Financial Protection Academy

Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange on Crisis and Disaster Risk Finance

CREATING THE BEST TALENT TO TAKE CRISIS OUT OF DISASTER

Disaster Risk Financing & Insurance Program

SUPPORTED BY WORLD BANK GROUP
Developing countries face an increasingly complex risk landscape. Interconnected hazards threaten to roll back development gains and undermine efforts to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity.

The Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance Program (DRFIP) provides client countries with expertise on financial risk management for disasters, climate shocks, and other crises. We offer a suite of services encompassing analytical, capacity building, advisory, and financial to help vulnerable countries shift from being crisis responders to becoming proactive risk managers. This change requires public officials with understanding in a combination of technical and policy areas. We help build that capacity through all our engagements.

Why Financial Protection Academy

In delivering our knowledge services, we strive to integrate multi-sectoral perspectives and connect macro and micro, private and public, global and local, and policy and implementation.

This knowledge ecosystem consists of face-to-face training and customizable interactive learning modules strengthened by a Community of Practice and the external Financial Protection Forum. We do not offer learning in isolation; rather we have deliberately worked toward establishing a standard skill set to bring tailored guidance to Ministries of Finance and other relevant stakeholders.

Financial Protection Academy is a direct response to increasingly frequent requests from clients for standardized exchange and training on crisis and risk finance. Since inception, we have trained over 5,000 key stakeholders, both face-to-face and virtually through our learning modules, receiving an average rating of 8.6/10.

5,000+
Stakeholders trained in risk financing

2,500+
Members worldwide in the award-winning Disaster Risk Finance Community of Practice

60+
Countries trained in the fundamentals of disaster risk finance

50+
Modular training and learning tools available

99%
Net referral score
DEMAND-DRIVEN CURRICULUM
All our curricula and training materials are 100% demand-driven and directly linked to operational work. Each training program is co-developed with strong technical input from clients and technical staff and is piloted with test audiences to ensure operational relevance and technical strength before delivery to clients.

INTERACTIVE LEARNING MODEL
Our capacity-building programs follow design thinking and multiple intelligence frameworks to ensure that the content is relevant, engaging, and catered to audiences with different learning styles and needs. These programs include but are not limited to interactive simulations, gamification, focus groups, real-world business challenges, guest speakers, online tools, and case discussions—all reinforcing the practical applications of these frameworks.

GLOBAL REACH AND ALUMNI BASE
The Financial Protection Academy courses have attracted close to 5,000 stakeholders from over 60 countries, creating a vast network of alumni from around the world.

A COLLABORATIVE LEARNING COMMUNITY
The Financial Protection Academy is supported by the award-winning Disaster Risk Finance Community of Practice, which has over 2,500 members and is among the largest learning communities on the topic worldwide. This active community stays in contact through a monthly newsletter, annual face-to-face events, and signature events at large global conferences.

The community also maintains a virtual presence on www.financialprotectionforum.org, a dedicated platform developed to enable wider distribution of publications, learning materials, and case studies and to serve as a convening space for knowledge and exchange on disaster risk finance.

DIVERSE, SENIOR-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS
Our training programs regularly convene a global mix of experienced participants. Program demographics are carefully balanced based on the target audience and goals of the specific service offering. Participants can expect to collaborate with thought leaders within government and to engage with a specialized team of World Bank Group staff.
Executive Education Program: Analysis To Action

The flagship Executive Education Programs bring together World Bank Group task team leaders and selected clients for a week-long immersive learning program on disaster risk financing.

In this intensive and academically rigorous program, participants can expect to gain new perspectives, develop actionable plans, and receive 1:1 technical coaching with technical experts, donors, and peers. The program will provide you the technical tools to create a comprehensive financial protection strategy for your country, as well as connections and resources that you can draw upon professionally and personally.

July 2018: Analysis to Action (Global) in collaboration with University of Cambridge.

23 Delegates from Ministries of Finance, World Bank country experts and donor organizations

100% Delegates scored the program “good” or “excellent”

100% Delegates would recommend this course to a colleague

“This course is one of the best, if not the best, that I’ve ever attended in my Professional career!”

Marija Bijelic, Senior Financial Advisor, Public Investment Management Office, Serbia

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

We firmly believe in scaling up learning and knowledge-exchange opportunities by building rewarding and enduring relationships with our counterparts, including other multi-laterals, research universities, and nongovernmental organizations that span the disaster risk management landscape across cultures and countries.

We have carried out programs in partnership with global universities like University of Antananarivo (Madagascar), BRAC University (Bangladesh), University of Cambridge (UK), Georgetown University (USA), Stanford University (USA) and University of Stellenbosch (South Africa), among others.

We have also carried out programs with nonacademic knowledge partners, including BRAC Bangladesh, the Commonwealth Secretariat, InsuResilience Global Partnership, International Federation of Red Cross, Red Crescent Societies, the Start Network and World Food Programme among others.
The beauty of this program is that with the range of disaster risk finance instruments presented to different delegates across the continent, Sierra Leone is now better prepared to manage new types of disasters moving forward.”

