Training course on Advanced Social Protection Policy Monitoring and Review

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Social Protection	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Analyze core concepts and strategic responsibilities** of **Advanced Social Protection Policy Monitoring and Review (MPR)**.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **developing comprehensive MPR frameworks**, integrating performance, outcome, and impact indicators.
3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **leveraging diverse data sources** (administrative, survey, qualitative, big data) for policy monitoring.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **designing and utilizing Management Information Systems (MIS)** specifically for social protection MPR.
5. **Manage complex considerations** for **applying advanced analytical techniques** to interpret monitoring data and identify policy trends.
6. **Apply robust strategies** for **conducting regular policy reviews and diagnostics** to assess relevance, coherence, and effectiveness.
7. **Understand the deep integration of contextual analysis and adaptive learning** in informing policy adjustments.

8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** in social protection MPR from diverse country contexts, particularly in Africa.
9. **Optimize strategies for institutionalizing MPR** within government structures and fostering a culture of evidence-based policymaking.
10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **disseminating MPR findings effectively** to policymakers, stakeholders, and the public.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of existing social protection M&E systems to identify gaps and opportunities for advanced MPR.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **data fragmentation, political sensitivities, capacity constraints, and ensuring feedback loops** from MPR to policy.
13. **Develop a holistic, evidence-driven, and adaptive approach** to **Advanced Social Protection Policy Monitoring and Review,** ensuring continuous improvement and maximum social impact.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals interested in Advanced Social Protection Policy Monitoring and Review:

1. **Senior Policymakers & Advisors:** From Ministries of Social Affairs, Planning, Finance, and the President/Prime Minister's office.
2. **Social Protection Program Directors & Managers:** Overseeing national social protection programs.
3. **Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialists:** Within government agencies, research institutions, and international organizations.
4. **National Statisticians & Data Analysts:** Responsible for social statistics and data systems.
5. **Budget & Fiscal Analysts:** Involved in public expenditure reviews and performance budgeting.
6. **Development Partners & UN Agency Staff:** Supporting social protection system building and M&E.
7. **Researchers & Academics:** Focused on social policy performance and accountability.
8. **Civil Society Organizations:** Engaged in advocacy, oversight, and independent monitoring of social protection.

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Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Foundations of Social Protection Policy Monitoring and Review**
    - Defining Monitoring and Review: Distinction from evaluation, purpose, and scope.
    - The Policy Cycle and MPR's Role: Informing design, implementation, and adaptation.
    - Key Principles of Effective MPR: Timeliness, relevance, rigor, and utility.
    - Challenges in Social Protection MPR: Data gaps, coordination issues, political influence.
    - Benefits of Robust MPR: Enhanced accountability, learning, and resource efficiency.
- **Module 2: Developing Comprehensive MPR Frameworks**
    - Aligning MPR with Policy Objectives and National Development Goals.
    - Designing Logframes and Results Frameworks for Social Protection Policies.
    - Defining Key Performance Indicators (KPIs): Input, output, outcome, and impact indicators.
    - Developing Indicator Reference Sheets: Definitions, disaggregation, data sources, frequency.
    - Integrating Cross-Cutting Issues: Gender, disability, environmental considerations in MPR.
- **Module 3: Data Sources and Collection Strategies for MPR**
    - Leveraging Administrative Data: Program registries, payment records, service delivery data.
    - Household Surveys and Censuses: As complementary data sources for outcomes.
    - Qualitative Data Collection for MPR: Focus groups, key informant interviews for contextual understanding.

