PFM for State-Owned Water Utilities 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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Objectives

1. Strengthen financial governance and accountability in state-owned water utilities.
2. Apply international best practices in public financial management for utilities.
3. Enhance budget planning, allocation, and performance-based monitoring.
4. Improve financial reporting systems for transparency and compliance.
5. Implement sustainable tariff-setting models to optimize cost recovery.
6. Develop strategies for debt management and capital investment financing.
7. Apply digital transformation in utility financial management.
8. Strengthen internal controls, audits, and risk mitigation mechanisms.
9. Align PFM frameworks with SDGs and national water policies.
10. Improve stakeholder engagement through financial transparency.
11. Design effective procurement and contract management systems.
12. Evaluate financial sustainability using key performance indicators (KPIs).
13. Apply crisis management and resilience strategies in financial planning.

Target Audience

1. Finance managers in state-owned water utilities
2. Public sector accountants and auditors
3. Utility regulators and policymakers
4. Budget and planning officers
5. Water sector project managers
6. Procurement and contract managers
7. Governance and compliance officers
8. International development partners and consultants

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Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of PFM in Water Utilities

- Principles of public financial management in utilities
- Governance structures and accountability frameworks
- Role of state ownership in financial sustainability
- Best practices in PFM reform for utilities
- Case study: Financial restructuring of Kenya's water utilities

Module 2: Budgeting, Planning, and Performance Management

- Budget cycle and performance-based budgeting
- Linking budgets to strategic plans in water utilities
- Resource allocation efficiency and prioritization
- Monitoring and evaluation of financial performance
- Case study: Performance-based budgeting in Uganda's NWSC

Module 3: Financial Reporting and Transparency

- Standards of financial reporting for utilities
- Tools for enhancing reporting compliance and disclosure
- Role of digital tools in improving reporting efficiency
- Building stakeholder trust through financial transparency
- Case study: IFRS adoption by Ghana Water Company

Module 4: Tariff Setting and Cost Recovery

- Principles of tariff design for water utilities
- Balancing affordability and financial sustainability
- Tools for tariff adjustment and review processes
- Socio-economic impacts of tariff reforms
- Case study: Tariff restructuring in South Africa’s Rand Water

Module 5: Debt Management and Capital Financing

- Principles of debt management in utilities
- Accessing public and private capital for infrastructure
- Role of PPPs in financing water utilities
- Innovative financing mechanisms (green bonds, blended finance)
- Case study: PPP financing model in Manila Water

Module 6: Risk Management and Internal Controls

- Identifying fiscal and operational risks in utilities
- Designing effective internal controls and audit systems
- Fraud detection and prevention in state-owned enterprises
- Crisis preparedness and financial resilience
- Case study: Risk management framework in Tanzania’s DAWASA

Module 7: Procurement, Contract, and Asset Management

- Public procurement processes in utilities
- Managing supplier relationships and compliance
- Contract management and dispute resolution
- Asset valuation and financial sustainability
- Case study: Procurement reforms in Ethiopia’s water utility

Module 8: Digital Transformation and Innovation in PFM

- Role of digital tools in financial management
- Integrating ERP and smart billing systems
- Data analytics for financial decision-making
- Blockchain applications for utility transparency
- Case study: Smart billing adoption by Moroccan water utilities

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with real-world case studies
- Group discussions and problem-solving sessions
- Practical exercises and simulations
- Expert-led workshops and role plays
- Action plans for workplace application

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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