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**Poverty**

**Microfinance Community**



## Community Update

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### From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

Greetings from the Resource Team - Microfinance!

In the last month we could successfully complete two important discussions – one on the State of the Sector Report 2013 wherein the focus of the discussion was 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 was on Business Correspondent model which is again an important initiative for fast tracking financial inclusion. We received range of responses on both the discussions. Keeping in view the important of the issues we plan to conduct consultations/Roundtables on both subjects.

We have started the second phase of discussion on State of the Sector report. The query focuses on regulatory issues of Microfinance sector. We request our members to share their views on regulations related to Microfinance sector.

Microfinance Sector is coming back on track with the sincere efforts of all the practitioners, professional researchers and academicians. Please keep sharing your views to give direction to the sector.

Regards,

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

Resource Team, Microfinance Community  
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## Members Postings

### Workshops, Trainings, Conferences & Events

#### Upcoming

From [Natasha Singh](#), Access Development Services, New Delhi



**10<sup>th</sup> Microfinance India Summit**, 9-10 December, 2013, New Delhi

Microfinance India Summit 2013 is a platform for sharing the Indian experience, unique as it is, with a global audience. It facilitates cross learning of various models and methodologies, service deliveries and deliberating on various Policy issues. The deliberations revolve around the gamut of topical themes in financial inclusion and services at the bottom of the pyramid. Various sub events are organized around the Summit; Microfinance India Awards, Thematic Roundtables and Knowledge Fair. Please click [here](#) for details.



**6<sup>th</sup> Livelihoods India Conference**, 11-12 December, 2013, New Delhi

Livelihoods India Conference provides a platform for various stakeholders in the sector to exchange and benefit from learning around challenges towards ensuring sustainable livelihoods of the poor. Some of the broad thematic areas around which the sessions will be structured this year include new generation models for livelihoods promotion of the poor, alternate paradigms for livelihoods promotion and CSR and private sector engagement in livelihoods promotion of poor. Knowledge Products like the State of India's Livelihoods (SOIL) Report, the Sitaram Rao Livelihoods India Case Study Compendium and a book on Social Enterprises in Agriculture will also be released during the Conference. Please click [here](#) for details.

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



**AFI Global Policy Forum (GPF) 2013**, 10-12 September, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI), in cooperation with the Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), is pleased to announce the

## 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:** [State of the Sector Report 2013: Microfinance regulations and status of compliances at various levels- Experiences; Advice](#). Click [here](#) to send your responses

### From Our Partners

#### Call for Action

From [Albert Rozario](#), Access Development Services, New Delhi



**Microfinance India Awards 2013**  
ACCESS Development Services & ASSIST seeks nominations under multiple categories for Microfinance India Awards. Click [here](#) to participate

From [Alka Singh](#), Access Development Services, New Delhi



**The Citi Micro Enterprise Awards 2013**  
Citi Foundation has partnered with Access Development Services, to recognize and honor community based micro enterprises and an organization that has promoted livelihoods and enterprises, in multiple award categories. Please click [here](#) for participating

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

### Global Financial Inclusion Initiative



The Global Financial Inclusion Fund (GFII) at Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) submissions

2013 AFI Global Policy Forum (GPF). Under this year's overarching theme, "Driving policies for optimal impact," AFI members have the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences, and work together in taking the financial inclusion agenda forward. Click here for [details](#)



**Partnerships against Poverty Summit 2013**, 9-11 October, Manila, Philippines

The Microcredit Summit Campaign and the Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc., together with the sponsorship of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, will host a Microcredit Summit in Manila focused on the theme Partnerships against Poverty: Government, Business, Finance and Civil Society. Click [here](#) to register for the summit.



**SEEP's 2013 Annual Conference**, November 4-7, 2013 Arlington, VA

SEEP's 2013 Annual Conference will serve as a platform to promote learning and exchange around high-potential opportunities, exploring questions on how can development practitioners collaborate more effectively across finance, enterprise and market development sectors to achieve greater and more sustainable results. Click [here](#) to participate



**Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion Forum**, October 21 - 22 2013, St.Petersburg, Russia

The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for international cooperation on the most important issues of the global economic and financial agenda. Please click [here](#) for details.



