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**Microfinance Community**



## Community Update

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#### From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

Greetings for the Resource Team - Microfinance!

Thanks so much for your valuable inputs on vision document on Access to finance for Uttar Pradesh. Based on your responses, we could release the consolidated reply of the query on vision document. We are happy to share that the authors of the vision document have agreed to incorporate the Consolidated Reply in the document. The PDF Version of this Consolidated Reply can be downloaded at <ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/mf/cr/cr-se-mf-04031301.pdf>.

We are having two important discussions at present – one discussion is on the State of the Sector Report 2013 wherein the focus of the discussion is on the structure of the report; innovations in the micro finance products and services; and SHG Bank Linkage Programme, National Rural Livelihood Mission and other leading programmes and projects in context of financial inclusion. Another discussion is on Business Correspondent model which is again an important initiative for fast tracking financial inclusion. The responses from the members on both the queries have been very encouraging.

Soon, we will be starting a discussion on National Rural Livelihood Mission so as to know the actual status of NRLM and implementation gaps that are to be filled up to promote livelihoods in rural areas. Based on the suggestions of the members on the discussion related to involving grassroots practitioners in the knowledge sharing process, we will be taking up some initiatives this year.

Regards,

[Navin Anand](#) and [Mohammad Anas](#)

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## Members Postings

### Workshops, Trainings, Conferences & Events

#### Upcoming

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



#### **Microfinance and Micro Entrepreneurship: Issues and Challenges**, 08 Aug - 09 Aug 2013, Sonapat, Haryana, India

The conference is a coordinated effort of Department of Economics, Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV), India and Banque Populaire Chair in Microfinance of the Burgundy School of Business, France. The conference aims to provide a platform to economists, administrators, and practitioners to address the issues relating to entrepreneurial microfinance and financial inclusion.



#### **10th University Meets Microfinance Workshop**, 04 July-05 July 2013, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

"University Meets Microfinance" (UMM) is a European initiative which fosters cooperation between university students in Europe and microfinance practitioners to contribute to microfinance education, microfinance research, information capitalization, professional exchange & dissemination of information. The theme of the workshop is "New challenges for microfinance: Mobile banking, remittances, and green finance". For further details please visit <http://www.universitymeetsmicrofinance.eu/site/home.html>



#### **2nd International Workshop on Inclusive Finance**, September 13-15 2013, XLRI Jamshedpur, India

XLRI Jamshedpur conducts the 2nd International Workshop on Inclusive Finance during September 13-15, 2013. The workshop brings academicians, practitioners, microfinance institutions and NGOs, who have a passion in the area of financial inclusion, to deliberate on research as well as contemporary issues. The workshop is expected to serve as a

## Community News

### Open Queries:

- **QUERY:** [State of the Sector Report – Microfinance: Structure of the Report, MF Programmes, Products and Services - Experiences; Advice](#). Click [here](#) to send your responses
- **QUERY:** [Financial Inclusion through Business Correspondent Model - Challenges and Strategies - Experience; Advice](#). Click [here](#) to send your responses

### From Our Partners

#### Call for Action

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

#### **10th University Meets Microfinance Workshop 2013- Call for Poster Presentation**

"University Meets Microfinance" (UMM) invites participants for Poster Presentation during its workshop on "New challenges for microfinance: Mobile banking, remittances, and green finance" by 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2013. For participation and details please click [here](#)



#### **Call for Papers: 3rd Global Islamic Microfinance Forum**

AlHuda Center of Islamic Banking and Economics (AlHuda CIBE) calls for paper presentation on multiple subjects related to Islamic Microfinance by 25<sup>th</sup> of June. Please click [here](#) to participate



#### **Innovation 4 Impact**

Innovation4Impact is a national level competition inviting social innovators and entrepreneurs, who have made a difference to the life of the poor by linking finance to livelihoods. Click [here](#) to participate

forum for intensive discussions among all stakeholders involved in financial inclusion. Please click [here](#) for details.



### **3rd Global Islamic Microfinance Forum, 6th October, 2013, Dubai, UAE**

GIMF aims to increase the scope and the trend of Islamic Micro financing in the developing and under developed countries to open the horizon of helping the poor to survive to their best. This forum will showcase new opportunities and innovations across microfinance field. The vision of the Global Islamic Microfinance Forum is to create a value in the line of Islamic Microfinance for the benefit of human kind and create awareness in the masses and international market. Please click [here](#) for details

### ***Recently Held***

### **Third European Research Conference on Microfinance, 10 -12 June 2013, University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway**

The Norwegian Centre for Microfinance Research hosted the Third European Research Conference on Microfinance. The conference was opened by a welcome remark from the conference chair Roy Mersland and Christoph Pausch, Executive Secretary, European Microfinance Platform, followed by plenary panel discussions and parallel sessions during which research papers were presented and discussed. For Highlights of the conference please visit the [link](#)



### **6th Academy for Microfinance Development in Asia (AMiDA) 2013, 10 Jun 2013 - 15 Jun 2013 , DKI Jakarta Indonesia**

Academy for Microfinance Development in Asia (AMiDA) is an annual training program. Through 6th AMiDa 2013, MICRA offered a leadership program for women in micro and small enterprises as well as cooperatives. The program was aimed to equip women with various skills to explore themselves as a leader and increase self confidence. The training program facilitated the participants to make effective decisions, negotiation skills, and influencing decision makers. For details please click [here](#)

