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Introduction

Program-for-Results PforR is a flagship World Bank financing instrument that links disbursements directly to the achievement of predefined results. At the heart of this approach are Key Performance Indicators KPIs, also referred to as Disbursement-Linked Indicators DLIs, which ensure accountability by measuring program performance against strategic objectives.

This advanced training course equips participants with the knowledge and skills to design, monitor, verify, and evaluate KPIs/DLIs within the PforR framework. Through real-world case studies and hands-on exercises, participants will learn how to align indicators with government priorities, establish verification systems, apply adaptive management, and draw lessons from global PforR projects to maximize program impact.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the role of KPIs/DLIs in PforR and results-based financing.
- Design robust KPIs/DLIs that align with government strategies and sector priorities.
- Develop verification systems to ensure the accuracy, transparency, and credibility of results.
- Monitor, evaluate, and adapt projects based on KPI/DLI performance trends.
- Apply global lessons from successful PforR projects to strengthen program effectiveness and scalability.

Course Outlines

Day 1 - Introduction to PforR and KPI/DLI Concept

- Principles, objectives, and financing mechanism of PforR.
- The role of KPIs/DLIs in linking disbursements to results.
- Types of KPIs/DLIs: input, output, outcome, and impact.
- Key principles for effective DLI design in results-based financing.
- Case study: Successful KPI/DLI applications in global PforR projects.



Day 2 - Designing Advanced KPIs/DLIs

- Aligning DLIs with government priorities and sector strategies.
- SMART and results-driven design for measurable outcomes.
- Setting baselines, targets, and disbursement thresholds.
- Integrating DLIs into Program Action Plans PAPs.
- Workshop: Drafting a KPI/DLI framework for a sample PforR project.

Day 3 - Verification of KPIs/DLIs

- Role of Independent Verification Agents IVAs and verification protocols.
- Data collection and management systems for DLI monitoring.
- Ensuring reliability and transparency in KPI/DLI verification.
- Managing discrepancies and dispute resolution in results verification.
- Simulation exercise: Conducting a mock DLI verification process.

Day 4 - Monitoring, Reporting, and Adaptive Management

- Developing KPI/DLI-based monitoring and reporting frameworks.
- Linking performance results directly to disbursement decisions.
- Risk identification and mitigation when KPIs/DLIs fall short.
- Adaptive management: adjusting DLIs and PAPs during program implementation.
- Practical exercise: Analyzing KPI trends and proposing corrective actions.

Day 5 - Evaluation, Scaling, and Global Lessons

- Evaluating success through KPI/DLI achievement.
- Lessons from international PforR programs: successes and challenges.
- Strategies for scaling and replicating KPI-driven PforR programs.
- Role-play exercise: Negotiation between the government and World Bank on DLI design.
- Capstone project: Developing and presenting a complete KPI/DLI framework for a complex PforR case.

Why Attend this Course: Wins & Losses!

- Solid Foundation: Master the principles of results-based financing and the critical role of KPIs/DLIs in PforR.
- Practical Tools: Gain hands-on experience in designing, monitoring, verifying, and evaluating KPIs/DLIs.
- Accuracy & Accountability: Learn advanced verification methods with Independent Verification Agents IVAs to ensure credibility.
- Adaptive Management: Acquire strategies to adjust DLIs and Program Action Plans when results are off-track.
- Global Insights: Apply lessons and best practices from successful World Bank PforR projects worldwide.
- Strategic Impact: Transform KPIs and DLIs into powerful tools for accountability, transparency, and high-impact results.



Conclusion

The Advanced KPIs and Performance Monitoring for PforR Projects course empowers professionals to go beyond theory and master the real-world application of results-based financing. By combining in-depth knowledge of KPIs/DLIs, practical exercises on verification and monitoring, and lessons from global PforR initiatives, this program ensures participants gain the expertise needed to design, implement, and scale results-driven frameworks.

Whether you are a government official, development practitioner, or project manager, this course will equip you with the tools and confidence to achieve measurable, accountable, and sustainable results in complex PforR programs.

