Financial Management for the Water and Sanitation Sector Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Public Financial Management & Budgeting	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Strengthen knowledge in financial planning and budgeting for the water and sanitation sector.
2. Apply cost recovery mechanisms and design effective tariff systems.
3. Improve financial governance and accountability practices.
4. Utilize public-private partnership (PPP) financing models.
5. Conduct financial risk assessments and mitigation strategies.
6. Enhance capital investment planning and project financing.
7. Implement performance-based financial monitoring and reporting.
8. Align financial strategies with sustainable development goals (SDGs).
9. Analyze donor funding, grants, and international financing mechanisms.
10. Apply financial sustainability tools for utilities and water boards.
11. Strengthen procurement and contract management in financial operations.
12. Use digital financial management systems for improved transparency.
13. Learn from global case studies on financial management in water and sanitation.

Target Audience

1. Financial managers in water utilities
2. Policy makers in water and sanitation sector
3. Donor agencies and development partners
4. Project managers in infrastructure projects
5. Water utility accountants and auditors
6. Non-governmental organizations in WASH sector
7. Procurement and contract managers
8. Consultants in financial and water resource management

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Financial Management in the Water and Sanitation Sector

- Understanding sector-specific financial challenges
- Principles of financial governance in water and sanitation
- Financial systems and structures for utilities
- Importance of financial sustainability for service delivery
- Role of SDGs in financial planning
- **Case Study: Financial restructuring of a national water utility**

Module 2: Budgeting and Financial Planning

- Developing realistic financial plans
- Budgeting frameworks for utilities and projects
- Linking budgets with sector priorities
- Resource mobilization strategies
- Performance-based budgeting
- **Case Study: Budget reforms in African water utilities**

Module 3: Tariff Setting and Cost Recovery Mechanisms

- Designing effective tariff models
- Balancing affordability and sustainability
- Cross-subsidization and pro-poor financing models
- Ensuring equity in water and sanitation pricing
- Legal and policy frameworks for tariffs
- **Case Study: Pro-poor tariff reforms in Latin America**

Module 4: Capital Investment Planning and Financing

- Infrastructure financing strategies
- Identifying and prioritizing capital projects
- Accessing domestic and international finance
- Blended financing models (PPP, bonds, loans)
- Monitoring investment performance
- **Case Study: PPP-financed water infrastructure in Asia**

Module 5: Financial Risk Management and Accountability

- Identifying financial risks in water utilities
- Internal control systems and fraud prevention
- Risk mitigation strategies
- Role of audit and compliance in accountability
- Financial reporting standards
- **Case Study: Accountability reforms in water boards in Europe**

Module 6: Donor Funding and International Financing

- Understanding donor funding mechanisms
- Aligning donor funds with national strategies
- Negotiating financial agreements
- Grant and loan management systems
- Reporting and accountability to donors
- **Case Study: Donor-funded sanitation projects in Sub-Saharan Africa**

Module 7: Digital Financial Management Systems

- Role of technology in financial management
- Implementing ERP and financial software
- Enhancing transparency through digitization
- Cybersecurity in financial systems
- Data-driven decision-making
- **Case Study: Implementation of digital financial platforms in utilities**

Module 8: Procurement, Contracts, and Performance Monitoring

- Financial aspects of procurement processes
- Contract management and compliance
- Ensuring value-for-money in financial decisions
- Performance indicators for financial efficiency
- Strengthening monitoring frameworks
- **Case Study: Procurement and financial monitoring reforms in South Asia**

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with expert facilitators

- Group discussions and problem-solving sessions
- Real-life case study analysis
- Practical exercises on financial models and planning
- Role plays and simulations for decision-making
- Digital tools and templates for hands-on learning

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
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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