



## Poverty

# Microfinance Community



### Community Update

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#### From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

Greetings from the Resource Team - Microfinance!

We are happy to inform that the discussion on National Urban Livelihood Mission was quite enriching and members have shared various national and international examples. We are thankful to Shri Brij Kumar Agarwal, Joint Secretary (UPA), Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India, New Delhi for initiating the query on NULM. To access the Consolidated reply, please visit: <ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/mf/cr/cr-se-mf-emp-decn-25041401.pdf> (Size: 01 MB).

We want to thank our members for their response to join the Action Group on "voluntary Savings". Till date, thirty five members have joined the action group. We have created a sub community for the members of the Action Group so that discussions can take place within the group. In the Action Group on voluntary savings, we are having a discussion on the structure of techno legal document for linking SHGs, federation and collectives for National Savings Schemes. We welcome new members to join the group. The address of the sub community is - [se-mf\\_ag-vs@solutionexchange-un.net.in](mailto:se-mf_ag-vs@solutionexchange-un.net.in).

Microfinance Community collaborated with National Savings Institute, Ministry of finance and SEWA for conducting "women savings day" on 25 April 2014 in Gandhi Peace foundation, New Delhi. Around 60 women from Mahila SEWA Urban Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society, New Delhi and other institutions Participated in the programme. The speakers stressed on the need of promoting voluntary savings in addition to mandatory savings so that in emergency and also for promotion of the enterprises women can use their savings creatively.

We are having an interesting discussion on Study of Financial Cooperatives in context of financial inclusion in India. The reply by date of the discussion is extended up to 9 May 2014. We request you share your views on the important subject of financial cooperatives.

Best Regards,

Navin Anand and Mohammad Anas  
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## Members Postings

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

#### *Upcoming*

*From Mohammad Anas, UNDP, New Delhi*



#### **The 17th Microcredit Summit**

September 3rd - 5th, Merida, Mexico

The 17th Microcredit Summit will be organized around the theme "Generation Next: Innovations in Microfinance," engaging delegates in a thoughtful discussion around the challenges and opportunities associated with the growth and transformation of the sector, especially through innovative and best practices that accelerate the steps to reach full financial inclusion. For further information and calculation please click [here](#)



#### **Partnership Forum**

June 10-12, 2014, Dakar, Senegal

The MFW4A Partnership Forum is the flagship biennial event for the Making Finance Work for Africa (MFW4A) Partnership Secretariat. This year, the MFW4A Partnership Forum is aimed at providing a platform to provoke debates and discussions, foster the sharing of innovative ideas, good practices, tools, expertise and policy analysis amongst African Financial Sector champions from the public and private sectors in 'New Frontiers in African Finance'. Click [here](#) for details.



#### **Community-Based Microfinance for Financial Inclusion**

June 4, 2014 - 20, 2014, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada

This certificate course aims to enhance knowledge of community-based microfinance models and approaches and build practical skills

## Community News

### Open Queries:

- **QUERY:** [Study of Financial Cooperatives in context of financial inclusion in India - Advice; Referrals.](#) Click [here](#) to send your responses

### *From Our Partners*

#### Call for Action

*From Jonna Bickel, GIZ New Delhi*



#### **Call For Participation: Road Shows on National Financial Capability by GIZ**

- 5th May in **Bangalore** for the Southern Region (together with Sampark).
- 7th May in **Guwahati** for the North Eastern Region (together with Reach India)
- 9th May in **Jaipur** for the Northern Region (together with CMF)
- 13th May in **Pune** for the Western Region (together with Chaitanya and YASHADA)
- 20th May in **Bhubaneswar** for the Eastern Region (together with XIMB – Xavier Institute of Management)
- 23rd May in **Lucknow** for the Central Region (together with BIRD – Banker's Institute for Rural Development)

For participation in road show and further information click [here](#)

*From Mohammad Anas, UNDP, New Delhi*

#### **Call for proposals - 10th International Microinsurance Conference 2014, Munich Re Foundation and the Microinsurance Network**

*The 10th International Microinsurance Conference aims at distilling and*

in applying them. The course will discuss the latest developments and innovations in the field, such as the use of mobile phone banking; exploration of linkages with formal financial institutions and value-chain finance through in-depth case-studies; field visits; mutual learning among participants; and interaction with senior field practitioner guest faculty. Please click [here](#) to apply.



