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Microfinance Community



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From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

Greetings from the Resource Team - Microfinance!

We were able to complete three important discussions during this period:

- State of the Sector Report Phase I ;
- State of the Sector Report Phase II ; and
- Business Correspondent model

All the three discussions are having national level importance in the microfinance sector. While the outputs of the State of the Sector report will be provided to the authors of the State of the Sector report for consideration of the suggestions given by our members, outputs of the Business Correspondent Model will be used as inputs for policy changes. We are working on the consolidated reply of these discussions and very soon we will come out with the final knowledge products.

Microfinance Community has been focusing on both macro and micro issues of Microfinance sector and therefore conducting discussion on the following two important areas:

- National Rural Livelihood Mission
- National Land Reforms Policy

The outputs of the NRLM discussion will be shared in a national level roundtable on NRLM whereas the outputs of the discussion on Land reforms policy will be forwarded to the ministry of rural development for necessary use.

We are happy to share that with your inputs and contributions through Microfinance community, Solution Exchange several policy changes are taking place and very soon we will consolidate and share with all our members.

Please keep sharing your knowledge and experience for the betterment of the sector and stakeholders of the sector.

Regards,

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Resource Team, Microfinance Community
Solution Exchange, United Nations, New Delhi

Members Postings

Workshops, Trainings, Conferences & Events

Upcoming

From Mohammad Anas, UNDP, New Delhi



Money2020 conference, 6-10 October, 2013, Las Vegas

ACCION and the Center for Financial Inclusion announce the Money2020 conference at Las Vegas, NV on October 6-10, 2013. Money2020 explores the trends in payments and financial services innovation – such as the mobile Internet, open platforms and consumer empowerment – while also bringing together the broader worldwide community of innovators that are profoundly changing how consumers and businesses manage, spend and borrow money. Please click [here](#) to register.



6th Livelihoods India Conference, 11-12 December, 2013, New Delhi

Livelihoods India Conference provides a platform for various stakeholders in the sector to exchange and benefit from learning around challenges towards ensuring sustainable livelihoods of the poor. Some of the broad thematic areas around which the sessions will be structured this year include new generation models for livelihoods promotion of the poor, alternate paradigms for livelihoods promotion and CSR and private sector engagement in livelihoods promotion of poor. Knowledge Products like the State of India's Livelihoods (SOIL) Report, the Sitaram Rao Livelihoods India Case Study Compendium and a book on Social Enterprises in Agriculture will also be released during the Conference. Please click [here](#) for details.

Community News

Open Queries:

- **QUERY:** [State of the Sector Report 2013: Microfinance regulations and status of compliances at various levels- Experiences; Advice](#) Click [here](#) to send your responses
- **QUERY:** [Status of Implementation and Strategies to Fast track National Rural Livelihood Mission-Experiences; Advice](#) Click [here](#) to send your responses

From Our Partners

Call for Action

From Albert Rozario, Access Development Services, New Delhi



Microfinance India Awards 2013

ACCESS Development Services & ASSIST seeks nominations under multiple categories for Microfinance India Awards. Click [here](#) to participate

From Alka Singh, Access Development Services, New Delhi



The Citi Micro Enterprise Awards 2013

Citi Foundation has partnered with Access Development Services, to recognize and honor community based micro enterprises and an organization that has promoted livelihoods and enterprises, in multiple award categories. Please click [here](#) for participating

From Mohammad Anas, UNDP, New Delhi

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THE 2013
AFI GLOBAL
POLICY FORUM
DRIVING POLICIES FOR OPTIMAL IMPACT
10-12 September 2013 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



AFI Global Policy Forum (GPF) 2013, 10-12 September, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI), in cooperation with the Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), is pleased to announce the 2013 AFI Global Policy Forum (GPF). Under this year's overarching theme, "Driving policies for optimal impact," AFI members have the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences, and work together in taking the financial inclusion agenda forward. Click here for [details](#)



Partnerships against Poverty Summit 2013, 9-11 October, Manila, Philippines

The Microcredit Summit Campaign and the Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc., together with the sponsorship of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, will host a Microcredit Summit in Manila focused on the theme Partnerships against Poverty: Government, Business, Finance and Civil Society. Click [here](#) to register for the summit.



