Training course on Economic Impact Analysis of Social Protection Spending

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Social Protection	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 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 **economic impact analysis** in demonstrating the value of social protection spending.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **designing rigorous impact evaluations** to isolate the causal economic effects of social protection programs.
3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **estimating direct, indirect, and induced economic multiplier effects** of social protection transfers at local and national levels.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **applying Input-Output (I-O) tables and Social Accounting Matrices (SAM)** to model economy-wide impacts of social protection.
5. **Manage complex considerations** for **conducting comprehensive Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (CEA)** of social protection interventions.

6. **Apply robust strategies** for **assessing the impact of social protection on household consumption, investment, labor supply, and human capital accumulation.**
7. **Understand the deep integration of social protection spending with macroeconomic stability** and economic growth trajectories.
8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** from successful economic impact analyses of social protection in diverse country contexts, particularly in Africa (including Kenya's experiences).
9. **Optimize strategies for effectively communicating complex economic findings** to policymakers, the public, and development partners.
10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **quantifying the economic benefits of shock-responsive social protection** during crises.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of the data requirements and limitations for robust economic impact analysis in different contexts.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **attribution issues, data scarcity, and counterfactual construction** in evaluating economic impacts.
13. **Develop a holistic, evidence-based, and compelling approach** to **Economic Impact Analysis of Social Protection Spending,** advocating for its strategic role in national development.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals interested in Economic Impact Analysis of Social Protection Spending:

1. **Economists & Macro-Fiscal Analysts:** In Ministries of Finance, Planning, and Central Banks.
2. **Social Protection Program Managers & Policy Advisors:** Responsible for program design and national social protection policy.
3. **Researchers & Academics:** Specializing in development economics, social policy, and poverty analysis.
4. **Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Specialists:** Involved in assessing program outcomes and impacts.[2]
5. **Development Partners & International Organizations:** Supporting social protection programs and advocating for their financing.
6. **Budget Officers & Public Expenditure Review Specialists:** In government agencies.
7. **Data Scientists & Statisticians:** Working with large datasets for policy analysis.
8. **Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) & Advocacy Groups:** Aiming to strengthen the evidence base for social protection investment.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Foundations of Economic Impact Analysis for Social Protection (Day 1)**
  - Defining economic impact analysis (EIA) and its relevance to social protection.
  - Distinguishing between direct, indirect, and induced impacts of social protection spending.
  - Theories of how social protection can stimulate economic growth: consumption smoothing, human capital investment, productive asset accumulation, risk-taking, and demand stimulation.
  - Overview of the key channels through which social protection impacts the economy at micro, meso, and macro levels.
  - Introduction to the growing body of evidence on social protection's economic benefits, including insights from Kenya's experience.
- **Module 2: Methodologies for Causal Impact Evaluation (Day 1)**

    - Principles of causal inference: establishing attribution between social protection and economic outcomes.
    - Overview of rigorous evaluation methods: Randomized Control Trials (RCTs), Quasi-Experimental Designs (QEDs) like Difference-in-Differences (DiD), Propensity Score Matching (PSM), and Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD).
    - Challenges of conducting rigorous impact evaluations in real-world social protection settings (data, ethics, logistics).
    - Key indicators for measuring economic impacts at the household and community levels (e.g., consumption, assets, income, labor supply, local market activity).
    - Review of impact evaluations of cash transfer programs in Kenya and other African countries that have demonstrated economic effects.
- **Module 3: Multiplier Analysis and Input-Output (I-O) Models (Day 2)**
    - Understanding the concept of economic multipliers in social protection: how initial transfers generate additional economic activity.
    - Methods for estimating multipliers: econometric approaches, "accounting" approaches based on spending patterns.
    - Introduction to Input-Output (I-O) models and Social Accounting Matrices (SAM) for economy-wide impact assessment.
    - Practical application of I-O tables to estimate the direct, indirect, and induced effects of social protection spending on output, income, and employment.
    - Case studies of multiplier analyses for social protection in specific contexts, focusing on Kenya's HSNP and other relevant programs.
- **Module 4: Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (CEA) (Day 3)**
    - Principles of CBA: identifying, valuing, and comparing costs and benefits of social protection programs over time.
    - Techniques for monetizing non-market benefits (e.g., health improvements, education gains, reduced crime).
    - Conducting CEA: comparing the costs of different interventions to achieve a specific outcome (e.g., poverty reduction per unit of expenditure).[4]
    - Dealing with discounting, uncertainty, and sensitivity analysis in CBA/CEA for long-term programs.
    - Practical exercises in applying CBA/CEA frameworks to social protection scenarios.
- **Module 5: Macroeconomic and Sectoral Impacts of Social Protection (Day 3)**
    - Analyzing the role of social protection as an automatic stabilizer during economic downturns or crises.
    - Impacts on aggregate demand, consumption, and investment at the national level.
    - Links between social protection and human capital development (education, health, nutrition) and long-term productivity.
    - How social protection can foster structural transformation and reduce informalization.
    - Discussions on how increased social spending can contribute to achieving national development goals and Vision 2030 in Kenya.
- **Module 6: Data Requirements, Limitations, and Analytical Tools (Day 4)**
    - Identifying essential data sources for economic impact analysis: household surveys (e.g., HIES, DHS), administrative data, national accounts, labor force surveys.
    - Addressing data quality issues, limitations, and the need for disaggregated data.
    - Introduction to specialized software and statistical packages for economic impact modeling (e.g., Stata, R, GAMS for CGE).

    - Strategies for overcoming data scarcity through triangulation, proxy indicators, and qualitative methods.
    - Challenges of data collection and availability for social protection impact analysis in Kenya.
- **Module 7: Quantifying Economic Benefits of Shock-Responsive Social Protection (Day 4)**
    - The concept of shock-responsive social protection (SRSP) and its role in mitigating economic losses during crises (e.g., droughts, floods, pandemics).
    - Methodologies for estimating avoided losses and economic stabilization benefits of SRSP.
    - The role of adaptive social protection in protecting livelihoods and preventing asset depletion during shocks.[5]
    - Case studies on the economic impact of SRSP interventions, including Kenya's experience with the HSNP scale-up during droughts.
    - Developing frameworks to measure the "insurance value" of social protection.
- **Module 8: Communicating Economic Impact and Policy Advocacy (Day 5)**
    - Strategies for effectively presenting complex economic findings to non-technical audiences.
    - Developing compelling narratives and visualization tools (infographics, dashboards) to illustrate economic benefits.
    - Integrating economic impact analysis results into national policy dialogues, budget submissions, and advocacy campaigns.
    - Building a strong evidence base for increased and sustainable investment in social protection.
    - Group exercise: Participants develop a policy brief or presentation based on a hypothetical economic impact analysis of a social protection program, tailored for Kenyan policymakers.

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.
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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
07 Sep 2026	11 Sep 2026	Physical	$3,000
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21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$3,000
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
05 Oct 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
12 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
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