**20<sup>th</sup> Boulder Microfinance Training** July 7, 2014 to July 25, 2014, Turin Italy

The Boulder Microfinance Training program is a three curriculum focused on sustainable microfinance, and the creation of a community that will have an enduring influence for years to come. Participants join together with expert faculty and analyze, debate Microfinance issues, trends, and new topics. The Boulder learning environment offers diversity of perspectives and experiences which are critical to the industry, developing and furthering the careers of microfinance leaders for today and beyond. Please click [here](#) to register.



**Asia Microfinance Forum 2014**, August 4 – 8, 2014 Shanghai, China

The Banking With The Poor Network (BWTP) and The Foundation for Development Cooperation (FDC) announces the Asia Microfinance Forum. It is one of the leading events in the region for organisations and individuals interested in providing and promoting inclusive and sustainable financial services in Asia. The AMF 2014 will concentrate on the areas that have emerged as the most important within the context of the region's paradigm shift from microfinance to financial inclusion. Please click [here](#) for registration.



**MICROFINANCE CENTRE**

**The 17th MFC annual conference: "The new world of financial inclusion: What role for microfinance?"** May 27- May 28 2014, Istanbul, Turkey

The 17th Microfinance Centre annual conference, entitled "The new world of financial inclusion: What role for microfinance?" will tackle the implications for the microfinance industry of the concepts of financial inclusion and access to finance. These two concepts encompass more financial and non-financial products and services, new delivery channels and more players (including banks, transfer agencies, mobile companies, etc.). This conference is an opportunity

*disseminating information on key developments in the microinsurance market. Presentations must include concrete lessons learnt and recommendations for the audience. Please submit all proposals by the 15th May. Please click [here](#) for details.*



**Call for papers: The 6th International Conference on Islamic Banking and Finance: Risk Management, Regulation and Supervision**

*The IRTI and Borsa İstanbul, supported by Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey plan to jointly organize the "6th International Conference on Islamic Banking and Finance: Risk Management, Regulation and Supervision" to be held in Istanbul, Turkey on 16-17 September 2014. The main objective of the conference is to develop the methodology of identification, mapping and measurement of risk management in Islamic financial institutions supported by prudential regulation and effective supervision. Empirical as well as theoretical papers are invited. Please click [here](#) for details.*

**Publications, Papers and Reports**

*From Jonna Bickel, GIZ New Delhi*



[Research study on 'How Rural Low-Income Households Perceive Financial Capability', GIZ, \(Pdf 1.5 MB\), April 2014](#)

*From Amit Arora, GIZ New Delhi*



[Online survey of MFIs as Business Correspondents, An MFIN-GIZ Assessment \(Pdf 639 KB\), February 2014](#)

*From Mohammad Anas, UNDP, New Delhi*

to debate how microfinance sits alongside these concepts, and discuss if there are any threats or new opportunities that can be explored by microfinance. Please click [here](#) to participate.



**Training Programme "Making Microfinance Work for YOUTH: Managing Product Diversification"**, 12-16 May 2014, Turin, Italy

The International Training Centre of the ILO, EMLD Programme, announces the upcoming training "Making Microfinance Work for YOUTH: Managing Product Diversification". The training course is designed for middle and senior managers in microfinance institutions. It is relevant for institutions that have already diversified and are looking for ways to manage their diversification more effectively, as well as institutions that have not yet diversified and are looking for guidance on where and how to begin. This course is also useful to funding agencies and technical assistance providers that are trying to support MFI diversification efforts. Please click [here](#) to register.



