# Training course on Social Protection for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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| **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 protection as an enabler and accelerator** for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **identifying and articulating specific linkages** between various social protection typologies and individual SDG targets (e.g., 1.3, 2.1, 3.8, 4.1, 5.4, 8.5, 10.4).
3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **mapping existing national social protection programs** against SDG indicators to assess coverage and impact.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **designing integrated social protection interventions** that simultaneously contribute to multiple SDG outcomes (e.g., poverty, hunger, health, education).
5. **Manage complex considerations** for **financing universal social protection floors** as a foundational element for SDG achievement.
6. **Apply robust strategies** for **mainstreaming gender, equity, and human rights principles** within SDG-aligned social protection policies.
7. **Understand the deep integration of social protection with climate change adaptation (SDG 13)** and disaster risk reduction.
8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** from countries that have successfully linked social protection to their SDG strategies.
9. **Optimize strategies for strengthening coordination and coherence** between social protection and other sectoral policies for SDG impact.
10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **monitoring and reporting on social protection's contribution to SDG progress** at national and sub-national levels.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of policy and institutional gaps hindering the full realization of social protection's SDG potential.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **data fragmentation, resource constraints, and political will** in localizing SDGs through social protection.
13. **Develop a holistic, strategic, and actionable framework** for **leveraging social protection to accelerate progress across the entire 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,** ensuring no one is left behind.

**Target Audience:**

This course is designed for professionals interested in Social Protection for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

1. **Policymakers & National Planners:** From ministries of planning, finance, social affairs, and those responsible for SDG implementation.
2. **Social Protection Program Managers:** Responsible for designing, implementing, and evaluating social safety nets.
3. **SDG Focal Points & Coordinators:** Within government, UN agencies, and civil society organizations.
4. **Development Partners & UN Agency Staff:** Supporting countries in SDG localization and social protection system building.
5. **Researchers & Academics:** Studying the interlinkages between social protection and various development outcomes.
6. **Budget Officials:** Involved in aligning national budgets with SDG targets and social protection investments.
7. **Civil Society Organizations:** Advocating for inclusive development and monitoring SDG progress.

8. **Sectoral Specialists:** From health, education, nutrition, agriculture, and labor, seeking to integrate their work with social protection for broader impact.

**Course Duration: 5 Days**

**Course Modules:**

- **Module 1: Social Protection and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
  - **Introduction to the SDGs**: Goals, targets, and the principle of "leaving no one behind."
  - **Defining Social Protection**: Core functions, typologies, and its evolution.
  - **Social Protection as an SDG Enabler**: Conceptual framework and cross-cutting role.
  - **The Universal Social Protection Floor (SPF)**: As a foundation for SDG achievement.
  - **Global Commitments**: ILO Recommendation 202 and its relevance to the SDGs.
- **Module 2: Social Protection's Direct Contribution to SDG 1 (No Poverty)**
  - **Target 1.3: Social Protection Systems for All**: Importance of coverage and adequacy.
  - **Poverty Reduction through Cash Transfers**: Evidence and impact on extreme and multidimensional poverty.
  - **Building Resilience to Shocks (Target 1.5)**: How social protection prevents people from falling into poverty.
  - **Financial Inclusion and Productive Assets**: Links to microfinance and asset-building programs.
  - **Case Studies**: National examples of social protection programs driving SDG 1 progress (e.g., Kenya's cash transfer programs).
- **Module 3: Social Protection's Impact on Human Development SDGs (SDG 2, 3, 4, 5)**
  - **SDG 2 (Zero Hunger)**: Linkages with food security, nutrition outcomes, and agricultural productivity.
  - **SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being)**: Access to healthcare, maternal and child health, disease prevention.
  - **SDG 4 (Quality Education)**: School enrollment, retention, and learning outcomes through conditionalities and reduced opportunity costs.
  - **SDG 5 (Gender Equality)**: Women's economic empowerment, reduced gender-based violence, access to services.
  - **Integrated Approaches**: Designing programs that address multiple human development outcomes concurrently.
- **Module 4: Social Protection for Economic Inclusion and Reduced Inequalities (SDG 8, 10)**
  - **SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth)**: Labor market interventions, public works, and entrepreneurship support.
  - **SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities)**: Redistributive effects of social protection, reaching marginalized groups.
  - **Addressing Horizontal and Vertical Inequalities**: Geographic, gender, disability, and income-based disparities.
  - **Promoting Financial Inclusion (Target 8.10)**: Digital payments and financial literacy for beneficiaries.
  - **Leaving No One Behind**: Ensuring social protection reaches the most vulnerable and excluded populations.
- **Module 5: Social Protection and Transformative SDGs (SDG 13, 16, 17)**
  - **SDG 13 (Climate Action)**: Adaptive social protection for climate resilience and disaster response.
  - **SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions)**: Social cohesion, grievance redress mechanisms, and transparent governance.

    - **SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)**: Multi-stakeholder collaboration for social protection and SDG financing.
    - **Human Rights-Based Approach**: Ensuring social protection as a right, fostering participation and accountability.
    - **Fostering Local Ownership**: Sub-national actors' role in localizing SDGs through social protection in Kenya.
- **Module 6: Policy Coherence and Integration for SDG-Aligned Social Protection**
    - **Mapping National Social Protection Landscape**: Identifying programs and their SDG linkages.
    - **Conducting Policy Coherence Reviews**: Ensuring alignment across sectors and government levels.
    - **Multi-Sectoral Planning**: Bringing together different ministries for integrated social protection.
    - **Vertical and Horizontal Coordination**: Between national, county, and local levels of government.
    - **Harmonizing Social Protection and Development Planning**: Embedding social protection in national development frameworks.
- **Module 7: Financing and Institutionalizing SDG-Aligned Social Protection**
    - **Costing SDG-Aligned Social Protection**: Estimating the resources required for expanded coverage and adequacy.
    - **Fiscal Space Analysis for Social Protection**: Identifying sustainable financing options (e.g., domestic revenue, international cooperation).
    - **Budgeting for SDGs**: Integrating social protection spending into national and sub-national budgets.
    - **Institutional Capacity Building**: Strengthening social protection agencies for SDG implementation.
    - **Advocacy for Sustainable Financing**: Communicating the returns on investment for social protection.
- **Module 8: Monitoring, Reporting, and Learning for Social Protection and the SDGs**
    - **SDG Indicators for Social Protection**: Understanding global and national indicators (e.g., 1.3.1).
    - **Data Collection for SDG Reporting**: Leveraging administrative data, surveys, and qualitative data.
    - **Developing National SDG Monitoring Frameworks**: Integrating social protection data flows.
    - **Evidence-Based Reporting and Communication**: Presenting social protection's contribution to SDG progress.
    - **Adaptive Learning and Policy Adjustments**: Using monitoring data to refine strategies and accelerate SDG achievement (with specific examples from Kenya's SDG localization efforts).

**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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