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Microfinance Community



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From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

Greetings!


We are happy to inform that we could release the knowledge product of the discussion on **Linking Grassroots Practitioners in the Knowledge Sharing Processes**.

We could also get the experiences of practitioners and networks from Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sudan on this issue due to the support of UNDP's Asia-Pacific Regional Centre, Bangkok, Thailand. We will try to apply some of the innovations that have been shared so that grassroots practitioners in India can participate in the discussions to contribute in policy influencing, tools development and programme designs. The consolidated reply of the discussion is available at : <ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/mf/cr/cr-se-mf-emp-decn-16111201.pdf> (Size: 740 KB)

During this period, we could also complete an important discussion on **Extending National Savings Schemes through SHGs, Federations and other Collectives**. The consolidated reply is under preparation. We are hopeful that based on the suggestions of our esteemed members, ministry of finance will take some important decisions to help excluded group of people by reaching them through SHGs, Federation and other types of collectives for National Savings Schemes.

There are two important discussions going on in the forum. One discussion is on financing producer companies, promoters and members and the other one is on developing a vision document on Access to finance for Uttar Pradesh. We hope that you will contribute to both queries.

In our last update we shared with you all the specialized knowledge products of Microfinance Community. In the sequence of the same, we would like to share the report of the NRLM Roundtable. The roundtable was held sometime back however the results are still useful and valid. We are planning to conduct another roundtable this year to get the status of NRLM and to know the policy and implementation gaps that are yet to be filled.

Snap Shot of the Document	A brief of the Roundtable Report on NRLM
	<p>Roundtable on Implementation Framework of Aajeevika – The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)</p> <p>This publication incorporates the report of the national level roundtable on Implementation framework of National Rural Livelihood Mission. The report provides ideas and strategies on Livelihood promotion; Financial inclusion and use of Subsidy; Building Partnerships with CSOs, NGOs, private institutions and PRIs; and Capacity Building in context of Social and Human Development.</p> <p>Available at : ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/mf/resource/res10041301.pdf </p>

Regards,

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Members Postings

Workshops, Trainings, Conferences & Events

Upcoming

From [Mohammad Anas](#), UNDP, New Delhi



9th International Microinsurance Conference 2013, 12 November – 14 November 2013, Jakarta, Indonesia

The event will be hosted by the Munich Re Foundation and the Microinsurance Network, supported by the Indonesian Financial Services Authority (OJK), the Indonesian Insurance Council (DAI), the GIZ/BMZ, the Georgia State University's Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR), the World Bank/IFC and the PharmAccess. For more details log on to: www.microinsuranceconference.org/2013



2013 Asia-Pacific Financial Inclusion Forum: Financial Inclusion, Innovation and Regulation: Meeting the Challenges of Policy Reform and Capacity Building, June 11-12, Batam Island, Indonesia

The Forum is designed to promote best practice proposals for policy, regulatory and supervisory agencies on policy and regulatory measures

Community News

Open Queries:

- **QUERY:** Vision document on Access to Finance (A2F) for Uttar Pradesh - Experience; Referrals. Click [here](#) to send your responses
- **QUERY:** Financial services for producer companies, their promoters and members- Experience; Referrals. Click [here](#) to send your responses

From Our Partners

Call for Action

From [Sarah Bel](#), UNCDF, New York

Better Than Cash Alliance (BTCA)- UNCDF, seeks proposal for an advocacy scoping study, please click [here](#) for further details

From [Mohammad Anas](#), UNDP, New Delhi

that will enhance institutional capacities in the public and private sectors to promote financial inclusion in the region's banking and securities systems. For more details please visit: <http://www.adbi.org/event/5599.2013.asia.pacific.financial.inclusion.forum/>



Panel Discussion: "Pushing microinsurance distribution frontiers to create business and client value". 10 May 2013, 8:00 to 10:30 am GMT, London, UK

To register for in-person participation, please [click here](#). The discussion proper will also be webcasted as part of the Facility's webinar series. To register for online participation from 8:30 – 09:45 am GMT, please [click here](#). For more information, please [click here](#).



Haverford MI3 Conference 2013, March 28-29, Philadelphia, USA.

Haverford College is hosting a conference in Philadelphia on providing access to finance among the poor in the US. The Conference is known as "U.S. Poverty, Microentrepreneurs and Microfinance: Needs, Responses and Prospects." Further details available [here](#)

Trainings & Workshops

From [Joseph Satish V](#), Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar

Chaitanya's courses on Microfinance and NGO Management

NGO Management & Microfinance Development and Management (MFDM) is a certificate course offered by Chaitanya, Pune in association with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The course is designed to develop a pool of fresh talent with specialized training in diverse management areas with an orientation to lead the process of development.