**Global Youth Economic Opportunities Conference 2013**, September 10-12, 2013, Washington DC

*from teams of researchers and practitioners to conduct rigorous research on identifying innovative products and programs that enhance poor households' access to and usage of improved financial tools, products, and services. Click [here](#) for applying*

**Call for papers ITEM5: Microfinance conference in Casablanca**

*The Banque Populaire Chair in Microfinance of the Burgundy School of Business and ISCAE, Casablanca, Morocco In collaboration with Attafiq Micro Finance Please click [here](#) to participate*



**2013 CGAP Photo Contest Open for Entries**

*The eighth annual CGAP Photo Contest, aims to highlight stand-out photography from amateur and professional photographers depicting financial inclusion around the world. All photos may be submitted online at [cgap.org/photocontest](http://cgap.org/photocontest)*

**Publications, Papers and Reports**

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



[Financial Access 2012: Getting to a More Comprehensive Picture](#), CGAP and IFC (Pdf.1.64 MB) June 2013



[Getting better at improving client value: the case of Fonkoze's Kore W microinsurance product, ILO and MILK \(pdf.703 KB\) June 2013](#)

**Allianz** 

[Microinsurance Case Study: How we managed to insure one million people – and what we learned from it, Allianz Life Indonesia \(Pdf 260 KB\) April 2013](#)

The conference goal is to strengthen the impact, scale, and sustainability of youth economic opportunity programming. The 2013 event will contain two Spotlights: "Opportunities for Rural Youth" focuses on how to support youth in rural areas. "Power of Technology" showcases how to utilize technology in your programming. Please click [here](#) for details.



**9th Edition of SAM 2013 Training**, 2-13 September 2013, Mombasa, Kenya

The School of African Microfinance (SAM) annual two-week training is designed to expand the collective capabilities of institutions by building individual knowledge and skills to achieve strategic goals; to achieve high performance that creates sustainable value. Please click [here](#) for details.



**Master's course on microfinance and financial inclusion**, 16<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013, University of Greenwich

The Greenwich University Business School is introducing a Master's course on microfinance and financial inclusion. The session includes two assignments; a small group 'field' exercise to examine, analyse and report on a local micro-enterprise, and a desk-based study of a topic chosen by the participant. Please click [here](#) to participate



[Research paper: The impact of health insurance education on enrollment of microfinance institution clients in the Ghana National Health Insurance Scheme \(pdf.1.26 MB\) May 2013](#)

[The Landscape of Microinsurance in Africa 2012 - Full Study, ILO and MIC \(pdf. 2.96 MB\) May 2013](#)



[Cooperatives and Rural Financial Development, Rabo Bank \(pdf 1927 KB\) October 2012](#)

### Newsletters, Blogs and Videos

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



[E/M-Banking for Financial Inclusion in India: Opportunities and Challenges](#)

### Job Opportunities

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

Recruitment, for details, please visit :Careers at MicroSave  
<http://www.microsave.net/career>

## Legal Updates

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

### **State Bank of India and XLRI launch programme for financial awareness in villages**

*XLRI in association with State Bank of India , plans to roll out a financial literacy initiative – Sanchetana – in East and West Singhbhum districts of Jharkhand. The initiative would be aimed at spreading awareness about savings, insurance and old age pension among the villagers and urban poor, said a press statement issued by XLRI.*

*Under the programme, student teams from XLRI would visit various public centres in remote villages to spread financial literacy using various forms of audio visual documents. While XLRI students, research scholars and professors would organize sessions with villagers, SBI would assist by bringing the rural populace under the fold of conventional banking.*

With a view to penetrate into remote areas, SBI plans to send authorized agents to facilitate opening of bank accounts. A pilot project has already been initiated at Saldih in Gamharia in May this year. Nearly 500 accounts have been opened so far. Please [read](#) for more details

### **SIDBI launches microfinance platform**

The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched an 'India Microfinance Platform', a portal on microfinance activities in the country. This portal is another major step toward SIDBI's 'responsible financing agenda' and would help establish more transparency in the microfinance sector, said Sushil Muhnot, Chairman and Managing Director, SIDBI.

Launched with World Bank assistance, the platform would provide data on every microfinance firm right up to the district level. The portal will also provide annual financial and operational performance data of Indian microfinance institutions, market growth and portfolio quality data on a quarterly basis. Please [read](#) for more details

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

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