Developing Output Indicators in M&E Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Understand results-based management (RBM) frameworks and logic models
2. Differentiate outputs, outcomes, and impacts using results chains
3. Design SMART output indicators aligned with project objectives
4. Apply indicator quality criteria (validity, reliability, feasibility)
5. Integrate gender, equity, and inclusion (GEI) into output indicators
6. Develop indicators aligned to SDGs and donor compliance requirements
7. Use theory of change to strengthen indicator selection
8. Establish baselines and realistic targets for output indicators
9. Align output indicators with work plans and activity schedules
10. Apply adaptive management using indicator performance data
11. Avoid common indicator design errors and data overload
12. Link output indicators to data collection tools and M&E plans
13. Use digital M&E systems and dashboards for output tracking

Target Audience

1. Monitoring and Evaluation Officers
2. Project and Program Managers
3. NGO and CSO Staff
4. Government and Public Sector Officers
5. Donor-funded Project Teams
6. Research and Data Analysts
7. Development Consultants
8. Graduate Students in Development, Public Policy, or M&E

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Monitoring & Evaluation

- Overview of M&E systems and frameworks
- Results-based management (RBM) principles
- Logic models and results chains
- Role of indicators in accountability
- **Case Study:** M&E framework for a community health project

Module 2: Understanding Outputs in the Results Chain

- Defining outputs vs outcomes vs impacts

- Characteristics of strong output statements
- Linking activities to outputs
- Sector-specific output examples
- **Case Study:** Education project output mapping

Module 3: Principles of Output Indicator Design

- SMART and CREAM indicator frameworks
- Quantitative vs qualitative output indicators
- Indicator disaggregation (gender, age, location)
- Feasibility and cost considerations
- **Case Study:** Water and sanitation (WASH) indicators

Module 4: Quality Assurance for Output Indicators

- Validity and reliability testing
- Indicator reference sheets
- Managing indicator risk and bias
- Avoiding indicator proliferation
- **Case Study:** Agriculture productivity project review

Module 5: Baselines, Targets, and Data Sources

- Setting realistic and measurable targets
- Baseline data collection methods
- Selecting appropriate data sources
- Frequency and responsibility matrices
- **Case Study:** Youth employment program baseline design

Module 6: Integrating Cross-Cutting Themes

- Gender-responsive and inclusive indicators
- Environmental and climate-sensitive outputs
- Conflict-sensitive M&E approaches
- Alignment with SDGs and national plans
- **Case Study:** Gender-integrated livelihood project

Module 7: Using Output Indicators for Management

- Performance tracking and dashboards
- Adaptive management and course correction
- Reporting to donors and stakeholders
- Learning and reflection cycles
- **Case Study:** Adaptive management in a humanitarian response

Module 8: Digital Tools and Practical Application

- Digital data collection platforms
- Indicator automation and visualization
- Data quality assurance protocols
- Developing an output indicator matrix
- **Case Study:** Digital M&E system for multi-country programs

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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

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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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