Training course on Strategic Communication and Advocacy for Social Protection

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 **strategic communication and advocacy** in the social protection context.
2. Comprehend the principles of **policy influence and public opinion formation** related to social protection.
3. Master methodologies for **audience segmentation and message framing** for diverse stakeholders.
4. Develop expertise in designing compelling **advocacy messages and policy narratives**.
5. Formulate strategies for effective **media engagement and public relations**.
6. Understand the critical role of **digital and social media** in modern social protection advocacy.
7. Implement robust approaches to **coalition building and partnership development** for advocacy.
8. Explore key strategies for **resource mobilization and investment cases** for social protection.
9. Apply methodologies for developing comprehensive **communication and advocacy plans**.
10. Understand and address **ethical considerations and political sensitivities** in advocacy.
11. Develop preliminary skills in **monitoring and evaluating advocacy impact**.
12. Design a comprehensive **strategic communication and advocacy plan** for a social protection issue.
13. Examine **global best practices and lessons learned** in social protection advocacy.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals seeking to influence policy and public perception for social protection:

1. **Social Protection Policymakers & Program Managers:** Leading policy reforms and program expansion.
2. **Communications Specialists:** Working in government, NGOs, or development agencies.

3. **Advocacy Professionals:** From civil society organizations and international NGOs.
4. **Government Officials:** Involved in public relations and policy communication.
5. **Development Practitioners:** Focused on policy dialogue and program sustainability.
6. **Researchers:** Seeking to translate research into policy action.
7. **Public Relations & Media Professionals:** Interested in social impact communication.
8. **Civil Society Leaders:** Mobilizing communities and advocating for rights.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Strategic Communication and Advocacy

- Define strategic communication and advocacy in the social protection context.
- Discuss the purpose of advocacy: influencing policy, mobilizing resources, changing norms.
- Understand the advocacy cycle: analysis, planning, action, monitoring.
- Explore the relationship between evidence, communication, and policy change.
- Identify common challenges in advocating for social protection.

Module 2: Audience Analysis and Message Framing

- Comprehend the principles of thorough audience analysis for advocacy.
- Learn to identify key decision-makers, influencers, and target publics.
- Master the art of message framing: tailoring messages to resonate with specific audiences.
- Discuss the use of values, emotions, and facts in advocacy messaging.
- Practice segmenting audiences and crafting tailored messages.

Module 3: Designing Compelling Advocacy Messages and Narratives

- Develop expertise in designing powerful and persuasive advocacy messages.
- Learn to translate complex social protection concepts into clear, concise language.
- Discuss the power of personal stories and beneficiary testimonials.
- Explore the use of data storytelling to support advocacy claims.
- Practice crafting a core advocacy message and supporting narratives.

Module 4: Media Engagement and Public Relations

- Formulate strategies for effective media engagement and public relations.
- Learn to identify relevant media outlets and journalists.
- Discuss how to prepare press releases, media kits, and talking points.
- Understand interview techniques and media appearances.
- Explore strategies for managing media relations during crises.

Module 5: Digital and Social Media Advocacy

- Understand the critical role of digital and social media in modern social protection advocacy.
- Learn to leverage platforms (e.g., Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn) for outreach and engagement.
- Discuss content strategies for digital advocacy (e.g., infographics, videos, campaigns).
- Explore online community building and mobilization.
- Practice developing a digital advocacy plan.

Module 6: Coalition Building and Partnership Development

- Implement robust approaches to coalition building and partnership development for advocacy.
- Learn to identify potential allies and build strong, diverse coalitions.
- Discuss strategies for fostering consensus and shared objectives among partners.
- Explore the benefits of multi-stakeholder approaches to advocacy.
- Analyze case studies of successful advocacy coalitions.

Module 7: Resource Mobilization and Investment Cases

- Explore key strategies for resource mobilization and developing investment cases for social protection.
- Discuss how strong advocacy can attract domestic and international funding.
- Learn to articulate the economic and social returns on investment in social protection.
- Understand how to present compelling arguments for increased budgetary allocation.
- Practice developing an investment case summary.

Module 8: Developing Comprehensive Communication and Advocacy Plans

- Apply methodologies for developing comprehensive communication and advocacy plans.
- Learn to define clear objectives, target audiences, key messages, and activities.
- Discuss budgeting, timelines, and resource allocation for advocacy initiatives.
- Understand how to integrate communication and advocacy with M&E findings.
- Practice designing a full communication and advocacy plan for a social protection issue.

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

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

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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