

HYBRID

SOCIAL PROTECTION

SOCIAL HEALTH PROTECTION

ADDRESSING INEQUITIES IN ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

BLENDED TRACK
DISTANCE LEARNING (ONLINE): 5 – 23 APRIL 2027
TURIN CENTRE: 26 – 30 APRIL 2027
DISTANCE LEARNING (ONLINE): 3 – 7 MAY 2027

FULLY ONLINE TRACK
DISTANCE LEARNING (ONLINE): 5 APRIL – 7 MAY 2027
60 LEARNING HOURS

Diploma for Social Protection Managers

International Labour Organization

ITC International Training Centre



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COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

ONLINE RESOURCES



LANGUAGES

ENGLISH AND FRENCH



APPLICATION DEADLINE

BLENDED TRACK
26 FEBRUARY 2027

FULLY ONLINE
22 MARCH 2027

OVERVIEW

The right to social health protection remains far from universal, and despite notable advances during the COVID-19 pandemic, progress has stalled since 2020, revealing significant implementation gaps. This hybrid course addresses inequities in access to health care within national social health protection systems, including social protection floors, by providing a comprehensive overview of social health protection and its contribution to achieving universal health coverage (UHC) and universal social protection (USP) in line with the 2030 Agenda. Participants will examine global and national coverage trends, explore the ILO's guiding principles, and analyse country experiences, while focusing on technical and practical strategies for extending coverage, sustainable and equitable financing mechanisms—such as pre-payment and risk pooling—reducing out-of-pocket payments, and reaching vulnerable and hard-to-reach populations, as well as defining benefit packages and levels of financial protection. The course is offered in English and French, with all learning materials and live sessions available in both languages and can be followed either fully online or in a blended modality combining online and face to face tuition, according to participants' needs.

FULLY ONLINE TRACK

Participants opting for this modality will be able to follow the course entirely online through the ITCILO's eCampus over five weeks, from 5 April to 7 May 2027, for an estimated total of 60 learning hours. You will be required to complete a series of self-paced modules on core topics in social health protection as well as attending two weekly live tutor-led sessions per week (during weeks 1,2,3 and 5 of the course). In week 4 of the course, from 26 to 30 April 2027, daily tuition sessions will be streamed live from Turin (from 9:00 to 12:30 UTC+2, Italy time).

BLENDED TRACK

Participants who choose the blended learning modality will first complete three weeks of online learning, from 5 to 23 April. This will be followed by one week of face-to-face learning at the ITCILO campus in Turin, from 26 to 30 April. Please note that this option requires you to travel to Italy during the fourth week of the course. The programme will then conclude with a final online week from 3 to 7 May.

Opting for the blended modality offers additional benefits: enhanced access to ILO experts in social health protection, and the chance to take part in dynamic group activities, discussions, and exercises. You will also have the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences with fellow participants from different countries.

WHO ATTENDS THIS COURSE?

Executives, managers, planners, financial officers, and other professionals responsible for working in social health protection schemes (whether contributory or non-contributory), in both governmental and non-governmental sectors.

Representatives of employers ' and workers ' organizations who sit on the board of social health insurance institutions are also welcome.

Social health protection practitioners and policymakers directly involved in the oversight of social health protection systems.

Individuals working in research roles on social health protection and health financing can also benefit from participating in this training activity.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

- Learn more about social determinants of health.
- Understand the scope and the significance of the financing gap for social protection (SDG 1.3) and health (SDG 3.8).
- Explore the essential dimension of human resources in health and the implications for social health protection.
- Frame national social health protection strategies and programmes in international normative frameworks.
- Understand the rationale for health and wellbeing of sickness and maternity benefits while looking at the implications of various financing mechanisms on the coverage and adequacy of the benefits.
- Explore, analyse, and compare different models for revenue collection with practical examples and case studies.
- Assess different approaches and technical options for extending coverage – especially to informal workers and migrants and refugees – and broadening risk pooling.
- Benefit packages: understand the formulation process – selecting a range of health interventions and cost coverage.
- Learn about different approaches to purchasing health services in the context of social health protection schemes.
- Understand the importance of robust governance, management, and administration of social health protection programmes to leverage the resources and structures offered by broader social protection and health systems.
- Identify the latest trends and the important role of emerging technologies in social health protection.
- In-depth, participatory workshops on coverage extension, monitoring health insurance and actuarial modelling for health will be offered as part of the blended modality of this course.

LATEST TRENDS

Learn from international social health protection experts.

PARTICIPATION

Advanced learning experience to further strengthen your competencies.

CERTIFICATION

Move closer to obtaining the Diploma for Social Protection Managers.

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WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

- Learn from international social health protection experts grounding theory and practice in international standards as well as practical country experiences.
- Join a global network of social protection and health professionals to share learning and best practices.
- Engage in a highly interactive digital learning environment hosted on the ITCILO's eCampus, offering a wealth of online resources, self-paced modules, and case studies, as well as weekly live sessions led by highly experienced trainers, and individual and group exercises to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing.
- Join a week of dynamic residential training to further enhance your learning, if you opt for the blended modality of the course.
- Successful participants receive an ITCILO Certificate of Achievement.
- This course is an eligible course for the Diploma for Social Protection Managers. To achieve the Diploma, successful candidates must complete four courses within a five-year period and undertake a Capstone project.

HOW TO APPLY

Blended track: Find the application form at https://oarf2.itcilo.org/STF/A9719824/en and apply before **26 February 2027**.

Fully online track: Find the application form at https://oarf2.itcilo.org/DST/A9719824/en and apply before **22 March 2027**.

PRICE

BLENDED TRACK

Tuition €2,080
Subsistence €865
Total €2,945

FULLY ONLINE TRACK

Total €1,595

CAMPUS LIFE

A THRIVING UNITED NATIONS CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY OF PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- **Three organizations** from the United Nations system on campus
- **More than 300 training courses** and activities in a stimulating international environment
- **Thousands of participants** from all over the world

ENVIRONMENT AND SURROUNDINGS

Grab a campus bicycle and explore the Turin Centre. Located in a leafy park on the banks of the Po River, it's a great place for study and collaboration. Experience innovative learning and training methods in modern classrooms equipped with simultaneous translation services.

HOUSING, DINING, AND MORE

Comprising more than 280 private dormitories, the **Turin Campus provides a broad range of services for course participants and partners** including a free-flow restaurant, travel agency, laundromat, post office, gym, medical services and a reception desk open 24/7.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DIVERSITY

Participants can enjoy social events organized by the Turin Centre as well as by their course facilitators. Whether on or off campus, people from different cultural backgrounds have the opportunity to listen to live music together, cook and share traditional foods, or team up to play games and network.

WITHDRAWAL, CANCELLATION POLICY, AND REFUNDS FOR OPEN COURSES

If an enrolled participant wishes or must withdraw from a course, they may choose to apply to a different course or be substituted by another candidate. The participant must notify the Centre, in writing, of their decision at least 14 days prior to the start date of the course. Cancellation of participation in regular courses will result in the following penalties:

- 14 days or more prior to the start date of the course: No penalty, 100% refund of amount paid less applicable bank charges
- 8 to 13 days prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 50% of course price, refund of residual amount paid (if any) less applicable bank charges
- 7 days or less prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 100% of course price.

INFO

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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