



The Foundation for Development Cooperation

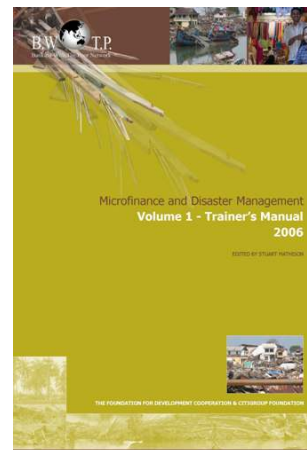
New Publication Release

Microfinance and Disaster Management Volume 1: Trainer's Manual; Volume 2: Participant's Manual

Microfinance has proven to be an essential element for people in disaster situations, enabling them to start to rebuild their lives and improve their living conditions. However, there have been crisis situations where massive injections of donor funding—including capital for microfinance operations—have not achieved their intended purpose, largely because there was insufficient local capacity to deliver services in a timely and appropriate manner. This failure raises questions about how a microfinance institution (MFI) should respond in a post-disaster context. On the one hand the MFI wants to protect its good reputation, putting the needs of its clients first as any successful business will do. On the other hand it wants to protect its identity as a long-term, professional financial intermediary—quite distinct from an 'aid' organisation.

Furthermore, while proponents of microfinance often state that its primary purpose is to provide capital for enterprise development so that clients can grow their income and assets, a complementary purpose must surely be to assist clients to *protect* their income and assets from the impact of crises such as natural disasters.

Thus a recent FDC project asked: *'How can MFIs maintain their effectiveness in times of disaster?'* And it sought to answer this question by engaging microfinance clients and practitioners in tsunami-hit areas of India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. FDC's research and other learning were synthesised into a curriculum, which was a challenging process due to the existence of such a wide range of microfinance providers—from licensed microfinance banks through to generalist NGOs, relief agencies and semi-formal self-help groups. All have different perspectives and roles, and for this reason the FDC team developed a 'best practice' manual as a series of six modules from which stakeholders can select topics according to their particular needs and context .



Editor Stuart Mathison

Contents

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Module 1: MFI Preparedness
- 3 Module 2: Client Preparedness
- 4 Module 3: Rapid Response
- 5 Module 4: Microfinance in Livelihood Restoration
- 6 Module 5: Livelihood Restoration

ORDER NOW

By phone: +61 7 3831 8722
 By fax: +61 7 3831 8755
 By email: info@fdc.org.au
 By mail: The Foundation for Development Cooperation
 PO Box 10445 Adelaide Street
 Brisbane QLD 4000 Australia

Price: A\$199.00 incl Postage & Handling

YES, I would like to order copy/ies; please send to me at the address below.

Name

Position

Organization

Address

Phone Fax

Email

PAYMENT METHOD Please charge my: MasterCard Visa Please invoice me (institutional customers only)

Card No Expiry Date

Cardholder's Name

Cardholder's Signature