Training course on Social Protection for People Living with HIV/AIDS

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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Course Objectives

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

1. Analyze the fundamental **socio-economic impacts of HIV/AIDS** on individuals, households, and communities.
2. Comprehend the strategic importance and potential of **social protection in the comprehensive HIV/AIDS response**.
3. Master the design and implementation of diverse **social protection instruments** tailored for PLHIV and affected households.
4. Develop expertise in **identifying and targeting PLHIV** and vulnerable groups while ensuring confidentiality and human rights.
5. Formulate strategies for effectively **linking social protection with health and HIV services**.
6. Understand the critical role of social protection in **addressing stigma, discrimination, and gender-based violence (GBV)** related to HIV/AIDS.
7. Implement robust approaches to **social protection for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC)** affected by HIV/AIDS.
8. Explore key **data management, monitoring, and evaluation** considerations for PLHIV social protection programs.
9. Identify and analyze relevant **policy, legal, and institutional frameworks** for social protection in the HIV/AIDS response.
10. Explore various **financing mechanisms and resource mobilization strategies** for social protection for PLHIV.
11. Develop strategies for fostering **multi-stakeholder coordination and partnerships** with PLHIV networks and civil society.
12. Design a preliminary **social protection strategy** for PLHIV in a specific national or sub-national context.

13. Examine **global best practices and lessons learned** from successful social protection initiatives for PLHIV.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals working on social protection and HIV/AIDS:

1. **Social Protection Policymakers & Program Managers:** Designing and implementing social safety nets.
2. **HIV/AIDS Program Specialists:** Working on prevention, treatment, care, and support.
3. **Health Sector Professionals:** Involved in public health and clinical care for PLHIV.
4. **Human Rights Advocates:** Focusing on the rights and dignity of PLHIV.
5. **Government Officials:** From ministries of social welfare, health, finance, and planning.
6. **UN Agency Representatives:** From UNAIDS, WHO, UNICEF, WFP, ILO.
7. **Civil Society Organizations & PLHIV Networks:** Implementing programs and advocating for PLHIV.
8. **Researchers & M&E Specialists:** Studying the impact of interventions on PLHIV.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Understanding HIV/AIDS and its Socio-economic Impacts

- Global and national epidemiology of HIV/AIDS: prevalence, incidence, and key populations.
- Analyze the profound socio-economic impacts on individuals, households, and communities (e.g., income loss, food insecurity, asset depletion).
- Discuss the intersectionality of HIV/AIDS with poverty, gender, age, and other forms of vulnerability.
- Explore the specific challenges faced by PLHIV: discrimination, stigma, healthcare costs, reduced productivity.
- Emphasize the need for a comprehensive, multi-sectoral response beyond purely medical interventions.

Module 2: The Role of Social Protection in the HIV/AIDS Response

- Explain the strategic importance of social protection in addressing the vulnerabilities of PLHIV.
- Discuss how social protection can improve health outcomes, reduce poverty, and mitigate stigma.
- Analyze its contribution to HIV prevention, treatment adherence (e.g., Anti-Retroviral Therapy - ART), and holistic care.
- Explore the linkages between social protection and human rights for PLHIV, including the right to health and social security.
- Overview of global recommendations and evidence for social protection in HIV/AIDS (e.g., UNAIDS, ILO).

Module 3: Social Protection Instruments for PLHIV and Affected Households

- **Cash Transfers:** Designing conditional or unconditional cash transfers for PLHIV (e.g., for nutrition, transport to clinics, school fees for children).
- **In-Kind Support:** Providing food assistance, nutritional supplements, or other essential goods.
- **Health Protection:** Facilitating access to health insurance, fee waivers, and direct support for ART adherence.
- **Livelihood Support:** Implementing public works programs, skills training, and micro-grants for PLHIV and their caregivers.

- **Social Services:** Ensuring access to psychosocial support, legal aid, housing support, and other complementary services.

Module 4: Targeting and Reaching PLHIV and Vulnerable Groups

- Challenges of identifying and targeting PLHIV due to pervasive stigma and privacy concerns.
- Strategies for inclusive targeting that respect confidentiality, human rights, and "do no harm" principles.
- Leveraging existing social registries and health information systems for identification (with robust safeguards).
- Discuss community-based identification and outreach mechanisms, often through PLHIV networks and civil society.
- Addressing the specific vulnerabilities of key populations (e.g., sex workers, people who inject drugs, LGBTQ+ individuals) and their families.