    - Big Data and Emerging Technologies: Satellite imagery, call detail records, social media for insights.
    - Data Quality Assurance: Validation, cleaning, and reconciliation of diverse data.
- **Module 4: Management Information Systems (MIS) for Social Protection MPR**
    - Components of a Robust Social Protection MIS: Registration, case management, payments, grievance redress.
    - Designing MIS for MPR Needs: Data capture, processing, and reporting functionalities.
    - Interoperability and Data Exchange: Linking MIS with other government systems (e.g., health, education, national ID).
    - Data Security and Privacy in MIS: Protecting sensitive beneficiary information.
    - Challenges and Best Practices in MIS Implementation: Capacity, maintenance, and user adoption.
- **Module 5: Advanced Analytical Techniques for Monitoring Data**
    - Trend Analysis: Identifying patterns and changes in program performance and outcomes over time.
    - Disaggregated Analysis: Examining performance by gender, age, geography, disability, and other vulnerable groups.
    - Statistical Methods for MPR: Regression analysis for correlational insights, basic forecasting.
    - Geospatial Analysis (GIS): Mapping coverage, gaps, and service access.
    - Data Visualization: Creating dashboards, charts, and maps for clear communication of complex data.
- **Module 6: Conducting Policy Reviews and Diagnostics**
    - Types of Policy Reviews: Mid-term reviews, annual reviews, thematic reviews.
    - Review Questions and Scope: Assessing policy relevance, coherence, efficiency, and effectiveness.
    - Methodologies for Policy Diagnostics: Desk reviews, stakeholder consultations, rapid assessments.
    - Identifying Bottlenecks and Constraints: Operational, administrative, and policy-level challenges.
    - Formulating Evidence-Based Recommendations for Policy Adjustment.
- **Module 7: Contextual Analysis and Adaptive Learning in MPR**
    - Understanding the Dynamic Context: Economic shocks, climate change, political shifts impacting social protection.
    - Real-Time Monitoring and Early Warning Systems: Identifying emerging risks and vulnerabilities.
    - Adaptive Management Principles: Using monitoring data for continuous program and policy adjustments.
    - Feedback Loops: Ensuring that monitoring findings directly inform decision-making processes.
    - Learning Agendas: Identifying key policy questions to be answered through MPR.
- **Module 8: Institutionalizing MPR within Government Structures**
    - Roles and Responsibilities for MPR: Within social protection agencies, finance ministries, and planning commissions.
    - Building MPR Capacity: Training, tools, and technical assistance.
    - Establishing MPR Units/Departments: Staffing, resources, and mandate.
    - Coordination Mechanisms: Inter-ministerial committees for joint review and decision-making.
    - Fostering a Culture of Evidence-Based Decision-Making: Leadership buy-in and data utilization.
- **Module 9: Utilizing MPR Findings for Policy Adjustment and Reform**
    - From Data to Decisions: Translating findings into actionable policy recommendations.
    - Policy Dialogue and Dissemination: Engaging policymakers and stakeholders with MPR results.
    - Influencing Budget Allocations: Using performance data to advocate for resource shifts.
    - Program Recalibration and Design Refinements: Adapting targeting, benefits, or delivery.

    - Advocacy for Policy Reforms: Leveraging MPR evidence to push for systemic changes.
- **Module 10: Advanced Topics in MPR and Future Directions**
    - Evaluating Policy Coherence: Assessing alignment of social protection with other sectoral policies.
    - MPR for Shock-Responsive Social Protection: Tracking flexibility and scalability during crises.
    - Integrating Gender-Responsive MPR: Measuring differentiated impacts on women and men.
    - Citizen-Led Monitoring and Social Accountability: Empowering beneficiaries in oversight.
    - Ethical Considerations in Advanced MPR: Data use, privacy, and avoiding surveillance.
- **Module 11: Case Studies and Practical Application of MPR**
    - Detailed Analysis of National MPR Systems: Examining successful examples from diverse contexts.
    - Challenges and Lessons Learned: Common pitfalls and effective solutions in MPR implementation.
    - Peer Review of Existing MPR Systems: Participants analyze and provide feedback on each other's country contexts (e.g., focusing on Kenya's context).
    - Interactive Workshops: Applying MPR framework design and data visualization tools to real-world scenarios.
    - Guest Speakers (Virtual): Practitioners from countries with advanced MPR systems sharing experiences.
- **Module 12: Developing an Advanced MPR Strategic Roadmap**
    - Situational Analysis of Current M&E System: Identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats for MPR.
    - Defining Strategic Objectives for MPR Enhancement: What needs to be achieved?
    - Key MPR Interventions and Activities: What steps will be taken to strengthen MPR?
    - Resource Requirements and Timeline: Budget, staffing, and phased implementation.
    - Risk Mitigation and Sustainability Plan: Addressing potential challenges.
    - Group Presentation and Peer Feedback: Participants present their proposed MPR roadmaps for their respective contexts.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
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