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From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

We profusely thank members for giving their valuable inputs to the query 'New National Education Policy'. The discussion focused on School and Vocational Education comprising 13 sub themes. We are in the process of preparing the consolidated reply which we will share soon.

We have also started a very important discussion on Social Inclusion and Social Development (SISD) interventions in National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM). The query requests members to share best practices in SISD that were undertaken nationally and internationally. Further, the query seeks suggestions and recommendations from members regarding the ways to implement SISD interventions in NRLM. The inputs shared by members will be discussed in the fourth roundtable of NRLM in November 2015. We look forward to your valuable inputs on this important discussion.

Microfinance Community started conducting National Level roundtable on NRLM since 2010. Three roundtables have been conducted till date. In 2014, the roundtable was coordinated on "Legal Framework for SHGs and Federations". Since 2010 community has been contributing significantly for effective implementation of NRLM objectives. In the last e-discussion that was initiated by NRLM, we received more than 50 responses and similarly look forward to responses from members for the current discussion.

Kindly keep sharing your ideas and suggestions on the initiatives that can be taken up by Microfinance Community of Practice so that we can continue making CoP more and more useful for the microfinance sector.

Regards,

[Sowmya Ramesh](#)

United Nations Development Programme, New Delhi

Members Postings

Workshops, Trainings, Conferences & Events

Recently Held:

From [Manushi Deepak](#), MicroSave, Lucknow



MicroSave chaired roundtable discussions at 2015 Mobile Wallet Conference
18 to 21 August 2015, **Jakarta, Indonesia**



The 3rd Annual Mobile Wallet Conference 2015 focused on **Asia Mobile Wallet Market Outlook**. At the conference, various dignitaries, heads and speakers from digital financial services, e-commerce, banking and technology industry, identified issues, challenges, opportunities and shared experiences. Please click [here](#) for details.

Helix Launches India Agent Network Accelerator Report

24 August 2015



The Helix Institute of Digital Finance launched the ANA India Report, based on the interviews with over 2,600 nationally representative DFS agents. The findings highlight the mobile money agent landscape in the country and broadly cover agent profitability, transaction volumes, liquidity management and the quality of support agents receive from their providers. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Community News

Open Queries:

QUERY: [Social Inclusion and Social Development interventions in National Rural Livelihoods Mission](#). Click [here](#) to send your responses

From Our Partners:

Call for Action:

From [Sowmya Ramesh](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Call for paper: National Seminar on Financing of Agriculture Value Chains: Challenges and Opportunities
27, 28 November, 2015, Lucknow

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and International Food Policy Research Institute, New Delhi are jointly organizing the seminar. Papers are invited from researchers/ practitioners/ economists/ policy makers/other stakeholders in the agriculture sector on the following broad themes:

- Re-visiting the provisions under model APMC Act 2003 and identifying the factors hindering the growth of agricultural markets in India
- Structure & Regulatory framework for the proposed National Common Agricultural Market
- Critical gaps in Storages/Warehouses in India and implementable models to bridge the gaps
- Institutional support required to integrate small farmers to a given agricommodity value chain
- Ways to co-integrate issues of finance into the value chain framework to improve efficiency

Please click [here](#) for more details

Publications, Papers and Reports:

From [Amit Arora](#), GIZ

Thoughts on DFS in “Europe Minus Infrastructure” – DRC!

July 2015

An interesting blog by Hannah Siedek, [MicroSave](#). In this blog, author discusses the case of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in terms of DFS. The blog highlights the challenges and opportunities for DFS market in DRC. Please click [here](#) for details.

Upcoming:

From [CS Reddy](#), APMAS

Community Based Microfinance for livelihoods Enhancement in India

7 to 19 December 2015, Patna, Bihar



The course will focus on savings-led and member-owned models, such as savings groups, village savings and loan associations (VSLAs), self-help groups (SHGs) & their federations, financial cooperatives, credit unions, livelihood (producer) organizations and other community owned institutions from across the world. Please click [here](#) or contact srama@apmas.org or apmascoadycourse@gmail.com for more details.

