    - Implementing robust security controls: Encryption (data at rest and in transit), access management, network security.
    - Ensuring data privacy in the cloud: Compliance with Kenya's Data Protection Act (DPA) and international standards.
    - Data residency and sovereignty requirements: Adhering to Kenya's Cloud Policy 2025 data hosting rules.
    - Conducting cloud security audits and risk assessments for social protection data.
- **Module 6: Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity in the Cloud (Day 4)**
    - Importance of disaster recovery (DR) and business continuity (BC) for critical social protection services.
    - Cloud-based DR strategies: Backup and restore, pilot light, warm standby, multi-site active-active.
    - Leveraging cloud's global infrastructure for geo-redundancy.
    - Developing and testing cloud-based DR plans for social protection IT systems.
    - Ensuring continuous availability of essential services during disruptions.
- **Module 7: Cloud Adoption Strategy and Vendor Management (Day 4)**
    - Developing a cloud migration strategy for existing social protection systems (e.g., lift-and-shift, re-platforming, re-architecting).
    - Selecting cloud service providers: Criteria for evaluation (security, compliance, support, pricing, ecosystem).
    - Negotiating Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with cloud vendors for social protection.
    - Mitigating vendor lock-in risks and planning for multi-cloud strategies.
    - Capacity building and skill development for government IT teams in cloud technologies.
- **Module 8: Governance, Policy, and Future of Cloud in SP (Day 5)**
    - Establishing cloud governance frameworks for social protection: Policies, processes, roles.
    - Understanding Kenya's Cloud Policy 2025 and the role of the Cloud Adoption Committee.
    - Integrating cloud strategy with broader digital transformation and e-governance initiatives.
    - Emerging trends in cloud computing: Edge computing, AI/ML in the cloud, serverless.
    - Developing an action plan for leveraging cloud computing and scalability for a specific social protection IT infrastructure.

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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Certification

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

Tailor-Made Course

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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.
- Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	$1,000
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