### **Publications, Papers and Reports**

From [Smita Premchander](#), Sampark, Bangalore



[Financial Inclusion For The Most Marginalized: Extreme Poor, Migrants and Manual Scavengers, Sampark \(Pdf.781 KB\) June 2013](#)

From [Garima Mishra](#), Microsave, Lucknow



[Making the Business Correspondent \(BC\) Model work for Self-Help Groups \(SHGs\), Research Paper, Microsave \(Pdf.1.36 MB\) March 2013](#)

[Can UIDAI be a saviour of Financial Inclusion? Focus Note, Microsave \(Pdf.78.2KB\)March 2013](#)

[Qualitative Research Tools for Market Research: Experiences from MetaMon Research, Research Paper, Microsave \(Pdf.1.88MB\) April 2013](#)

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



[Audiovisual mass media campaigns for insurance education: Stages and lessons, Research Paper, ILO \(Pdf.1.51MB\) March 2012](#)



[Portfolio Reviews: Resource Guide for Funders, CGAP Technical Guide, \(pdf.1.35MB\) 2012](#)



[An Accent On Social Returns From Microfinance: The Story Of Deutsche Bank, Interview Report, Microfinance Focus 30 May 2013](#)



### **32nd Skoch Summit**, 6 June 2013, Mumbai, India

The theme of 32nd Skoch Summit was 'An Agenda for 8% Growth with Equity'. The event was designed as an occasion to rethink and reflect on bolder reforms that are required to revive the 'animal spirits' of Indian economy. The Summit focused a new light on some core areas that are central to attaining an inclusive 8 per cent annual GDP growth. For more details please click [here](#).



### **2013 SPTF Annual Meeting**, 5 June – 8 June 2013, Panama city, Panama

The Social Performance Task held its multi-day meeting for all members. SPTF consists of over 1,500 members from all over the world and every microfinance stakeholder group: practitioners, donors and investors (multilateral, bilateral, and private), global, regional, and national associations, technical assistance providers, rating agencies, academics and researchers, regulators, and others. For details please click [here](#)



### **Training Workshop on Islamic Microfinance**, 4th - 6th June 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Al Huda Center of Excellence in Islamic Microfinance is an initiative of Al Huda CIBE. Al Huda CIBE is a well-established name in Islamic financial Market which is working in the field of Islamic Banking and Finance from the last 7 years in Pakistan and around the globe. It is the pioneer organization to start effort for the promotion of Islamic Banking and Finance in masses through Advisory and Consultancy, Education, Trainings, Awareness, Product Development and Publications. For details of training please click [here](#)

### **Legal Updates**

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

**A technical group on financial inclusion and financial literacy:** The reserve Bank of India, has formed a technical group on financial inclusion and financial literacy under the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) chaired by the Union Finance Minister and involving heads of all financial sector regulators, which has financial inclusion and financial literacy as one of its important mandates. The Central Bank has also constitutes a high level Financial Inclusion Advisory Committee (FIAC) to focus on providing strategic direction to FI initiatives across various



[Integrated Health and Microfinance : Harnessing the Strength of Two Sectors to Improve Health and Alleviate Poverty in the Andes, Centre for Health Market Innovations, 2012 \(pdf.133 MB\)](#)



[The fifth issue of the MFIN MicroMeter©. It provides an overview of the microfinance industry as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 \(Pdf.877 KB\)](#)

### **Newsletters, Blogs and Videos**

From [Garima Mishra](#), Microsave, Lucknow



[Can Mobile Banking Deliver on the Promise Financial Inclusion?, Video, Microsave, June 2013](#)

[Financial Inclusion Just Became More Inclusive...Maybe, Blog, Microsave, June 2013](#)

[MicroSave's Digital Financial Services Newsletter June, 2013](#)

### **Job Opportunities**

From [Garima Mishra](#), Microsave, Lucknow

Recruiting Consultants for multiple projects, for details, please visit :Careers at MicroSave <http://www.microsave.net/career>

stakeholders. Please refer the [speech](#) by Dr. K. C. Chakrabarty, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India at the 32nd SKOCH Summit held at Mumbai on June 6, 2013.

In order to ensure smooth roll out of the Government's **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** initiative, The RBI has advised banks to:

- Open accounts of all eligible individuals in camp mode with the support of local Government authorities.
- Seed the existing and new accounts with Aadhaar numbers.
- Put in place an effective mechanism to monitor and review the progress in implementation of DBT.

Please click [here](#) for more details

## Network Activity

### Completed Queries

Vision document on Access to Finance (A2F) for Uttar Pradesh - Experience; Referrals - From [Smita Premchander](#), [M. Chidambaranathan](#) and [M. Raj](#), SAMPARK, Bangalore

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

*Assess the policy and institutional environment for provision of financial services to the poor people, in context of a vision document on Access to Finance (A2F) for Uttar Pradesh, keeping in view the needs of disadvantaged and excluded segments of population.*

## Previous Updates

For PDF Version of last update no. 67 (**May 2013 issue**), please visit: [ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/mf/comm\\_update/mf-update-67-150513.pdf](ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/mf/comm_update/mf-update-67-150513.pdf)

For previous updates please click [here](#)

**Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!**

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