The Helix Institute at MSC

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We are the Helix Institute at MSC

About us



At the Helix Institute at MSC, we provide world-class training and cutting-edge data for digital financial services providers. The institute was founded in November, 2013 as a partnership between MSC (MicroSave Consulting), Financial Sector Deepening Africa (FSDA), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), and the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF). Additional funding from the Mastercard Foundation in 2016 enabled expansion into Francophone Africa.

Our vision



Why us?

 A center of excellence and the go-toplace for high quality, practical, and relevant training courses in topical issues for emerging markets and segments, with an emphasis on financial, social, and economic services that focus on digital inclusion.



- Our mission is to provide relevant, contextual knowledge and practice-backed insights through training courses and workshops to stakeholders in the development sector, such as financial service providers, mobile network operators, policymakers, regulators, donors, investors, development partners, and end-users.
- We strongly believe in empowering and utilizing local capability and knowledge to catalyze the process and outcomes of development and underpin a sustainable approach to problem solving.

 Our training methods are backed by decades of practical experience. Owing to our years of consulting practice, we bring rich data and insights with relevant case studies and examples in our courses.

 Our courses have embedded elements of learning by doing, action planning, and technical assistance.

375 training courses

delivered

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Stakeholders in the financial service sector trained







Our approaches to training are highly customized and learner-centric

CLASSROOM TRAINING

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Our classroom training focuses on active, small group methods and practical case studies, teamwork, and exchanges between participants. They usually last between three to five days.

TAILORED INSTITUTIONAL TRAINING

We offer three-to-five-day training courses to institutions to address their needs around internal capacity development. The training courses are highly practical and are designed to solve pressing institutional challenges.

ONLINE- SELF-PACED TRAINING

Through our e-learning course, we enable capacity building through practical examples and case studies. The approach accommodates the needs of learners and offers them the freedom to complete the course in their own time and space.

DIGITAL INSTITUTIONAL TRAINING

We offer about 6-25 hours of facilitated learning sessions spread over one to six weeks through the use of digital platforms, such as LITMOS LMS, Zoom, or similar platforms. We design the core content based on institutional needs.





Each training program designed and delivered at the Helix Institute is based on adult learning principles to create an effective learning environment. The facilitators use an interactive approach through group discussions and case studies to deliver the training courses. Our training toolkits have activities-based learning, slides, exercises, and handouts. Participants can ask questions, receive feedback and gain new insights from others.

Our trainings are delivered in English and French. Our facilitators are experts in their field with multilingual competency.



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Modes of

training

Our courses meet the varying needs of diverse segments of participants (1)

Segment



Financial institutions, mobile money operators, and agent network managers



FinTechs, AgTechs, InsurTechs, and other tech startups



Central banks, ministries of finance, and other regulators and supervisors in the financial sector

Donors, investors, and multilateral organizations Some of our notable courses relevant for these segments

- Designing and implementing innovative solutions
- Rethinking marketing for digital finance
- Agent banking: Getting strategy and operations right
- ✤ Managing risks and fraud in digital finance
- Digital transformation for financial institutions
- Digitizing the real economy, such as agricultural value chains and MSMEs
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- Digital credit: Managing risk and achieving scale
- ▼ Regulating digital financial services, FinTechs, Data analytics
- Designing and implementing G2P and P2G programs
- ✤ Digital identity and database management
- Public finance management systems and network exchange infrastructure
- Interoperable payment systems
- Remittances and financial inclusion
- ♥ Building a digital future for financial institutions
- Climate change and financial services
- ◆ Social performance management, customer protection, and responsible digital financial inclusion
- Digitizing real economy such as agricultural value chains and MSMEs
- Gender and financial services



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Segment



Users and last-mile enablers of financial services (refugees, smallholder farmers, social payments and welfare program beneficiaries, MSMEs, agents)

Some of our notable courses relevant for these segments

- Financial and digital capacity
- Good agricultural practices
- Digital G2P program and digital financial inclusion benefits
- Digital G2P program processes and policies
- Business development services for MSMEs *
- Training agents for growth: A ToT approach
- Business development services for agents -
- Start your Entrepreneurship journey -







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Testimonials

"The training covered critical topics. These will help improve payment models for social assistance in Indonesia, especially in areas with low-income populations and poor infrastructure."

Ali Sain Imu | Ministry of Social Affairs, Indonesia

"This training for me was a paradigm shift in my knowledge of financial services and enhance my role as an innovator in industry in Ghana through liquidity management and operational efficiency. Let's hope that all players in the industry can take advantage of this opportunity."

Wisdom Alorwuse | Tigo Ghana

"I found the training relevant to my current role. The chapter on DFS business models was particularly insightful. The training will also come in handy if I work in a department related to digital financial services in the future. This training fulfilled my expectations of Digital Financial Services 101".

Reggy Arya Putra | Bank of Indonesia

"Digital finance risk and fraud training is a fundamental course for any risk manager and a company that makes financial inclusion one of its strategic objectives. This course equips participants with practical means to apply skills in the short and long term to guard against risks in digital finance".

Catherine Amai | Stanbic - Uganda







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