From [Anshu Singh](#), Access Assist

Microfinance India Awards- 2015

Deadline for Level 1: **14 September 2015**



This Award recognizes best practices followed by Microfinance organizations in the Small and Medium level categories with minimum two to three years of microfinance operations. The Organization will be judged on growth potential followed by financial and social performance parameters with focus on other factors namely; good governance, transparency, innovations in process, product and technology, HR practices and integration of social performance along with financial performance. Please click [here](#) for details.

From [Baljeet Singh](#), Institute of Rural Management Anand, Gujarat

[RBI annual report: Chapter IV - Credit delivery and financial inclusion \(74 KB\)](#)

[Report of the High Powered Committee on Urban Co-operative Banks \(812 KB\)](#)

[Cash Withdrawal at Point-of-Sale \(POS\) - Enhanced limit at Tier III to VI Centres \(60.5 KB\)](#)

From [Manushi Deepak](#), MicroSave, Lucknow



[Mission-Focused Decision Making at ASKI - A Case Study on Social Performance Management \(1.34 MB\), August 2015](#)

[Using “Behavioural Sciences” to Make Consumers “Give It Up” - The Case of LPG Subsidy \(165 KB\), May 2015](#)

[PAHAL - from “Discard” to Cherished Success \(197 MB\), August 2015](#)

[Building MIS Capacity for Social Performance Reporting \(302 MB\), March 2015](#)

[Jansuraksha: India’s New Tryst with Mass Insurance \(643 KB\), August 2015](#)

Jobs/ opportunities:

From [Sowmya Ramesh](#), UNDP, New Delhi

EOI: NABARD All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey

NABARD invites letters for Expression of Interest from eligible agencies to submit their interest for conducting “NABARD All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey”. Please click [here](#) for details. The deadline for application is **24 September 2015**

From [Narendra Mishra](#), UNDP, India

United Nation’s Volunteers, UNDP and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports,

International Management Appreciation Program for Voluntary Agencies

28 September – 23 October, 2015, IRMA, Anand, Gujarat



This programme is intended for personnel from voluntary organizations in developing countries whose job content is managerial rather than involving direct implementation. Please click [here](#) for details. Or contact IRMA at mdp@irma.ac.in

From [Rahat Bahl](#), CII, India

CII Foundation Woman Exemplar Program 2016

Last date: 10 October 2015

The Program recognizes and supports exemplary women working at the grassroots. The program promotes women's empowerment at the community level by discovering, recognizing and supporting those who have contributed significantly to the development process in India. We request members to kindly nominate such women for the program. Click [here](#) for more details of the program and nomination process.

From [Biju Mushahary](#), GIZ

From Jan Dhan to Jan Suraksha: Consultation on Old Age Security in India

18 September 2015, India habitat Center, New Delhi



The consultation is co-hosted by HelpAge India and GIZ. The objective is to discuss challenges in India related to demographic change and the ageing population. Please click [here](#) for the concept note. To register please call +91 11 2468 3832, Extn. 214 or write to igssp@giz.de.

Government of India are initiating a new project titled "Strengthening Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Service Scheme (NSS)" to promote youth volunteerism in India. One of the activities in the project is to help Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India in implementing the National Youth Policy 2014 by preparing Action Plans (with focus on youth volunteerism). Please find the links, seeking for experts /consultant for preparation of action plans on National Youth Policy 2014 of Government of India.

- Youth and Social Entrepreneurship
http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=59411
- Youth and inclusion
http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=59410
- Youth and Gender justice and equality
http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=59409
- Youth and Environment and Disaster Management
http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=59402

For any further clarification, please write to narendra.mishra@undp.org

From [Manushi Deepak](#), MicroSave, Lucknow



Careers at MicroSave:

<http://www.microsave.net/career>

Location: Multiple

Government Schemes

From [Sowmya Ramesh](#), UNDP, New Delhi

INDRADHANUSH plan for revamping Public Sector banks

In August 2015, The Government of India announced a seven pronged strategy to address challenges faced by PSBs, a comprehensive framework for improving PSBs' performance: Appointments, Bank board bureau, Capitalisation, de-stressing PSBs, Empowerment, Framework of accountability and Governance reforms.

Please click [here](#) for more details.

Previous Updates

For PDF Version of last update no. 83 (**July 2015 issue**), please visit: http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/mf/comm_update/mf-update-83-11081501.pdf (Pdf; 406 KB)

For previous updates please click [here](#)

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

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