

Disaster Risk Financing and Microfinance Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Microfinance & Financial Inclusion	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand core principles of disaster risk financing within microfinance ecosystems.
2. Apply trending climate-risk assessment tools to evaluate vulnerability and exposure.
3. Design innovative microfinance products supporting disaster resilience.
4. Develop risk transfer mechanisms including index-based insurance and guarantee schemes.
5. Strengthen portfolio risk management using predictive modelling techniques.
6. Integrate liquidity buffers and shock-responsive financing strategies.
7. Apply disaster-responsive credit restructuring and portfolio stabilization methods.
8. Use digital finance tools to scale shock-responsive microfinance solutions.
9. Implement disaster contingency planning within MFIs and community-based institutions.
10. Evaluate the financial sustainability of disaster risk financing instruments.
11. Incorporate ESG and climate-risk metrics into microfinance operations.
12. Strengthen partnership frameworks among MFIs, governments, and donors.
13. Build long-term disaster resilience strategies grounded in inclusive finance.

Organizational Benefits

- Improved client resilience through inclusive risk financing solutions
- Stronger portfolio stability during climate and economic shocks
- Enhanced institutional risk management frameworks
- Increased access to donor and government resilience funding
- Strengthened operational sustainability and business continuity
- Better compliance with global climate-finance standards
- Enhanced capacity to design disaster-responsive financial products
- Improved impact measurement for resilience outcomes
- Reduced default risks during disaster periods
- Improved collaboration across MFI, government, and humanitarian partners

Target Audiences

- Microfinance institution managers and credit officers
- Financial inclusion and development finance specialists
- Risk management professionals and portfolio analysts
- Climate-risk and disaster-risk reduction practitioners
- Government and regulatory agency staff
- NGOs and community-based program managers
- Donor and international development program officers

- Social protection and emergency response planners

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Disaster Risk Financing

- Key concepts in disaster risk financing
- Types of climate and natural hazards affecting microfinance
- Role of microfinance in disaster resilience
- Disaster risk layers: retention and transfer strategies
- Global frameworks supporting disaster financing
- Case Study: Disaster financing gaps during regional floods

Module 2: Microfinance and Vulnerability Dynamics

- Household vulnerability assessment
- Impact of disasters on micro-enterprises
- Income shock patterns and credit risk implications
- Borrower segmentation for resilience financing
- Drivers of vulnerability in rural and urban communities
- Case Study: Income disruptions in coastal communities

Module 3: Risk Identification and Hazard Analysis

- Tools for hazard mapping and exposure analysis
- Climate datasets and risk indicators
- Probabilistic and deterministic risk approaches
- Integrating hazard analysis into MFI planning
- Use of technology for hazard prediction
- Case Study: Cyclone modelling impacts on loan portfolios

Module 4: Index-Based Insurance in Microfinance

- Principles of index-based insurance
- Basis risk and mitigation strategies
- Designing parametric triggers
- Integration with microcredit and savings products
- Regulatory and operational considerations
- Case Study: Drought index insurance for smallholder farmers

Module 5: Shock-Responsive Credit Products

- Emergency loans and rapid-disbursement products
- Restructuring and moratorium frameworks
- Contingency loan features
- Pricing strategies for shock-responsive products
- Ensuring responsible lending practices
- Case Study: Emergency credit post-earthquake

Module 6: Liquidity Buffers and Financial Shock Absorption

- Short-term liquidity management tools
- Risk reserves and capital adequacy considerations
- Contingent credit lines and guarantees
- Managing liquidity during disaster crises
- Internal stress-testing procedures
- Case Study: Liquidity depletion during severe drought

Module 7: Portfolio Risk Modelling

- Early warning indicators for portfolio stress
- Predictive analysis for disaster-prone clients
- Modelling default probabilities
- Stress testing under multiple hazard conditions
- Scenario analysis for MFIs
- Case Study: Portfolio deterioration modelling after floods

Module 8: Digital Tools for Disaster Financing

- Mobile money and digital payments for emergency aid
- Digital credit scoring for disaster risk
- Remote data collection for damage assessments
- Digital claims processing for parametric insurance
- GIS and digital mapping tools
- Case Study: Mobile disbursement after hurricane damage

Module 9: Community-Based Risk Financing

- Role of savings groups and cooperatives
- Community risk pooling mechanisms
- Early action financing approaches
- Integrating community structures with MFIs
- Strengthening local resilience governance
- Case Study: Community funds reducing post-disaster losses

Module 10: Business Continuity Planning for MFIs

- Operational continuity frameworks
- Branch-level preparedness measures
- Staff safety and crisis communication
- Technology continuity and backups
- Maintaining services during disaster periods
- Case Study: MFI continuity challenges during pandemics

Module 11: ESG and Climate Risk in Microfinance

- ESG principles for microfinance
- Climate-risk scoring for loan applicants
- Environmental and social impact indicators
- Risk mitigation for climate-sensitive sectors
- Integrating ESG across operations
- Case Study: ESG screening in agricultural lending

Module 12: Financial Sustainability of Disaster Financing

- Pricing resilience products sustainably
- Cost–benefit analysis of disaster instruments
- Leveraging public and private financing
- Monitoring financial performance of instruments
- Ensuring long-term viability
- Case Study: Sustainability analysis of resilience credit lines

Module 13: Partnerships and Multi-Stakeholder Coordination

- MFI–government coordination channels
- Working with insurers, donors, and NGOs
- Public–private partnership models
- Technical assistance platforms
- Coordination during emergency response
- Case Study: Collaborative financing after typhoon damage

Module 14: Data, Monitoring, and Impact Evaluation

- Data systems for tracking resilience outcomes
- Monitoring resilience product performance
- Measuring borrower coping capacity
- Evaluation frameworks for resilience programs
- Reporting standards for disaster financing
- Case Study: Impact evaluation of a drought response program

Module 15: Designing a Disaster Risk Financing Strategy

- Creating institutional disaster financing policies
- Prioritizing instruments based on risk layers
- Integration into strategic planning
- Implementation and rollout process
- Monitoring long-term institutional resilience
- Case Study: Successful rollout of a multi-instrument DRF strategy

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led presentations and conceptual briefings
- Practical simulations based on microfinance operations
- Group analysis of disaster and portfolio scenarios
- Case study reviews reflecting real community contexts
- Hands-on exercises using risk modelling tools
- Guided development of disaster financing strategies

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

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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.

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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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