Training course on Designing Social Protection for Epidemic Preparedness and Response

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

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

1. Analyze the fundamental concepts of **epidemics/pandemics** and their multi-dimensional socio-economic impacts.
2. Comprehend the strategic role of **social protection in epidemic preparedness and response**.
3. Master the design of **adaptive cash transfer programs** for rapid disbursement during health crises.
4. Develop expertise in leveraging **unemployment benefits and sick pay schemes** to protect livelihoods.
5. Formulate strategies for **rapid targeting and enrollment** of affected populations during an epidemic.
6. Understand the critical role of **digital payment systems** for efficient and safe transfers during crises.
7. Implement robust approaches to ensuring **multi-sectoral coordination** between social protection and health sectors.
8. Explore key strategies for **flexible financing and contingency planning** for epidemic response.
9. Apply methodologies for conducting **rapid impact and needs assessments** during an epidemic.
10. Understand and address **protection, gender, and equity considerations** in epidemic response.
11. Develop preliminary skills in **monitoring and evaluating social protection responses** to epidemics.
12. Design a comprehensive **social protection component for an epidemic preparedness and response plan**.
13. Examine **global best practices and lessons learned** from social protection responses to recent epidemics.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals involved in social protection, public health, and emergency response:

1. **Social Protection Policymakers & Program Managers:** Designing and overseeing social safety nets.
2. **Public Health Officials:** Involved in epidemic preparedness and health emergency management.
3. **Emergency Response Coordinators & Humanitarian Actors:** Working in crisis contexts.
4. **Economists & Development Practitioners:** Focused on resilience and crisis impact.
5. **Government Officials:** From ministries of social welfare, health, finance, and disaster management.
6. **UN Agency Staff:** (e.g., WHO, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP) involved in health and social responses.
7. **NGO Staff:** Implementing programs in vulnerable communities.
8. **Donors & Funding Partners:** Supporting health and social protection initiatives.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Understanding Epidemics and Their Socio-Economic Impact

- Define epidemics and pandemics and their phases (preparedness, response, recovery).
- Understand the multi-dimensional socio-economic impacts of epidemics (health, economic, social).
- Discuss how epidemics disproportionately affect vulnerable populations.
- Explore the link between health crises, poverty, and inequality.
- Identify key lessons learned from recent epidemics (e.g., COVID-19, Ebola).

Module 2: Strategic Role of Social Protection in Epidemic Preparedness and Response

- Comprehend the strategic role of social protection in epidemic preparedness and response.
- Discuss how social protection acts as a buffer against shocks and protects livelihoods.
- Understand the pathways from social protection to improved health outcomes and reduced spread of disease.
- Explore the concept of "adaptive social protection" in the context of health crises.
- Identify different social protection instruments relevant to epidemic response.

Module 3: Adaptive Cash Transfer Programs for Rapid Response

- Master the design of adaptive cash transfer programs for rapid disbursement during health crises.
- Learn about triggers for activation, flexible targeting, and scale-up mechanisms.
- Discuss the use of cash transfers to support adherence to public health measures (e.g., isolation, testing).
- Explore mechanisms for remote beneficiary registration and verification.
- Analyze case studies of adaptive cash transfers during epidemics.

Module 4: Leveraging Social Insurance (Unemployment, Sick Pay) & In-Kind Support

- Develop expertise in leveraging unemployment benefits and sick pay schemes to protect livelihoods.
- Understand how these programs mitigate income loss due to illness, quarantine, or economic slowdowns.
- Discuss the design of emergency food assistance and in-kind support during epidemics.
- Explore linkages between social protection and access to essential supplies (e.g., hygiene kits).
- Analyze case studies of social insurance in health emergencies.

Module 5: Rapid Targeting, Enrollment, and Digital Payments

- Formulate strategies for rapid targeting and enrollment of affected populations during an epidemic.
- Learn about using existing social registries and administrative data for quick outreach.

- Discuss community-based targeting and self-registration mechanisms.
- Understand the critical role of digital payment systems (e.g., mobile money, direct bank transfers) for safe and efficient transfers.
- Explore challenges and solutions for reaching the digitally excluded.

Module 6: Multi-Sectoral Coordination and Communication

- Implement robust approaches to ensuring multi-sectoral coordination between social protection and health sectors.
- Learn about joint planning, information sharing, and unified command structures.
- Discuss effective communication strategies with beneficiaries on health and social protection measures.
- Explore partnerships with civil society and private sector actors.
- Analyze successful models of multi-sectoral collaboration in epidemic response.

Module 7: Flexible Financing and Contingency Planning

- Explore key strategies for flexible financing and contingency planning for epidemic response.
- Discuss innovative funding mechanisms and rapid disbursement facilities.
- Learn about pre-arranged financing instruments (e.g., insurance, contingency funds).
- Understand the importance of budgetary provisions for shock-responsive social protection.
- Analyze case studies of financing epidemic social protection responses.

Module 8: Protection, Gender, Equity, and Lessons Learned

- Understand and address protection, gender, and equity considerations in epidemic response.
- Discuss how social protection can mitigate gender-based violence risks and support vulnerable groups.
- Learn about inclusive program design for people with disabilities, older persons, and migrants.
- Apply methodologies for conducting rapid impact and needs assessments during an epidemic.
- Examine global best practices and lessons learned from social protection responses to recent epidemics (including challenges and future directions).

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.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

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Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

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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