**Value Chain Program Design Training**, Sep 15, 2014 - Sep 19, 2014, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Action for Enterprise (AFE) is offering a series of three to five-day workshops that present the latest methodologies and practice for designing value-chain programs that incorporate strategies for sustainable impact. Participants will learn how to design programs that result in market-based solutions to MSME constraints such as market access, input supply, technology/product development, management training, policy reform, and access to finance. Examples will be used from enterprise development programs and practitioners worldwide. Click [here](#) for further information and registration.



**6<sup>th</sup> International Master in Microfinance for Entrepreneurship**, October, 2014- May 2015, Madrid, Spain

The 7 months of classroom training provides a seminar environment, students interact with top-level guest faculty from all sectors of the microfinance universe: investor institutions, MFI executives and founders, donor organizations, microfinance research and advocacy institutions, and academics. The curriculum provides students with a strong background in the fundamentals of microfinance - financial performance and sustainability, poverty measurement, social performance, rating MFIs, due diligence, and the how-tos of



[The Art of the Responsible Exit in Microfinance Equity Sales, CGAP\(Pdf.654KB\),April 2014](#)



[China: A New Paradigm in Branchless Banking, CGAP \(Pdf. 780 KB\), March 2014](#)



[The Journey to Customer-Centricity, CGAP, \(Pdf 910 KB\) March 24, 2014](#)



[Committee on Comprehensive Financial Services for Small Businesses and Low Income Households \(Pdf.3.36 MB\), December 2013](#)

*From Praveen Kumar, MFIN, Gurgaon*



**8<sup>th</sup> issue of MFIN MicroMeter**© (Pdf.853 KB), till December 2013

## **Job Opportunities**

*From Mohammad Anas, UNDP, New Delhi*

Vacancies for:

[Manager – Livelihoods and Enterprise Promotion, APMAS](#)

[Capacity Building Officer – Sustainable Agriculture and Enterprise Promotion APMAS](#)

[Finance Officer, APMAS](#)

Deadline: Apply by 16 May 2014

implementing community based microfinance projects. Click [here](#) to apply.

## Legal Updates

*From Mohammad Anas, UNDP, New Delhi*

### ***In-principle nod to IDFC, Bandhan for bank licences: RBI***

*The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given in-principle approval to IDFC and IDFC and Bandhan Financial Services for new bank licences. A day after the Election Commission permitted it to go ahead with the issue of new banking licences, the Reserve Bank of India gave in-principle approval to infrastructure finance company IDFC and Kolkata-based microfinance firm Bandhan to comply with the requirements of a fledged bank in 18 months. Read [more](#)*

### ***State Bank of Travancore leads 3 districts to the top 15 in financial inclusion***

*Pathanamthitta district has been ranked first in the country on Crisil Inclusix, an index that monitors the progress of financial inclusion. It is among the three top-ranking districts from Kerala finding a place on the list. The others are Kottayam (rank number five) and Alappuzha (15). All three are lead districts served by State Bank of Travancore (SBT) in its capacity as lead bank. Read [more](#)*

## Network Activity

### ***Completed Queries***

**Query: FOR COMMENTS: RBI Paper - 'Banking Structure in India - The Way Forward' by From Vipin Sharma, ACCESS Development Services, New Delhi**

Issued 06 March 2014. Download [here](#)

*Shares diverse views on Reserve Bank of India's paper, more specifically on the need of small finance banks for advancing the agenda of financial inclusion. Also highlights the key recommendations for the banking structure shared by the members.*

## Previous Updates

*For PDF Version of last update no. 74 (**March 2014 issue**), please visit: [ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/mf/comm\\_update/mf-update-74-28031401.pdf](ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/mf/comm_update/mf-update-74-28031401.pdf)*

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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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