

Training course on Gender-Transformative Social Protection Program Design

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 concepts of **gender, gender equality, and gender-transformative approaches** in social protection.
2. Comprehend how **gender inequalities intersect with poverty, vulnerability, and crisis impacts**
3. Master methodologies for conducting comprehensive **gender analysis** to inform social protection program design.
4. Develop expertise in designing **gender-transformative cash transfer programs** that empower women and girls.
5. Formulate strategies for creating **gender-equitable public works and livelihood support programs**.
6. Understand how social protection can effectively **address gendered protection risks, including GBV**.
7. Implement robust approaches to **gender-responsive data collection, monitoring, and evaluation**
8. Explore key **policy, legal, and institutional frameworks** that enable gender-transformative social protection.
9. Apply methodologies for fostering **multi-stakeholder coordination and partnerships** for gender equality.
10. Develop strategies for actively **engaging men and boys** in gender-transformative social protection initiatives.
11. Analyze the **challenges and opportunities** of implementing gender-transformative social protection in diverse contexts.
12. Design a preliminary **gender-transformative social protection program** for a specific context.
13. Examine **global best practices and lessons learned** from successful gender-transformative social protection initiatives.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals committed to advancing gender equality through social protection

1. **Social Protection Policymakers & Program Managers:** Designing and implementing social safety nets.
2. **Gender Equality Advocates & Specialists:** Working to integrate gender into development and humanitarian work.
3. **Humanitarian Aid Workers:** Delivering assistance in emergencies with a gender lens.
4. **Development Practitioners:** From NGOs and international organizations focused on poverty and equity.
5. **Government Officials:** From ministries of social welfare, gender, and planning.
6. **M&E Specialists:** Designing and implementing gender-responsive monitoring and evaluation.
7. **Researchers & Policy Analysts:** Studying gender dynamics in social protection.
8. **Civil Society Organizations:** Advocating for and implementing gender-just programs.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Understanding Gender, Social Protection, and the Nexus

- Define gender, gender equality, gender equity, and gender-transformative approaches.
- Introduce core concepts of social protection and its various instruments.
- Analyze how existing gender inequalities intersect with poverty, vulnerability, and access to social protection.
- Discuss the limitations of gender-neutral or gender-sensitive approaches in achieving true gender equality.
- Explore the strategic rationale and imperative for gender-transformative social protection.

Module 2: Principles of Gender-Transformative Social Protection

- Deep dive into the core principles that underpin gender-transformative social protection programming.
- Focus on actively challenging and changing harmful gender norms, roles, and power imbalances.
- Promoting women's economic empowerment, leadership, and decision-making agency.
- Addressing the unequal burden of unpaid care work and advocating for shared responsibilities.
- Ensuring meaningful engagement of men and boys as allies in achieving gender equality.

Module 3: Gender Analysis for Program Design

- Master methodologies for conducting comprehensive and participatory gender analysis in social protection contexts.
- Collecting sex-disaggregated data and qualitative gender-specific information (e.g., through FGDs, KIIs).
- Identifying specific gender-based barriers, constraints, and opportunities for different groups of women, men, girls, and boys.
- Analyzing power dynamics, decision-making processes, and resource control within households and communities.
- Using gender analysis findings to explicitly inform program objectives, targeting, benefits, and delivery mechanisms.

Module 4: Designing Gender-Transformative Cash Transfers

- Explore how cash transfer programs can be designed to actively promote gender equality and women's empowerment.
- Discuss targeting mechanisms that explicitly consider gendered vulnerabilities (e.g., women-headed households, pregnant and lactating women).
- Strategies for empowering women as primary recipients and decision-makers regarding the use of cash.

- Linking cash transfers with complementary services (e.g., childcare, health, nutrition, financial literacy, GBV services).
- Addressing intra-household dynamics and promoting joint decision-making over resources between partners.

Module 5: Gender-Transformative Public Works and Livelihood Support

- Designing public works programs that actively promote women's equal participation, fair wages, and safe working conditions.
- Creating gender-equitable employment opportunities and skills development programs that challenge occupational segregation.
- Promoting women's access to non-traditional roles and sectors within public works.
- Linking public works to assets that reduce women's drudgery and enhance their well-being (e.g., water points, community infrastructure).
- Supporting women's economic empowerment through livelihood diversification, entrepreneurship, and access to markets.