SEEP's 2013 Annual Conference, November 4-7, 2013 Arlington, VA

SEEP's 2013 Annual Conference will serve as a platform to promote learning and exchange around high-potential opportunities, exploring questions on how can development practitioners collaborate more effectively across finance, enterprise and market development sectors to achieve greater and more sustainable results. Click [here](#) to participate



Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion Forum, October 21 - 22 2013, St. Petersburg, Russia

The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for

Global Financial Inclusion Initiative



The Global Financial Inclusion Fund (GFI) at Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) submissions from teams of researchers and practitioners to conduct rigorous research on identifying innovative products and programs that enhance poor households' access to and usage of improved financial tools, products, and services. Click [here](#) for applying

Call for papers ITEM5: Microfinance conference in Casablanca

The Banque Populaire Chair in Microfinance of the Burgundy School of Business and ISCAE, Casablanca, Morocco In collaboration with Attafiq Micro Finance Please click [here](#) to participate



2013 CGAP Photo Contest Open for Entries

The eighth annual CGAP Photo Contest, aims to highlight stand-out photography from amateur and professional photographers depicting financial inclusion around the world. All photos may be submitted online at cgap.org/photocontest

Publications, Papers and Reports

From Mohammad Anas, UNDP, New Delhi



[Financial Access 2012: Getting to a More Comprehensive Picture](#), CGAP and IFC (Pdf.1.64 MB) [June 2013](#)



[Getting better at improving client value: the case of Fonkoze's Kore W microinsurance product, ILO and MILK \(pdf.703 KB\) June 2013](#)

international cooperation on the most important issues of the global economic and financial agenda. Please click [here](#) for details.



Global Youth Economic Opportunities Conference 2013, September 10-12, 2013, Washington DC

The conference goal is to strengthen the impact, scale, and sustainability of youth economic opportunity programming. The 2013 event will contain two Spotlights: "Opportunities for Rural Youth" focuses on how to support youth in rural areas. "Power of Technology" showcases how to utilize technology in your programming. Please click [here](#) for details.



9th Edition of SAM 2013 Training, 2-13 September 2013, Mombasa, Kenya

The School of African Microfinance (SAM) annual two-week training is designed to expand the collective capabilities of institutions by building individual knowledge and skills to achieve strategic goals; to achieve high performance that creates sustainable value. Please click [here](#) for details.



Master's course on microfinance and financial inclusion, 16th October – 18th November 2013, University of Greenwich

The Greenwich University Business School is introducing a Master's course on microfinance and financial inclusion. The session includes two assignments; a small group 'field' exercise to examine, analyse and report on a local micro-enterprise, and a desk-based study of a topic chosen by the participant. Please click [here](#) to participate

Legal Updates

From Mohammad Anas, UNDP, New Delhi

Kerala Government gets RBI nod for Islamic banking



[Microinsurance Case Study: How we managed to insure one million people – and what we learned from it, Allianz Life Indonesia \(Pdf 260 KB\) April 2013](#)



[Research paper: The impact of health insurance education on enrollment of microfinance institution clients in the Ghana National Health Insurance Scheme \(pdf.1.26 MB\) May 2013](#)

[The Landscape of Microinsurance in Africa 2012 - Full Study, ILO and MIC \(pdf. 2.96 MB\) May 2013](#)



[Cooperatives and Rural Financial Development, Rabo Bank \(pdf 1927 KB\) October 2012](#)

Newsletters, Blogs and Videos

From Garima Mishra, Microsave, Lucknow



[E/M-Banking for Financial Inclusion in India: Opportunities and Challenges](#)

Job Opportunities

From Garima Mishra, Microsave, Lucknow

Recruitment, for details, please visit
:Careers at MicroSave
<http://www.microsave.net/career>

The Kerala government has got a go-ahead from the Reserve Bank of India to launch a financial institution following the principles of Islamic finance. Cheraman Financial Services Limited (CFSL) will be floated by Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation to function as a non-banking finance company (NBFC). A formal announcement on CFSL, the latest incarnation of Al Baraka Financial Services, was made by industries minister PK Kunhalikutty and [CFSL](#) chairman P Mohammad Ali, who told the reporters here that the firm would function as a non-banking finance company with an authorized capital of Rs 1,000 crore. Please [read](#) for more details.

Government of Orissa to introduce mobile banking in tribal districts

The Orissa government plans to introduce a mobile banking service in 20 blocks in 10 tribal districts in the current financial year. Under the proposed scheme, around 3.79 lakh farmer families in the tribal-dominated districts of Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Kalahandi, Koraput, Rayagada, Malkangiri, Nuapada, Sundargarh and Nawrangpur would benefit. The project is being run as a pilot scheme under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana.

Read more: <http://www.indianexpress.com/news/in-rural-orissa-it-s-the-bank-that-will-come-visiting/1136799/0>

Network Activity

Completed Queries

Financial services for producer companies, their promoters and members - Experience; Referrals- From Krishna Gopal GV , Access Livelihoods Consulting, Secunderabad and Shefali Misra, Poverty Unit, UNDP, New Delhi

Issued 02 August 2013. Download [here](#)

Assess the policy and institutional environment for provision of financial services to the Producer Companies, provides an overview of key initiatives and challenges faced by Producer organisations with suggestions and recommendations for sustainability and scalability through best practices.

Previous Updates

For PDF Version of last update no. 69 **(July 2013 issue)** ,please visit: ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/mf/comm_update/mf-update-69-17071301.pdf

For previous updates please click [here](#)

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

If you have items to feature in this News Update, please send it to Solution Exchange for the Microfinance Community in India at se-mf@solutionexchange-un.net.in.

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