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**IO3: Financial Literacy Training for Parents**

**Session Plan**

**Module 2 – Family Financial Management**

# Introduction

The Money Matters training sessions contain a series of eight half-day workshops for parents and guardians.

Workshops 1 – 6 aim to assist parents and guardians in developing their financial literacy capacity through a range of dedicated Money Matters activities and learning materials. Workshops 7 and 8 aim to support parents and guardians in their role as trainers of family learning within their immediate family networks, by providing them with the skills and competences to share the Money Matters resources with their networks.

**Module Contents**

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Welcome to Workshop 2 – Family Financial Management.

Learning Outcomes: After completing this workshop, parents and carers will be able to:

* find a balance between their earnings and their expenditure
* think about involving children in family budgeting
* find a possible way to make savings by calculating their expenditure/earnings.

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| Module Title: Family Financial Management | | | | |
| **Timing** | **Learning Activities** | **Training methods** | **Materials / Equipment Required** | **Handouts and Activity Sheets** |
| 5 minutes | **Welcome**  **Learning Outcomes (LO)**  **Plan for the session**  Introduce the visual plan giving a brief overview and any housekeeping/notices. | Orientation | PC and projector  Flip chart and Markers  PP 2- LO  PP3 VISUAL PLAN | Sign-in sheet for the workshop |
| 10 minutes | **Activity M2.1**  Warmer:  In pairs, create **a mind map** of **the idea** of money including some financial words from the last session. Include words, drawings, colour etc.  Ensure Budget is included. |  | Flipchart and markers  PP4 | Flip chart paper and pens for the participants |
| 20 minutes | **Activity M 2.2.**  **Introduction to Family Financial Management**  What is included in a budget and how important is it for families to have a family budget plan?  Ask participants, in pairs, to answer the questions  What is a budget?  Why do we need budgets?  How do you budget?  S/he will write down the budgeting content and most important findings and meanings on the flipchart. | Collaboration & Practice | Flipchart and markers  PP5 |  |
| 20 minutes | **Activity M2.3**  **What can a budget look like?**  Ask the participants to work in pairs and calculate the income stream.  Then ask them to fill in the expenses of an imaginary family, make up the figures.  **!** Obviously, they do not have to provide their personal data, but simply imagine a hypothetical family budget plan as a group.  Talk through PP 7-9 on budgeting. Ask the group if they know of any good websites or apps for budgeting.  They can also be shown the Money Matters App |  | PP 6  PP 7-9 | Handout M2.3 |
| 20 minutes | **Activity M2.4**  **Budgeting for children (6-12 year olds)**  Give out the comic. In pairs read the content and discuss ideas on how they could use the comic to help a child understand budgeting. e.g., read it together, do maths with pocket money, paying for things in shops. |  | PP 10 | Comic Strip 3.  Save now, spend later- spending saving and budgeting. |
| 10 minutes | Break | | | |
| 30 minutes | **How to manage debts**  Ask participants what they know about debts. They will discuss as a group about its meaning, and participants will be asked to provide some examples of a debt situations.  Write some examples raised by the group on the flipchart.  Then ask the participants to **describe possible strategies** they could use to overcome one of financial debt situations reported by the participants. The facilitator will write them on the flip chart.  Using the PowerPoint slides the facilitator will suggest ways to manage debt, comparing with the strategies proposed by the group.  He/she will write on the flip chart any more Top Tips to add. | Active Learning  Collaboration & Practice | Flip chart and markers.  PC and projector  PP 12-14 |  |
| 30 minutes | **Activity M 2.5**  **Needs and Wants**  **Thinking about family saving during periods of inflation.**  Link budgeting to needs and wants and spending and saving.  Then, provide participants with copies of **Handout M2.5**.  After the participants have filled in the activity sheet, the facilitator will ask for suggestions and write on the flipchart 5 of the possible unnecessary expenses chosen by the group from the household items listed in the sheet.  The purpose of this activity is to encourage people to use a budget plan and suggest top tips for saving PP 16 -17  Give out Tips Sheet 2.1 | Active Learning  Collaboration & Practice | Flipchart and markers  PC and projector  PP15  PP 16 -17 | Handout M2.5  Tips sheet 2.1 |
| 15 minutes | **Activity M2.6**  **A difficult family financial situation – What could Elain do?**  Ask the participants to read the scenarios then in small groups, discuss how they would deal with this type of situation. What are the issues? How might they be dealt with?  Ask for three suggestions from each group.  Write all the results on the flip chart. | Active Learning  Collaboration & Practice | PC and projector  Flip chart  PP18 |  |
| 15 minutes | **A good family budget plan.**    Read the scenario and ask participants to answer and discuss the following question:  How could Marie and John control their expenses and save money?  Suggestions  • by using their credit card less  • by using their debit card less  • by reducing their shopping  • by reducing household expenses  • by avoiding using their car  Additionally, ask how a good plan can affect the psychological state of family members. | Collaboration & Practice | PC and projector  PP19-20 |  |
| 5 mins | **Workshop Closing**  Thank participants for their participation and will close the session.  For more resources visit the Money Matters website. | Collaboration & Practice | No additional resources required. | No additional resources required. |
| **Assessment (How will you find out what parents and carers have learned?)**  Participants will be continually assessed throughout the session, in their active participation in individual and group activities. The trainer will pose questions on the learning materials and encourage participants to reflect upon the content of the training session. | | | | |
| Examples of assessment | Trainers will give participants scenarios to discuss and activities to examine the knowledge they have gained through the session. | | | |
| Duration | 180 Minutes | | | |