Micro-Enterprise Risk Assessment for MFIs Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Microfinance & Financial Inclusion	**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

1. Understand core concepts and methodologies of micro-enterprise risk assessment.
2. Analyze borrower profiles using trending risk assessment tools.
3. Identify sector-specific risks affecting micro-enterprise lending.
4. Apply credit appraisal techniques for MSME portfolios.
5. Strengthen field-level due diligence and verification processes.
6. Use alternative data and digital analytics in risk evaluation.
7. Build risk scoring models tailored for micro-enterprises.
8. Apply early warning systems for delinquency detection.
9. Strengthen portfolio monitoring and loan tracking mechanisms.
10. Evaluate external factors influencing enterprise risk.
11. Implement internal controls supporting responsible lending.
12. Develop risk policies aligned with MFI strategic goals.
13. Build sustainable risk mitigation strategies for MSME finance.

Organizational Benefits

- Reduced portfolio at risk (PAR) through improved assessment
- Strengthened due diligence and loan appraisal accuracy
- Enhanced institutional resilience through structured risk controls
- Improved borrower screening and creditworthiness evaluation
- Lower operational risks through standardized assessment tools
- Increased portfolio quality and repayment performance
- Better management of MSME sector volatility
- Higher staff competency in risk-focused decision-making
- Improved regulatory and compliance alignment
- Stronger long-term organizational sustainability

Target Audiences

- Microfinance loan officers
- Portfolio and credit risk managers
- MFI branch managers and supervisors
- SME and micro-enterprise lending teams
- Credit analysts and appraisal staff
- Compliance and internal audit officers
- Development finance and NGO program managers
- Financial sector consultants and researchers

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Micro-Enterprise Risk Assessment

- Understanding MFI risk assessment principles
- Borrower characteristics and enterprise profiling
- Key risk categories for micro-enterprise lending
- Indicators of borrower vulnerability and credit stress
- Importance of structured risk evaluation frameworks
- Case Study: Improving portfolio quality through risk profiling

Module 2: Credit Appraisal Techniques for Micro-Enterprises

- Loan application assessment components
- Income, cash flow, and repayment capacity analysis
- Use of bank statements and transaction data
- Business model and market environment evaluation
- Field verification and household assessment
- Case Study: Credit appraisal strengthening loan performance

Module 3: Sector-Specific Risk Analysis

- Identifying risks in agriculture, retail, services, and trade
- Seasonal and market-related risk dynamics
- Business cycle assessment for MSMEs
- Environmental, social, and governance considerations
- Tailoring risk frameworks to sector characteristics
- Case Study: Sector-based screening reducing loan defaults

Module 4: Digital Tools and Alternative Data for Risk Assessment

- Mobile-based loan monitoring tools
- Use of alternative data in borrower evaluation
- Digital identity and verification technologies
- Predictive analytics for micro-enterprise risk
- Digital credit risk dashboards for MFIs
- Case Study: Alternative data boosting borrower scoring accuracy

Module 5: Early Warning Systems and Delinquency Management

- Identifying early signs of repayment challenges
- Design of delinquency monitoring tools
- Customer engagement strategies for early recovery
- Internal control mechanisms for arrears management
- Loan restructuring considerations for vulnerable clients
- Case Study: Early warning system reducing delinquency rates

Module 6: Portfolio Risk Analysis and Stress Testing

- Portfolio segmentation and performance indicators

- Stress testing for portfolio resilience
- Use of analytics for portfolio-level monitoring
- Risk concentration and exposure assessment
- Linking portfolio insights to strategic decisions
- Case Study: Portfolio stress testing strengthening institutional planning

Module 7: Internal Controls and Responsible Lending Practices

- Governance structures supporting risk assessment
- Responsible lending policies for MFIs
- Fraud prevention and operational controls
- Staff accountability and quality assurance measures
- Monitoring compliance with risk policies
- Case Study: Strengthening internal controls reducing operational risks

Module 8: Designing Sustainable Risk Mitigation Strategies

- Aligning risk mitigation strategies with MFI goals
- Integrating social and financial objectives
- Developing borrower support and capacity-building mechanisms
- Building long-term resilience in micro-enterprises
- Continuous improvement in risk management systems
- Case Study: Comprehensive mitigation strategy improving loan sustainability

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led presentations and guided discussions
- Practical exercises using real or simulated borrower scenarios
- Group work and peer-to-peer learning activities
- Case study analysis from diverse microfinance environments
- Demonstrations of digital risk assessment tools
- Continuous feedback and assessment throughout the training

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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