Training Course on Fiscal Space Assessment for Sustainable Social Protection

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Social Protection	**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:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Analyze core concepts and strategic responsibilities** of **fiscal space assessment** within the context of sustainable social protection financing.

2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **understanding the macroeconomic context** and its implications for fiscal space and social protection.
3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **conducting in-depth analysis of domestic revenue potential** through various tax and non-tax measures.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **identifying and quantifying expenditure inefficiencies** and opportunities for re-allocation towards social protection.
5. **Manage complex considerations** for **assessing debt sustainability and the role of borrowing** as a legitimate, yet carefully managed, source of fiscal space.
6. **Apply robust strategies** for **understanding the political economy of fiscal reforms** and building consensus for social protection financing.
7. **Understand the deep integration of international cooperation and development finance** in complementing domestic efforts to create fiscal space.
8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** from successful fiscal space assessments and financing reforms in diverse country contexts, particularly in Africa (including Kenya).
9. **Optimize strategies for utilizing innovative financing instruments** and blended finance approaches to expand fiscal space for social protection.
10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **managing fiscal risks** and ensuring the long-term sustainability of social protection financing.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of existing social protection financing mechanisms for their adequacy, efficiency, and equity.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **economic volatility, high informality, political resistance, and capacity constraints** in conducting fiscal space assessments.
13. **Develop a holistic, evidence-based, and politically astute approach** to **Fiscal Space Assessment for Sustainable Social Protection,** ensuring robust and equitable financing.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals interested in Fiscal Space Assessment for Sustainable Social Protection:

1. **Senior Officials from Ministries of Finance, Planning, and Social Affairs:** Responsible for national budget formulation, resource allocation, and social sector planning.
2. **Economists and Fiscal Policy Analysts:** Working in government, central banks, and research institutions.
3. **Social Protection Program Managers:** Overseeing large-scale social assistance or social security schemes.
4. **Public Financial Management (PFM) Experts:** Focused on improving efficiency and transparency in public spending.
5. **Development Partners & International Financial Institutions (IFIs):** Supporting social protection financing reforms and technical assistance.
6. **Actuaries and Social Security Specialists:** Involved in financial sustainability assessments of social insurance schemes.
7. **Researchers & Academics:** Specializing in public finance, social policy, and development economics.
8. **Civil Society Organization (CSO) Leaders:** Advocating for increased and more equitable social protection financing and fiscal transparency.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Introduction to Fiscal Space and Social Protection Financing**
    - Defining fiscal space in the context of social protection.
    - Rationale for expanding social protection and its financing implications.
    - Overview of the four main pathways to create fiscal space.
    - Distinction between fiscal space and simply "costing" a program.
    - The dynamic and evolving nature of fiscal space.
- **Module 2: Macroeconomic Framework for Fiscal Space Assessment**
    - Understanding key macroeconomic indicators and their impact on fiscal space.
    - Analyzing GDP growth, inflation, interest rates, and exchange rates.
    - Relationship between fiscal space and overall macroeconomic stability.
    - Developing a baseline macroeconomic scenario for projections.
    - The role of fiscal rules and targets in constraining/enabling fiscal space.
- **Module 3: Domestic Revenue Mobilization (DRM) - Tax Reforms**
    - Progressive taxation: income tax, corporate tax, wealth tax.
    - Indirect taxation: VAT, excise taxes (including "sin" taxes).
    - Broadening the tax base and improving tax compliance.
    - Analyzing the distributional impact of different tax reforms.
    - Case studies of successful tax reforms for social protection (e.g., in Kenya).
- **Module 4: Domestic Revenue Mobilization (DRM) - Non-Tax & Other Sources**
    - Expanding social security contributions, especially for the informal sector.
    - Revenues from natural resources (e.g., oil, minerals).
    - Eliminating illicit financial flows (IFFs) and their impact on fiscal space.
    - Utilizing fiscal and foreign exchange reserves strategically.
    - Exploring levies, dedicated funds, and innovative local taxes.
- **Module 5: Expenditure Re-allocation and Efficiency Gains**
    - Identifying inefficient, inequitable, or unproductive public expenditures.
    - Conducting public expenditure reviews (PERs) and functional reviews.
    - Analyzing potential re-allocations from subsidies, defense, or other sectors.
    - Improving the efficiency of social protection program delivery (e.g., digital payments).
    - Measuring and quantifying efficiency gains for fiscal space creation.
- **Module 6: Debt Sustainability and Prudent Borrowing**
    - Understanding the concepts of public debt and debt sustainability analysis (DSA).
    - The role of domestic and external borrowing as a source of fiscal space.
    - Assessing the risks and benefits of increased borrowing for social protection.
    - Debt restructuring, relief, and their potential to free up fiscal space.
    - Developing a responsible borrowing strategy for long-term sustainability.
- **Module 7: The Political Economy of Fiscal Space Creation**
    - Mapping key stakeholders and their interests in fiscal reforms.
    - Building political will and broad-based consensus for social protection financing.
    - Strategies for effective communication and public engagement on reforms.
    - Overcoming resistance from powerful interest groups.
    - Negotiating trade-offs and ensuring equity in fiscal adjustments.
- **Module 8: International Cooperation and Development Finance**
    - Role of Official Development Assistance (ODA) in social protection financing.
    - Engaging with multilateral development banks (MDBs) and IFIs (e.g., World Bank, IMF).
    - Debt relief initiatives and their contribution to fiscal space.
    - South-South cooperation and peer learning in financing strategies.
    - Aligning external support with national social protection priorities.

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.

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Certification

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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.

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Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
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