For details please write to: josephsatish@ximb.ac.in. A short Video of the course is available [here](#)

From [Mohammad Anas](#), UNDP, New Delhi



9th Microfinance Training of Trainers: A Blended Distance Learning Course, July 1-November 30, 2013, ADB Institute, Japan

The course will strengthen the institutional capacity of microfinance in the Asia and Pacific region by making high-quality microfinance training accessible to a broad range of relevant decision-makers, professionals and practitioners, as well as increasing the number and country coverage of accredited microfinance trainers in the region. For details please visit <http://www.adbi.org/event/5539.9th.microfinance.distance.learning.course/>



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Microfinance Foundation

Seeking EoI for building a directory of service providers for the "Facility for Microfinance in Africa", please click [here](#) to participate

From [Radhika Kaul Batra](#) and [Sashi Sudhir](#), UNDP, New Delhi



*Jubilant Bhartia Foundation and the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship, are inviting applications for the **India Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2013**. To apply please click [here](#)*

Publications and Reports



[Health Microinsurance: "The promise of insurance helps families access cheaper funds and cope better," The Microinsurance Innovation Facility, ILO\(Pdf.2.16MB\) Jan 2013](#)



["What is a Health Card Worth? An Evaluation of an Outpatient Health Insurance Product in Rural India," -ILO and Microinsurance Innovation Facility \(Pdf. 1.24 MB\), Feb 2013](#)



["Connecting the world's poorest people to the global economy", Report on Financial Inclusion by CARE \(Pdf.7.0 MB\), Feb13](#)



[Regulatory Options to Curb Debt Stress](#) CGAP Report, (Pdf,940 KB)2013, March 2013



School of African Microfinance (SAM), September 2-13 2013, Mumbasa, Kenya

The School of African Microfinance (SAM) invites middle and senior level managers from microfinance institutions, banks, central banks, SACCOS, and donor programs for microfinance training in Africa. The programme will involve experienced faculty who will engage and challenge you to make better decisions, have better practices and better mindsets to achieve results. For additional information please visit <http://www.samtraining.org/>

Legal Updates

From [Navin Anand](#) and [Mohammad Anas](#), UNDP, New Delhi

*In order to address the difficulties faced by Self Help Groups (SHGs) in complying with KYC norms while opening savings bank accounts and credit linking of their accounts, The **Reserve Bank of India** has decided to simplify certain KYC norms for SHGs in rural areas. Please refer to RBI [Circular](#) released on April 1, 2013*

The Urban Banks Department of the Reserve Bank of India has instructed the Urban Cooperative Banks to relax the KYC norms while opening savings bank accounts and credit linking of their accounts, for SHGs in Urban locations. Please refer RBI [circular](#) dated April 3, 2013

Asian Development Bank jointly with Standard Chartered Bank will work towards improving access to financial services for the poor in ADB's developing member countries. Under this programme, Standard Chartered aims to originate and service a \$150 million portfolio of microfinance institutional loans across Asia. Click here for [details](#)

Network Activity

Completed Queries

Linking Grassroots Practitioners in Knowledge Sharing Processes- from [Prema Gera](#), Poverty Unit, UNDP, New Delhi, Experiences; Examples Strategies.

Issued 11 April 2013. Download [here](#)

Discusses issues and challenges faced by grass root practitioners .Provides an insight on knowledge sharing practices among grass root practitioners through various initiatives and innovative ways including the use of technology in a cost effective manner. A rich resource for reference by grass root practitioners to replicate the best practices and promote knowledge sharing.

Previous Updates

For PDF Version of last update no. 65 (**March 2013 issue**) , please visit: ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/mf/comm_update/mf-update-65-150313.pdf

For previous updates please click [here](#)

[Trends in Sharia-Compliant Financial Inclusion](#),

CGAP Report (Pdf. 1.14KB), March 2013

From [Seema Sahai](#), MDI, Gurgaon

[Design Flaws in MFI Operations in India](#), Research Paper, India Microfinance

From [Catlin Wiesen](#) and [Prema Gera](#), UNDP, New Delhi

[Organised and Unorganised Employment in the Non-Agricultural Sectors in the 2000s](#)- IAMR (Pdf.976 KB), April 2012

Job Opportunities

From [Swati Bhogle](#), Sustain Tech

Position: Intern –Microfinance and Technical Research Organisation : TIDE and SustainTech

For more information, please contact [Swati Bhogle](#)

From [Murali Thangam](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Position: Head of Field Unit, Prakriye
Location: Mysore, Karnataka
Organisation: IT for Change
Apply at : Jobs@ITforChange.net

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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