

# Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in Microfinance Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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| Category | Microfinance & Financial Inclusion | Duration      | 5 Days                  |
| Base Fee | \$1,500 USD                        | Delivery Mode | Online / On-site Hybrid |

## Course Introduction

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## Programme Curriculum

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### **Course Objectives**

- Understand the principles of dispute resolution in microfinance.
- Identify common causes of client disputes and complaints.
- Design structured complaint handling procedures.
- Apply regulatory and legal requirements in dispute resolution.
- Implement transparent communication with clients.
- Enhance staff capacity in complaint handling.
- Monitor and evaluate dispute resolution effectiveness.
- Apply technology and digital solutions for complaint management.
- Integrate dispute resolution into organizational policies and procedures.
- Reduce operational and reputational risks associated with client complaints.
- Foster trust and improve client satisfaction.
- Learn from global best practices in microfinance dispute management.
- Develop an institutional dispute resolution action plan.

### **Organizational Benefits**

- Improved client trust and satisfaction.
- Reduced complaints escalation and litigation risks.
- Standardized dispute resolution procedures.
- Enhanced compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Increased operational efficiency and transparency.
- Strengthened staff capacity in client service and conflict management.
- Better monitoring and reporting of complaints.
- Sustainable mechanisms for continuous improvement.
- Minimized financial and reputational losses.
- Promotion of ethical and responsible lending practices.

### **Target Audiences**

- Microfinance institution staff

- Compliance and risk officers
- Customer service managers
- Branch and field supervisors
- DFS and mobile money operators
- Regulatory staff and supervisors
- Financial literacy trainers
- Microfinance consultants

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### **Course Modules**

#### **Module 1: Introduction to Dispute Resolution in Microfinance**

- Principles and importance of dispute resolution
- Common types of disputes in microfinance
- Roles and responsibilities of institutions
- Impact of unresolved disputes on operations
- Regulatory expectations and compliance
- Case Study: Dispute resolution challenges in East African MFIs

#### **Module 2: Complaint Handling Systems**

- Designing effective complaint handling procedures
- Standardized documentation and tracking
- Escalation protocols
- Staff roles and responsibilities
- Feedback mechanisms for improvement
- Case Study: Successful complaint handling systems in West African MFIs

#### **Module 3: Legal and Regulatory Frameworks**

- National and regional regulations for client protection
- Compliance requirements for MFIs
- Reporting obligations and enforcement
- Integration of legal standards into operations
- Managing disputes in line with regulatory frameworks

- Case Study: Regulatory compliance in Southeast Asian microfinance

#### **Module 4: Technology and Digital Solutions for Dispute Management**

- Digital tools for complaint registration and tracking
- Automated alerts and reporting systems
- Using mobile platforms for client communication
- Data analysis to identify recurring issues
- Integration with existing operational systems
- Case Study: Digital dispute management in East African DFS networks

#### **Module 5: Building a Sustainable Dispute Resolution Framework**

- Institutional policies and standard operating procedures
- Continuous staff training and capacity-building
- Monitoring and evaluation of dispute resolution processes
- Feedback loops for continuous improvement
- Scaling resolution mechanisms across branches and agents
- Case Study: Implementing sustainable dispute resolution frameworks in leading African MFIs

#### **Training Methodology**

- Interactive presentations and guided discussions
- Practical exercises and scenario simulations
- Case study analysis and group problem-solving
- Role-playing complaint handling and conflict management
- Peer learning sessions and participant presentations
- Development of institutional dispute resolution action plans

#### **Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount**

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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**

- 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 | 25 Sep 2026 | Online   | \$1,000 |
| 21 Sep 2026 | 25 Sep 2026 | Physical | \$1,500 |
| 21 Sep 2026 | 25 Sep 2026 | Physical | \$0     |
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