Module 5: Linking Social Protection with Health and HIV Services

- The critical importance of establishing strong referral pathways between social protection programs and health/HIV services.
- Strategies for promoting ART adherence and retention in care through social protection incentives and support.
- Facilitating access to HIV testing, prevention services (e.g., PrEP), and comprehensive care.
- Developing effective coordination mechanisms between social protection ministries/agencies and health ministries/HIV programs.
- Case studies of successful integrated health-social protection models for PLHIV globally.

Module 6: Addressing Stigma, Discrimination, and Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

- Analyzing the profound role of social protection in mitigating stigma and discrimination against PLHIV.
- Designing social protection programs to address gendered vulnerabilities and GBV risks for women and girls living with HIV.
- Promoting safe spaces, confidential feedback mechanisms, and accessible grievance redress for PLHIV.
- Engaging communities, traditional leaders, and religious figures in challenging discriminatory norms and practices.
- Advocating for legal and policy reforms to protect the rights of PLHIV and combat discrimination.

Module 7: Social Protection for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Affected by HIV/AIDS

- Understanding the unique and compounded vulnerabilities of OVC due to parental illness or death from HIV/AIDS.
- Designing child-sensitive social protection programs specifically for OVC (e.g., child grants, school fee waivers, educational support).
- Supporting caregivers, foster families, and kinship care arrangements through social protection interventions.
- Linking OVC to education, health, nutrition, and child protection services for holistic development.
- Case studies of comprehensive OVC support programs and their long-term impact.

Module 8: Data, Monitoring, and Evaluation for PLHIV Social Protection

- Developing robust M&E frameworks for social protection programs targeting PLHIV.
- Challenges in collecting sensitive data related to HIV status and ensuring strict confidentiality and ethical protocols.

- Developing appropriate indicators to track health outcomes, poverty reduction, treatment adherence, and stigma reduction.
- Strategies for ethical data management, privacy, security, and responsible data sharing.
- Using M&E findings to inform program adjustments, policy advocacy, and demonstrate impact.

Module 9: Policy, Legal, and Institutional Frameworks

- Identifying and analyzing national policies and legal frameworks related to HIV/AIDS, social protection, and human rights.
- Discussing the alignment of national policies with international guidelines and commitments (e.g., UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets, SDGs).
- Advocating for policy reforms that ensure universal access to social protection and non-discrimination for PLHIV.
- Strengthening institutional mandates, capacities, and coordination mechanisms between relevant ministries (e.g., social welfare, health, justice).
- Exploring the role of national AIDS councils and social protection ministries in joint planning.

Module 10: Financing Social Protection for PLHIV

- Exploring various financing mechanisms for social protection programs targeting PLHIV.
- Discussing the role of national budgets, global health funds (e.g., Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria), and bilateral donor support.
- Strategies for ensuring predictable, sustainable, and diversified funding for long-term support.
- Analyzing the cost-effectiveness and economic benefits of social protection investments in the HIV response.
- Advocating for increased and more efficient allocation of resources for social protection for PLHIV.

Module 11: Multi-Stakeholder Coordination and Partnerships

- Fostering effective coordination and collaboration between social protection actors, health ministries, civil society organizations, and PLHIV networks.
- Developing clear roles, responsibilities, and communication protocols for integrated programming.
- Building strong, trust-based partnerships with community-based organizations and associations of PLHIV.
- Strategies for ensuring meaningful participation and leadership of PLHIV in program design, implementation, and monitoring.
- Lessons learned from multi-sectoral collaboration in the HIV response.

Module 12: Future Directions and Transformative Impact

- Exploring emerging trends and innovations in social protection for PLHIV (e.g., digital health solutions, adaptive social protection for shocks).
- Discussing the role of social protection in achieving epidemic control and ultimately ending AIDS as a public health threat.
- Analyzing the intersection of HIV/AIDS with climate change, migration, and other complex shocks, and the need for integrated responses.
- Advocating for universal social protection as a key strategy for health equity and social justice for all.
- Developing a personal or organizational action plan for advancing social protection for PLHIV.

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.

Register as a group from 3 participants

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

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