Module 6: Addressing Gendered Protection Risks through Social Protection

- Identify prevalent gender-based violence (GBV) risks in crisis and non-crisis contexts and their links to social and economic vulnerability.
- Discuss how social protection programs can be designed to mitigate GBV risks and provide safe and confidential support to survivors.
- Integrating GBV risk mitigation measures into all stages of program design, delivery, and monitoring.
- Establishing clear referral pathways and linking social protection beneficiaries to specialized protection services.
- Ensuring child protection and addressing the specific gendered vulnerabilities of girls and boys (e.g., child marriage, child labor).

Module 7: Gender-Responsive Social Protection in Crisis and Fragile Settings

- Analyze the disproportionate and specific gendered impacts of shocks (climate, conflict, economic) and protracted crises.
- Designing shock-responsive social protection (SRSP) that is inherently gender-transformative in its design and implementation.
- Addressing the unique needs and protection risks of women, girls, and other marginalized gender groups in displacement and post-disaster recovery.
- Ensuring equitable access to social protection for women and girls in highly fragile and conflict-affected contexts.
- Case studies of gender-transformative SRSP in diverse crisis settings, highlighting successes and challenges.

Module 8: Data, Monitoring, and Evaluation for Gender Transformation

- Developing gender-sensitive and gender-transformative indicators for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) frameworks.
- Strategies for collecting robust sex-disaggregated data and qualitative data on changes in gender norms, power relations, and agency.
- Using participatory M&E approaches to ensure women's and men's voices and experiences are central to assessment.
- Analyzing data to assess the extent to which programs are achieving gender-transformative outcomes.

- Establishing feedback loops and learning platforms for continuous adaptation based on gender-transformative M&E findings.

Module 9: Policy and Legal Frameworks for Gender-Transformative SP

- Identifying and analyzing national and international policy commitments to gender equality and social protection.
- Reviewing existing legal frameworks and their implications for promoting gender equality in social protection.
- Advocating for policy reforms that remove discriminatory barriers and actively promote gender equality in social protection access and benefits.
- Strengthening institutional capacity for gender mainstreaming and gender-transformative programming within government and implementing agencies.
- Developing and implementing gender-responsive budgeting for social protection programs and policies.

Module 10: Multi-Stakeholder Coordination and Partnerships

- Fostering effective coordination mechanisms between social protection actors, gender equality advocates, and women's rights organizations.
- Building strong partnerships with feminist movements, civil society organizations, and community-based groups.
- Discussing the critical role of local women's organizations in designing and delivering gender-transformative social protection.
- Strategies for engaging diverse stakeholders, including religious leaders and traditional authorities, to challenge harmful norms.
- Promoting a whole-of-society approach to achieving gender-transformative social protection outcomes.

Module 11: Engaging Men and Boys in Gender-Transformative SP

- Understanding the importance and strategic necessity of engaging men and boys as partners and allies in gender transformation.
- Challenging harmful masculinities and promoting positive, equitable gender roles and behaviors.
- Designing social protection interventions that encourage men's participation in care work, household responsibilities, and non-violent communication.
- Addressing men's specific vulnerabilities and needs within social protection programs in a gender-sensitive way.
- Case studies of successful approaches and lessons learned in engaging men and boys for gender equality through social protection.

Module 12: Future Directions and Transformative Change

- Exploring emerging trends and innovations in gender-transformative social protection (e.g., use of technology, climate-gender linkages).
- Discussing the role of social protection in achieving broader systemic change towards gender equality.
- Analyzing the intersection of gender, climate change, migration, and conflict in social protection programming.
- Advocating for sustained political will, financial commitment, and long-term investment in gender transformation.
- Developing a personal or organizational action plan for integrating and championing gender-transformative approaches in social protection.

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 for a Discount

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	\$3,000
14 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
28 Sep 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
05 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
12 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
19 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
26 Oct 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	\$3,000

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