



## **Pan Asia Forum on Capacity Building for Microfinance in Crisis Situations**

**June 13 - 15, 2005  
Colombo Sri Lanka**

# Monday, 13 June

9.00 - 10.30am **OPENING CEREMONY**

## Opening Remarks

**Hon. Dr Sarath Amunugama, MP:** Minister of Finance and Planning,  
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

**W A Wijewardena:** Senior Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka

**Elizabeth Faure:** Strategic Partnerships, Office of the UN Special Envoy for  
Tsunami Recovery

## Sponsor Remarks

**Kapila Jayawardena:** Country Head and CEO, Citigroup Sri Lanka

**Dr Christopher Shore:** Director, Vision Fund International

## Introduction to Microfinance in Crisis Situations

**Beris Gwynne:** Executive Director, The Foundation for Development Cooperation

10.30 - 11.00am **MORNING TEA**

11.00 - 12.30pm **MICROFINANCE IN COMMUNITIES  
IMPACTED BY NATURAL DISASTER**

- **Safeguarding the sustainability of the Microfinance sector in a post-disaster context**  
Dirk Steinwand: GTZ Sri Lanka
- **Microfinance as an instrument to cope with crisis: emphasis on Aceh and the tsunami**  
Riza Primahendra: Bina Swadaya
- **Microfinance and natural disasters: experiences of ASKI**  
Jane Manucdoc: ASKI, Philippines
- **Microfinance and disaster mitigation**  
Stuart Mathison: The Foundation for Development Cooperation

12.30 - 2.00pm **LUNCH**

2.00 - 3.30pm **MICROFINANCE IN COMMUNITIES  
IMPACTED BY CONFLICT**

- **Microfinance in conflict-affected communities**  
Mayada El-Zoghbi: Global Microenterprise Initiatives
- **Microfinance in North East Sri Lanka: experiences of SEEDS**  
Mrs T Nagalatha: Sarvodaya Economic Enterprises Development Services
- **Microfinance and crisis: pursuing the financial sector approach**  
Mayumi Ozaki: Asian Development Bank

3.30 - 4.00pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

2.00 - 3.30pm **MICROFINANCE IN COMMUNITIES  
IMPACTED BY HIV/AIDS**

- **Trends in Microfinance and HIV/AIDS: World Relief's response**  
Paul Luchtenburg: World Relief
- **Microfinance and HIV/AIDS: Nepal's experience**  
Prahald Mali: Microfinance Centre of Nepal
- **Economy and epidemic: Microfinance and HIV/AIDS in Asia**  
Stuart Mathison: The Foundation for Development Cooperation



# Tuesday, 14 June

## 9.00 - 10.30am THE ASIAN TSUNAMI - REPORTS FROM MFIs

- ***The Impact of the tsunami on Microfinance institutions in Asia***  
Gene Octavio: Grameen Foundation USA
- ***SEEDS Microfinance, Sri Lanka***  
Emil Anthony: Sarvodaya Economic Enterprises Development Services
- ***PPSW Microfinance, Aceh***  
Nani Zulminarni: Center for Women's Resources Development
- ***SANASA Microfinance, Sri Lanka***  
Nimal J B Mamaduwa: SANASA Development Bank

## 10.30 - 11.00am MORNING TEA

## 11.00 - 12.30pm BUILDING COMMUNITY ECONOMY

- ***Corporate linkages to microenterprises through Microfinance***  
Guy de Fontgalland: South Asian Regional Institute of Management
- ***Economic revitalization in complex emergencies: experiences of CHF International***  
Sohini Sarker: CHF International
- ***Planning for post-tsunami livelihood Rebuilding in Sri Lanka's South-East***  
Judith Shaw: RMIT University
- ***IFAD tsunami response in Sri Lanka***  
Sana Jatta: IFAD Sri Lanka

## 12.30 - 2.00pm LUNCH

## 2.00 - 3.30pm BUILDING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF MFIs TO RESPOND IN CRISIS SITUATIONS

- ***Building institutional capacity of MFIs to respond in crisis situations***  
Jaya Arunachalam: Working Women's Forum, India
- ***MFI preparedness and response in crisis situations***  
Ali Ahmad: The First MicroFinance Bank Ltd, Pakistan
- ***Capacity to respond to crises: perspectives from CARD NGO***  
Vicente Briones: CARD NGO, Philippines
- ***Capacity-building needs of the Microfinance sector in Asia***  
Namrata Sharma: Indian School of Microfinance for Women

## 3.30 - 4.00pm AFTERNOON TEA

## 4.00 - 5.30pm BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY

- ***Reaching insurance to the masses through unconventional means***  
Sanjeev Chandran: ICICI Bank, India
- ***Microinsurance: linkage between insurance providers and MFIs - Nepal's experience***  
Prahald Mali: Microfinance Centre of Nepal
- ***Insurance services for the rural population in Sri Lanka***  
Sunil Silva: Yasiru Provident Society Ltd

# Wednesday, 15 June

9.00 - 10.30am

**WORKING GROUPS - IMPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Groups organised around the key themes of microfinance in communities impacted by:

- Natural disaster
- Conflict
- HIV/AIDS

**Focussing on capacity-building and training needs:**

- What are the needs?
- What training is available?
- What are the training "gaps"?

10.30 - 11.00am

**MORNING TEA**

11.00 - 12.30pm

**WORKING GROUPS - IMPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Groups organised around the key themes; for example :

- Insurance
- Strategic approaches to MED financing
- Housing finance, etc

**Focussing on capacity-building and training needs**

12.30 - 2.00pm

**LUNCH**

2.00 - 3.30pm

**WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

3.30 - 4.00pm

**AFTERNOON TEA**

4.00 - 5.30pm

**CLOSING CEREMONY**

## **Closing Remarks**

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*Citigroup is pleased to sponsor this important Forum as part of our support for the recovery of tsunami-affected areas. This initiative also reinforces our commitment to microfinance which we believe plays a critical role in building economic vitality.*

- Paula Bennett  
Director, Community Relations  
Citigroup Asia Pacific

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World Vision



*World Vision and Vision Fund are pleased to give their support to this important Forum. It is our hope that it will be of great benefit to microfinance providers throughout the region, and ultimately, to those people who have been impacted so harshly by crisis events, not least the recent tsunami.*

- Chris Shore  
Vision Fund International

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