Hon. Dr. Patricia N. Laverley, Deputy Minister of Finance, Sierra Leone

Upcoming in Spring 2020: Analysis to Action (Asia) in collaboration with Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Insurance Facility (SEADRIF).

Specialized Training Modules

Fundamentals of Disaster Risk Finance (DRF)
https://olc.worldbank.org/content/fundamentals-disaster-risk-finance-0

The Fundamentals of DRF will increase your understanding of the purpose, scope, development impact, and basic principles of DRF and empower you to start a conversation on DRF with stakeholders. You will gain key insights into a range of innovative disaster risk finance projects across the globe. This module is also available as an e-learning certification through the World Bank Group’s Open Learning Campus.

3,000+
Stakeholders have been trained face-to-face

2,000+
Stakeholders have completed the e-learning

98%
Participants would recommend this training to a peer

I definitely recommend colleagues to take the Fundamentals of Disaster Risk Finance course because the team did an excellent job of explaining the core fundamentals of disaster risk financing. The course enables teams to think about how to engage with their counterparts on disaster risk financing and present some ideas of how we can bring them into projects.”

Keren Carla Charles, Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank Group
An Introduction to Disaster Risk Finance Analytics
This module will help you better understand risk information, challenge quantitative results, and evaluate options to make risk-informed decisions for financial planning. You will be guided through a typical DRF analytics work flow and be introduced to various financial instruments that can be used to increase the financial resilience of countries against disasters.

Practical exercises are included to demonstrate real-world applications of DRF analytics. Hands-on learning is encouraged through group case studies and interactive online exercises whereby participants manipulate risk models to build likely scenarios.

This module will be available as an e-learning certification through the World Bank Group's Open Learning Campus in January 2020.

“Experiences shared in the program gave me better insight into how I should advise my government to assess disaster risk financing instruments and form partnerships.”

Odo Tevi, Ambassador, Vanuatu Mission to United Nations

Fundamentals: Shock-Responsive Social Safety Nets
This participatory training focuses on the financial side of managing the impacts of shocks. It covers practical steps and a range of real-world examples concentrated on developing and scaling up shock-responsive safety nets.

“The program brought together the most amazing people with different expertise. I like the way people communicated. Sharing knowledge or learning from each other is just the best moment for me.”

Alister Kambamura, Senior Economist, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Zimbabwe

500+ Stakeholders have been trained face-to-face
3 Interactive training tools are used as part of the course
100% Participants would recommend this training to a peer

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90 min Simulated learning experience is offered
100% Participants would recommend this training to a peer

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Gamification And Simulated Learning

**Master the Disaster**
60 Minutes

*Role playing:* A simulated learning experience to apprehend the purpose, complexity, and scope of disaster risk financing. Participants pick a combination of innovative disaster risk financing instruments and compete with other countries to win the prize for “Best DRF Strategy.”

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**Financing Fast and Slow**
90 Minutes

*Interactive learning and role playing:* A simulated exercise to provide cash transfers to targeted poor and vulnerable households and establish the key building blocks of a local shock-responsive safety net system.

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**Riskland**
30 Minutes

*Plenary-style game:* A game for large audiences that uses large dice, interactive props, and lots of excitement to explain the different financial instruments, and how they can be used to layer your risk and inform your DRF strategy.

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Disaster Risk Finance in the Pacific
https://olc.worldbank.org/content/disaster-risk-finance-pacific

This training elucidates why disaster risk finance is important in Pacific Island Countries (PICs), with specific coverage of the range of instruments available and how they are being used in PICs to support financial resilience. Participants will be introduced to disbursement mechanisms and analytical tools that can support the advancement of financial protection in the region. This module is also available as an e-learning certification through the World Bank Group’s Open learning campus.

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"I met so many friends and colleagues from different countries, and we are facing different sorts of problems. The way the program was organized, especially the learning methodology backed by very strong technical inputs, is very interesting and helpful for me to carry out my job in Bangladesh."

Mrityunjoy Das, Senior Programme Manager, BRAC, Bangladesh
Engage with the Financial Protection Academy

**Get Customized Operational Training Programs**

The customized operational training programs are the cornerstone of the Financial Protection Academy. World Bank Group staff tailor the training and feedback to help you understand your financial protection gaps or strategic opportunities, then guide you in building, fine-tuning, and optimizing a comprehensive DRF strategy and implementation plan.

**Leverage Our Training Material**

We have developed and curated an extensive library of training resources and materials, which are available for organizations and universities to use on a case-by-case basis. For more information, please contact: Kaavya Ashok Krishna: kashokkrishna@worldbank.org

**Join the Conversation**

Participate in discussions and build valuable relationships through the world’s largest community of disaster risk financing practitioners and professionals. Sign up today by scanning the QR code to receive our monthly Community of Practice newsletter, which provides relevant research, impact stories, and information on upcoming events and programs.

**Contribute to the Conversation**

We are happy to publish relevant articles, videos, photographs, and research on the Financial Protection Forum—our knowledge platform dedicated to risk finance. For more information, please contact Peijing Li: pli2@worldbank.org

**Take the Next Step**

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