



**Poverty**

**Microfinance Community**



## Community Update

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#### From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

We profusely thank members for giving their valuable inputs to the query on 'Social Inclusion and Social Development (SISD) interventions in National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)'. We are in the process of preparing the consolidated reply which we will share soon. Inputs shared by members will be discussed in the fourth roundtable on NRLM in December 2015 for taking them forward in NRLM.

We have also started the second part of the discussion on the 'New National Education Policy' with a focus on Higher Education comprising 20 sub themes. Members are requested to give their inputs on the theme that are of interest, share experiences and best practices both nationally and internationally that can be replicated in the Indian context. We look forward to your valuable inputs on this important discussion.

In the last e-discussion on the 'New National Education Policy' that was initiated focusing on School and Vocational Education, we received 40 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.**

Regards,

[Sowmya Ramesh](#)

United Nations Development Programme, New Delhi

## Members Postings

### **Workshops, Trainings, Conferences & Events**

#### **Recently Held:**

From [Sanjeev Kumar](#), *The Goat Trust*



#### **Workshop on community based Insurance and micro leasing**

29 September 2015, Lucknow



The Goat Trust organized a "Workshop on community based Insurance and micro leasing" on 29th September, 2015 at "Training & Research Center on Goats" in Lucknow. This was a consolidation event for micro financial services for small livestock farming. Program was co-sponsored by Tata Trust.

An innovative micro leasing program, wherein goats and ducks (5+1) were leased out to poor women led families. Finance was accompanied with community based insurance (mutuals), first aid and routine support by Pashu Sakhies (Livestock Nurses), Breeding services and buy back guarantee on live body weight.

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



#### **MicroSave Participated in TED-Style Talks on New Practical Tools for Digital Financial Inclusion**

28 October 2015, Manila, Philippines

## Community News

### **Open Queries:**

**QUERY:** [Higher Education in the New Education Policy - Examples; Advice.](#)  
Click [here](#) to send your responses

### **From Our Partners:**

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

From [Smita Premchander](#), *Sampark* and [Sowmya Ramesh](#), *UNDP*

[National Study on Financial Cooperatives in the Context of Financial Inclusion in India](#)

From [Ardhendu Nandi](#), *Sa-Dhan*



[The Bharat Microfinance Report 2015](#)

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



[Transformation of Microfinance Institutions into Small Finance Banks: Will it be a Roller Coaster?](#)

[Transformation of Microfinance Institutions to Small Finance Banks: Differentiating Men from the Boys!](#)

From [Sachin Hirani](#), *MIX Market*

[The Better Than Cash Alliance](#) organised **TED-Style Talks on New Practical Tools for Digital Financial Inclusion** at [Asia-Pacific Financial Inclusion Summit 2015](#), in partnership with [MicroSave](#) and [Net Hope](#) on October 28th at Shangri-La Makati Hotel, Manila. Please click [here](#) for details.

### **MicroSave Conducts A Training On DFS For MFIs In Indonesia Jakarta, Indonesia**

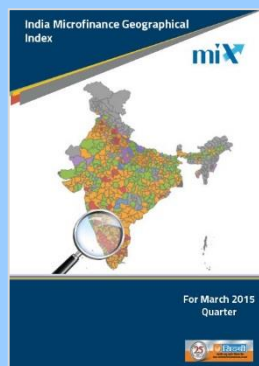
*MicroSave* recently organised a two day training event on digital financial services for MFIs in Indonesia. This training was sponsored by [MetLife Foundation](#) with the objective to orient Indonesian MFIs on the global trends of using digital financial services for microfinance services and the opportunities available specifically in Indonesia for MFIs that want to go digital. 20 senior and middle management team members representing all the major MFIs of Indonesia participated in the training. Please click [here](#) for more details.

