

Introduction

SACCOs are increasingly becoming vital financial entities that comprise the institutional base for financial intermediation at the grass root level. SACCOs can be afforded by most people who are otherwise ignored by the formal financial institutions. SACCOs are capable of providing financial services to both the economically active poor and middle class individuals.



Pioneer Tutors of PFCMP with the DID In charge, Claude Marceau in one of their trainings.

For the past several years we have witnessed an explosion in the growth in the number, membership and resources of SACCOs in Uganda. By 31 December 2014 the Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives had registered more than 6,000 SACCOs implying that the financial intermediation role of SACCOs has been significant

The investment made by ordinary people in SACCOs and the extent of financial intermediation taking place as a result needs to be managed and supervised by professional staff knowledgeable and competent in financial management and analysis of member based microfinance institutions such as SACCOs.

Most SACCOs have been managed and governed by Managers and Leaders who lack the expertise. There has been intermittent trainings most of which does not meet the specific needs of financial cooperatives. Lack of professional knowledge and skills may lead to stunted SACCO growth and in some cases failure of these financial entities.

Based on the experienced training gaps, Uganda Cooperative Alliance (UCA) in partnership with Moshi University College of Cooperative and Business Studies has initiated a special training program on the professional management of SACCOs known as “**Professional Financial Cooperative Management Program**” or (**PFCMP**). Development International Desjardins (DID) through the financing of the government of Canada has provided technical support in the initiation, adaptation and development of the program. The program is also offered in Canada, Russia, Vietnam, Tanzania and several West African countries

.Overall Objective of the Training Program

The program is designed to equip SACCO practitioners with appropriate knowledge and skills to enable them carry out effective governance and management of SACCOs nationally or internationally.

Course Design

- The Professional Certificate in SACCO Management (PC-SACCOs) is a 9 months distance training program that targets board members, managers, and employees in SACCOs, government and other organizations staff working with SACCOs as well as private practitioners whose main aim is to acquire

relevant expertise for supporting, supervising and managing SACCOs.

- The level of training provides hands-on practical skills to manage SACCOs.
- Candidates undertake studies while at work
- Candidates are required to study seven modules specific for the professional management of SACCOs plus a practical assignment.
- The minimum entry qualification is a relevant Diploma or the equivalent.
- New intakes start in August of every year.
- Applications are normally received up to October 31st of every year and are available at all UCA offices in Koboko, Lira, Arua, Nebbi, Masindi, Mubende, Mbale, Jinja, Mukono, Masaka, Mbarara and Kampala. They may also be downloaded from UCA’s website

www.uca.co.ug or MoCU

www.mucoobs.ac.tz



2nd PFCMP Graduation ceremony at Pope Paul Memorial Hotel

The Program content

Module A: Nature and **Distinguishing** Features of SACCOs

Module B: Structure and Governance of SACCOs

Module C: Financial Management and Analysis for SACCOs

Module D: Strategies and Features for setting up SACCOs

Module E: Credit Management in SACCOs

Module F: Examination, Supervision and Regulation of SACCOs

Module G: Training in SACCOs

A Practical assignment to be conducted in a SACCO

Experienced Tutors are on hand to conduct and handle the training and assist the trainees.

Training Centers: Arua, Mbale, Kampala, Mbarara Mubende and Kabarole



A modern Banking Hall at Kakuuto Small Business Development SACCO in Rakai District

Tuition Fees: Students pay US\$ 700 or the equivalent in Ug.shs

Award: On successful completion of the Program, candidates shall be awarded a **Financial Cooperative Management Professional Certificate.**

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