Informal Settlement Upgrading Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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The course is designed for urban planners, local government officials, civil society organizations, and development practitioners aiming to enhance their capacity in informal settlement management. Through case studies, interactive exercises, and practical assignments, participants will explore methodologies for upgrading informal settlements without displacing communities. The training integrates modern tools for spatial planning, stakeholder consultation, and participatory design. By completing this course, participants will be equipped to drive transformation in urban areas, promote social equity, and ensure resilient and sustainable communities.

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the dynamics of informal settlements and urbanization trends.
2. Explore policy and regulatory frameworks for informal settlement upgrading.
3. Identify participatory planning and community engagement strategies.
4. Apply spatial planning and GIS tools in settlement analysis.
5. Assess socio-economic and environmental impacts of upgrading projects.
6. Develop cost-effective infrastructure improvement strategies.
7. Integrate housing, sanitation, and public services in upgrading plans.
8. Implement sustainable financing mechanisms for upgrading projects.
9. Promote social inclusion and equity in urban development initiatives.
10. Enhance conflict resolution and negotiation skills in community projects.
11. Apply monitoring and evaluation techniques to assess project outcomes.
12. Analyze successful global case studies for transferable lessons.
13. Foster intersectoral collaboration for integrated urban development.

Organizational Benefits

- Strengthened capacity for sustainable urban development.
- Improved stakeholder coordination and community engagement.
- Enhanced project planning and implementation efficiency.
- Reduced social and environmental risks in settlement upgrading.
- Increased access to innovative financing and technical solutions.
- Strengthened policy compliance and governance in urban projects.
- Promotion of inclusive and equitable urban growth.
- Improved monitoring and evaluation frameworks for urban projects.
- Empowerment of local authorities and development practitioners.
- Enhanced organizational reputation in community-driven initiatives.

Target Audiences

1. Urban planners and municipal engineers.
2. Local government officials and policymakers.
3. Non-governmental organizations working in urban development.
4. Community leaders and social development practitioners.
5. Real estate developers and housing agencies.
6. Environmental and sustainability experts.

7. Academic researchers and students in urban studies.
8. International development agencies and donors.

Course Duration: 5 days

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Informal Settlements

- Definition, types, and characteristics of informal settlements.
- Drivers and dynamics of informal urbanization.
- Socio-economic and environmental challenges.
- Policy implications and urban planning approaches.
- Stakeholder identification and engagement strategies.
- Case Study: Upgrading Kibera, Nairobi.

Module 2: Legal and Regulatory Frameworks

- National policies guiding settlement upgrading.
- Land tenure and property rights considerations.
- Building codes and zoning regulations.
- Urban development laws and compliance.
- Conflict resolution in land disputes.
- Case Study: Land regularization in Dharavi, India.

Module 3: Community Engagement and Participation

- Participatory planning principles.
- Community mobilization techniques.
- Stakeholder consultation and workshops.
- Gender and inclusivity considerations.
- Conflict management and negotiation strategies.
- Case Study: Orangi Pilot Project, Pakistan.

Module 4: Spatial Planning and GIS Applications

- Mapping and spatial data collection methods.
- Use of GIS in settlement analysis.
- Identifying priority intervention areas.
- Integrating infrastructure planning with spatial data.
- Urban design and settlement layout improvement.
- Case Study: GIS-driven planning in Cape Town, South Africa.

Module 5: Infrastructure Development and Housing

- Basic infrastructure improvement strategies.
- Water, sanitation, and energy solutions.
- Affordable housing design approaches.
- Public space development and community facilities.
- Resilient infrastructure for climate change adaptation.
- Case Study: Medellin, Colombia participatory housing project.

Module 6: Financing and Resource Mobilization

- Cost estimation and budgeting for upgrading projects.
- Public-private partnerships in urban upgrading.
- Innovative financing models and microfinance options.
- Donor engagement and project funding mechanisms.
- Sustainability in financial planning.
- Case Study: Slum upgrading financing in Mumbai, India.

Module 7: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Sustainability

- Indicators for measuring project success.
- Participatory monitoring approaches.
- Environmental and social impact assessment.
- Data-driven decision-making in urban projects.
- Lessons learned and continuous improvement.
- Case Study: Evaluating informal settlement upgrading in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Module 8: Integrated Urban Development Approaches

- Linking settlement upgrading to city-wide planning.
- Intersectoral collaboration for sustainable outcomes.
- Policy advocacy and strategic planning.
- Promoting social equity and inclusion.
- Innovation in urban development interventions.
- Case Study: Integrated urban renewal in Curitiba, Brazil.

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and problem-solving sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using GIS and planning tools.
- Field visits to informal settlement sites.
- Case study analysis and project simulations.
- Participant presentations and peer review sessions.

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
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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