Treasury Management and Investment Strategies for Cooperatives Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Cooperative Societies	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Develop and implement robust cash flow forecasting models for cooperatives.
2. Master advanced liquidity management techniques to ensure financial stability.
3. Design and execute effective debt management strategies for cooperative capital.
4. Mitigate foreign exchange and interest rate risks through appropriate hedging instruments.
5. Construct diversified investment portfolios aligned with cooperative risk appetite and objectives.
6. Evaluate and select optimal short-term and long-term investment vehicles.
7. Understand and apply principles of responsible and impact investing in cooperative contexts.
8. Utilize treasury management systems (TMS) and FinTech solutions for operational efficiency.
9. Develop effective treasury policies and procedures for sound governance.
10. Conduct comprehensive investment performance analysis and reporting.
11. Navigate the regulatory landscape governing cooperative treasury and investments.
12. Integrate ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) factors into investment decision-making.
13. Develop strategies for capital preservation and growth in fluctuating market conditions.

Organizational Benefits

1. Optimized cash flow and enhanced liquidity.
2. Improved financial risk management and mitigation.
3. Maximized returns on surplus funds and investments.
4. Reduced borrowing costs and efficient debt management.

5. Enhanced compliance with financial regulations and best practices.
6. Greater transparency and accountability in treasury operations.
7. Stronger financial resilience and stability.
8. Access to innovative investment opportunities.
9. Better decision-making in capital allocation.
10. Increased member value through prudent financial stewardship.

Target Participants

- Cooperative Financial Managers and Treasurers
- Cooperative General Managers and CEOs
- Board Members and Investment Committee Members of Cooperatives
- Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) of Cooperative Institutions
- Senior Accountants with Treasury Responsibilities
- Credit Union Managers and Investment Officers
- Government Regulators and Policy Makers in the Cooperative Sector

Course Outline

Module 1: Foundations of Cooperative Treasury Management

- Defining treasury management in the cooperative context.
- Key objectives of treasury functions: liquidity, risk, and profitability.
- The role of the treasurer and treasury committee in cooperatives.
- Interplay between treasury and other financial functions.
- Case Study: Analyzing the current treasury challenges of a mid-sized cooperative.

Module 2: Advanced Cash Flow Forecasting and Budgeting

- Techniques for accurate short-term and long-term cash flow forecasting.
- Integrating cash flow forecasts with strategic planning and budgeting.
- Identifying and managing cash flow cycles specific to cooperatives.
- Mitigating forecast variances and developing contingency plans.
- Case Study: Building a 12-month rolling cash flow forecast for a cooperative.

Module 3: Liquidity Management and Optimization

- Managing operating cash, member deposits, and other liquid assets.
- Establishing optimal cash balances and investment thresholds.
- Utilizing money market instruments for short-term liquidity.
- Addressing cash surpluses and deficits efficiently.
- Case Study: Developing a dynamic liquidity management policy for a cooperative.

Module 4: Working Capital Management for Cooperatives

- Optimizing accounts receivable, accounts payable, and inventory management.
- Strategies to improve the cash conversion cycle.
- Impact of working capital on cooperative liquidity and profitability.
- Financing working capital needs.
- Case Study: Improving working capital efficiency in a cooperative retail business.

Module 5: Debt Management and Financing Strategies

- Sources of debt financing for cooperatives (bank loans, bonds, specialized funds).

- Evaluating cost of debt and debt service capacity.
- Structuring debt covenants and managing compliance.
- Refinancing strategies and debt restructuring.
- Case Study: Assessing different financing options for a cooperative expansion project.

Module 6: Interest Rate Risk Management

- Understanding interest rate volatility and its impact on cooperative finances.
- Identifying interest rate exposures (e.g., variable rate loans, investments).
- Introduction to hedging instruments: interest rate swaps, caps, and collars.
- Developing an interest rate risk management policy.
- Case Study: Mitigating interest rate risk on a cooperative's long-term debt.

Module 7: Foreign Exchange Risk Management

- Identifying foreign exchange exposures in international cooperative trade/operations.
- Types of FX risk: transaction, translation, and economic exposure.
- Introduction to hedging instruments: forward contracts, options.
- Developing a foreign exchange risk management policy.
- Case Study: Managing FX risk for an agricultural export cooperative.

Module 8: Introduction to Investment Strategies for Cooperatives

- Defining investment objectives and risk tolerance for cooperatives.
- Understanding different asset classes (fixed income, equities, real estate).
- The importance of diversification and asset allocation.
- Setting investment benchmarks and performance targets.
- Case Study: Defining the investment mandate for a cooperative's reserve fund.

Module 9: Short-Term Investment Vehicles

- Exploring money market instruments: T-bills, commercial paper, CDs.
- Advantages and disadvantages of various short-term investments.
- Managing credit risk and liquidity risk in short-term portfolios.
- Regulatory considerations for short-term cooperative investments.
- Case Study: Constructing a short-term investment portfolio for surplus cash.

Module 10: Long-Term Investment Strategies and Portfolio Construction

- Investing in bonds: government, corporate, and municipal bonds.
- Equity investments: direct equities, mutual funds, ETFs.
- Alternative investments relevant to cooperatives (e.g., infrastructure, private equity funds).
- Building a balanced and diversified long-term investment portfolio.
- Case Study: Developing a long-term investment strategy for a cooperative's pension fund.

Module 11: Responsible and Impact Investing for Cooperatives

- Principles of socially responsible investing (SRI) and environmental, social, governance (ESG) factors.
- Identifying impact investment opportunities aligned with cooperative values.
- Measuring and reporting social and environmental returns alongside financial returns.
- Ethical considerations in cooperative investment decisions.
- Case Study: Designing an impact investment portfolio for a community-focused cooperative.

Module 12: Investment Performance Measurement and Reporting

- Key performance indicators (KPIs) for evaluating investment portfolios.
- Calculating time-weighted and money-weighted returns.
- Attribution analysis to understand performance drivers.
- Preparing comprehensive investment reports for the board and members.
- Case Study: Analyzing the performance of a cooperative's investment portfolio over time.

Module 13: Treasury Management Systems (TMS) and FinTech

- Overview of modern TMS functionalities for cooperatives.
- Leveraging FinTech solutions for payments, cash management, and reporting.
- Automation of treasury processes and data integration.
- Cybersecurity considerations in digital treasury operations.
- Case Study: Evaluating the implementation of a new TMS for a large cooperative.

Module 14: Treasury Policies, Governance, and Regulatory Compliance

- Developing comprehensive treasury policies and procedures.
- Establishing robust internal controls over treasury functions.
- Roles of the board and audit committee in treasury oversight.
- Adherence to local and international financial regulations relevant to cooperatives (e.g., Banking Act, Sacco Societies Act in Kenya).
- Case Study: Reviewing and updating a cooperative's treasury policy manual.

Module 15: Future Trends in Cooperative Treasury and Investments

- The impact of global economic trends on cooperative finance.
- Emerging investment opportunities and risks (e.g., green bonds, digital assets).
- The evolving role of the cooperative treasurer.
- Challenges and opportunities in a rapidly changing financial landscape.
- Case Study: Future-proofing a cooperative's treasury strategy against anticipated market shifts.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
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Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$0
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