### **MicroSave Attended Third Meeting Of The ITU-Technical Focus Group On Digital Financial Services**

30 September - 2 October 2015, **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

The main objectives of this focus group were to:

- Identify the technology trends in digital financial services over the coming years and how the role of various stakeholders in this ecosystem will evolve. This will include identifying underlying frameworks, new business models and public private partnership arrangements necessary for digital financial services.
- Establish liaisons and relationships with other organizations which could contribute to the standardization activities of digital financial services.
- Describe the ecosystem for digital financial services in developed and developing countries and the respective roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders in the ecosystem.
- Identify successful use cases for implementation of secure digital financial services including developing countries with a particular focus on the benefits for women;
- Suggest future ITU-T study items and related actions for various ITU-T study groups for example on:
  1. Concepts, coverage, vision and use cases of digital financial services



In association with SIDBI, The MIX present their newest analytical tool: the [Microfinance Geographical Index](#).

This unique tool allows users to measure the microfinance service penetration across India.

This interactive tool surfaces insight into the spread of microfinance institutions at the state, district, and institutional levels across India. With the help of detailed information provided by MFIs, users can explore data relating to *portfolio spread*, *operation network* and *outreach levels* at district and state level of 642 districts and 35 states/UTs at a quarterly interval, through the [Microfinance Geographical Index](#).

Through a cumulative score, the [Microfinance Geographical Index](#) provides the opportunity for different stakeholders to learn about the distribution of microfinance services across regions to identify areas that are *highly served*, as well as those that are *unserved*. The tool is divided into three tabular sections:

- 1) **Index**
- 2) **Institutional analysis**
- 3) **Market analysis.**

Please [click here](#) to use the tool.

#### ***Jobs/ opportunities:***

From [Kiran Kulkarni](#), *Institute of Rural Credit & Entrepreneurship Development, India*

*Location: Multiple - Maharashtra, Karnataka and Goa*

#### **Multiple Position**

Finance Manager

Sr. Accountant

Operational manager

2. Characteristics and requirements for digital financial services
  3. Architectural framework for digital financial services including security of mobile transactions.
- Work towards the creation of an enabling framework for digital financial services which could be submitted, through TSAG, for endorsement at the ITU Global Regulators Symposium.

Please click [here](#) for details.

### **MicroSave Library Mobile App Launched! Get Our Library App On iPhone And Android**



For over 17 years *MicroSave* has built and disseminated knowledge on financial inclusion and improving the lives of the poor. They remain committed to sharing their extensive experience and practical insights from the field.

In addition to their [website](#), active [LinkedIn](#) groups and [Facebook](#) page, they announced the launch of the "**MicroSave Library**" App for iPhone and Android. Please click [here](#) for details.

### **Small Finance Banks, Payment Bank & MFIs Attend DFS Training Supported By MetLife Foundation**

15 & 16 October 2015, **Mumbai, India**

*MicroSave* conducted a two-day workshop on the *MicroSave/Helix* course "Digital MicroFinance: Opportunities for MFIs" in Mumbai with microfinance institutions (MFIs) on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The training sponsored by [MetLife Foundation](#) was well attended by the senior management of newly (in-principal licensed) Small Finance Banks and Payment Bank such as Janalakshmi, ESAF, Equitas and Suyodaya, FINO Paytech.

### ***Upcoming:***

From [CS Reddy](#), APMAS

Branch Managers  
Loan Officers  
Project manager

For more information contact Ms. [Kiran Kulkarni](#) at 9422407929

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



### **Careers at MicroSave:**

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

Location: Multiple

## International Certificate Course on Community-Based Micro Finance (CBMF) for Financial Inclusion.

7 to 19 December 2015, Patna, Bihar



APMAS

COADY International Institute (Canada) in partnership with MAS (formerly known as APMAS), Sadhikaratha Foundation & DMI, India is offering the International Certificate Course on Community-Based Micro Finance (CBMF) for Financial Inclusion. 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 contact [srama@apmas.org](mailto:srama@apmas.org) or [apmascoadycourse@gmail.com](mailto:apmascoadycourse@gmail.com) for more details.

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**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](mailto:se-mf@solutionexchange-un.net.in).

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