Training course on Social Impact Bonds and Results-Based Financing in Social Protection

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Pension and Retirement	**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:

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

1. **Analyze core concepts and strategic responsibilities** of **Social Impact Bonds (SIBs)** and **Results-Based Financing (RBF)** within social protection.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **conducting comprehensive feasibility studies** to determine the suitability of SIBs/RBF for specific social protection interventions.

3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **defining clear, measurable, and verifiable social outcomes** and establishing appropriate outcome metrics for social protection programs.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **structuring complex multi-stakeholder contracts** in SIBs/RBF, clearly defining roles, responsibilities, and payment mechanisms.
5. **Manage complex considerations** for **designing equitable risk-sharing arrangements** between outcome funders, investors, and service providers.
6. **Apply robust strategies** for **developing sound financial models** to determine investor returns and ensure cost-effectiveness for the outcome funder.
7. **Understand the deep integration of SIBs/RBF with broader public financial management (PFM)** systems and procurement regulations.
8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** from successful SIBs/RBF in social protection and related sectors across diverse country contexts, particularly in Africa (including Kenya's DIBs).
9. **Optimize strategies for enhancing data collection, monitoring, independent verification, and reporting** for outcomes-based contracts.
10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **addressing legal, regulatory, and institutional capacity challenges** in implementing SIBs/RBF in developing countries.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of the political economy factors and stakeholder interests influencing the adoption and success of SIBs/RBF.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **market immaturity, high transaction costs, and outcome attribution complexities** in the SIB/RBF landscape.
13. **Develop a holistic, evidence-based, and performance-driven approach** to **Social Impact Bonds and Results-Based Financing in Social Protection,** ensuring greater impact and accountability.

Target Audience

This course is designed for professionals interested in Social Impact Bonds and Results-Based Financing in Social Protection:

1. **Policymakers & Senior Government Officials:** From Ministries of Finance, Social Protection, Planning, and line ministries commissioning social services.
2. **Social Protection Program Managers & M&E Specialists:** Responsible for program design, implementation, and impact assessment.
3. **Private Investors & Impact Fund Managers:** Seeking opportunities to invest in social outcomes with a financial return.
4. **Financial Intermediaries & Advisory Firms:** Specializing in structuring innovative finance deals.
5. **Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) & Service Providers:** Delivering social programs and seeking diversified funding.
6. **Development Partners & International Organizations:** Supporting innovative financing mechanisms and social protection development.
7. **Legal & Regulatory Experts:** Interested in the contractual and legal frameworks for SIBs/RBF.
8. **Researchers & Academics:** Studying innovative finance, social policy, and public-private partnerships.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Introduction to Results-Based Financing & Social Impact Bonds (Day 1)**
    - Defining RBF and SIBs: Core principles, key actors (outcome funder, investor, service provider, intermediary, evaluator).

    - Rationale for SIBs/RBF: Shifting risk, incentivizing innovation, improving outcomes, attracting private capital, cost-effectiveness.
    - Distinguishing SIBs from traditional grants, loans, and other performance-based contracts.
    - Types of Impact Bonds: Social Impact Bonds (SIBs) vs. Development Impact Bonds (DIBs).
    - Overview of global trends and early examples of SIBs/RBF in social sectors, including the growing interest in Africa and initial experiences in Kenya (e.g., ASRH DIB).
- **Module 2: Feasibility Assessment and Outcome Definition (Day 1)**
    - Criteria for identifying suitable social protection interventions for SIBs/RBF (e.g., clear outcomes, strong evidence base, potential for cost savings).
    - Conducting a thorough feasibility study: stakeholder mapping, problem analysis, evidence review, and initial costing.
    - Defining clear, measurable, and attributable social outcomes for social protection programs (e.g., sustained school enrollment for vulnerable children, reduction in stunting, successful reintegration of beneficiaries into employment).
    - Developing robust outcome indicators, baselines, and targets.
    - Practical exercise: Assessing the feasibility of a hypothetical social protection intervention for an SIB/RBF model in a country context (e.g., Kenya).
- **Module 3: Structuring the Social Impact Bond/RBF Contract (Day 2)**
    - Key contractual elements: service agreement, outcome payment agreement, investment agreement.
    - Roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder in the SIB/RBF ecosystem.
    - Negotiating terms and conditions: Payment triggers, repayment formula, performance-based incentives.
    - Legal and regulatory considerations for SIBs/RBF in different jurisdictions, including an overview of the enabling environment in Kenya for such initiatives.
    - Review of sample SIB/RBF contracts and term sheets.
- **Module 4: Financial Modeling and Risk Sharing (Day 3)**
    - Developing financial models for SIBs/RBF: Calculating upfront investment, outcome payments, and investor returns (IRR).
    - Understanding different risk-sharing arrangements: Full risk transfer, partial guarantees, caps and collars.
    - Mechanisms for managing financial risks for all parties involved: investors, service providers, and outcome payers.
    - Cost-effectiveness for the outcome funder: Demonstrating value for money (e.g., averted future costs).
    - Practical exercises: Building a simplified financial model for an SIB/RBF.
- **Module 5: Performance Management, Measurement, and Verification (Day 3)**
    - Designing robust Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) frameworks for outcomes-based contracts.
    - The critical role of independent verifiers in authenticating outcome achievement.
    - Data collection methodologies, quality assurance, and reporting requirements for SIBs/RBF.
    - Using data for adaptive management and continuous improvement by service providers.
    - Challenges of outcome attribution and data limitations in complex social protection interventions, and how to address them, drawing from experiences in Kenya's social programs.
- **Module 6: Governance, Intermediation, and Ecosystem Building (Day 4)**
    - The role of an intermediary in facilitating SIB/RBF transactions: structuring, fundraising, performance management support.
    - Establishing effective governance and oversight mechanisms for SIBs/RBF.

    - Building an enabling ecosystem for outcomes-based financing: government capacity, investor interest, service provider readiness.
    - Fostering trust and collaboration among diverse stakeholders.
    - Discussion on the development of the impact investing market and the role of blended finance in Africa.
- **Module 7: Case Studies and Lessons Learned from Global SIBs/RBF (Day 4)**
    - In-depth analysis of successful SIBs/RBF across various social sectors (e.g., homelessness, recidivism, health, education, employment) in high-income countries.
    - Detailed examination of Development Impact Bonds (DIBs) in developing countries, particularly in Africa (e.g., South Africa's maternal health SIB, Ghana's education DIB, and Kenya's ASRH DIB).
    - Identifying common challenges and success factors in SIB/RBF implementation.
    - Discussion on the scalability and replicability of SIBs/RBF for broader social protection expansion.
- **Module 8: Policy Implications and Future Directions for Social Protection (Day 5)**
    - Integrating SIBs/RBF into national social protection strategies and public investment frameworks.
    - Addressing the limitations and criticisms of SIBs/RBF (e.g., complexity, transaction costs, focus on easy-to-measure outcomes).
    - The potential for SIBs/RBF to drive innovation and systemic change in social service delivery.
    - Developing a roadmap for exploring or implementing SIBs/RBF within participants' own country contexts.
    - Group exercise: Participants present a proposed SIB/RBF concept for a social protection challenge in their country, incorporating lessons from the course.

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

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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
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