



The Training Division of EDA provides specialised training support for microfinance. The team has evolved a range of modules that cover core elements of microfinance management – both financial and social.

This newsletter highlights some of EDA Training activities over the previous six months, including:

- International training – BRAC International (Africa, S Asia)
- India training – SPM, risk management. (For more on EDA's work in SPM, please see our forthcoming newsletter)
- Introducing the Progress out of Poverty Index (Sri Lanka – as well as ongoing work in India)

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■ **BRAC International senior managers trained in Gurgaon**

The EDA training team's support of BRAC's international microfinance activities continues with our current engagement in microfinance management training of BRAC's international managers

A three week programme for country CEOs and Programme Managers conducted in Gurgaon in June-July 2010. The programme covered Financial Analysis, Accounting, Risk Management, and Banking Management.

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■ **Training of BRAC International Managers across Africa and S Asia**

Since October 2009, EDA has conducted intensive 3-week training programmes of managers who BRAC International is inducting into microfinance, as it expands its microfinance operations across S Asia and Africa.

Programmes in **Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, and Sri Lanka**. Coming up in **Liberia and Pakistan**

3-week training programmes in: Financial Analysis, Accounting, Risk Management

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■ **Social Performance Management (SPM)**

Following a partner workshop on SPM for **ACTED partners** (in Delhi, August 2009) the EDA team held a 4-day strategy workshop for SPM with staff of **Mahashakti** in Kalahandi, Orissa (April 2010).

In May, EDA linked up with **IFMR** (Chennai) for its **Microfinance Researchers Alliance Programme** (MRAP), involving senior academics from Indian universities.

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▪ **SPM** *continued*

2-day workshop introducing SPM, tools for poverty assessment and aspects of risk management

**Integrating the 'social' into mainstream training:** as a member of the *Imp-Act* consortium, EDA Training has contributed to identifying areas for integrating social performance into risk management, internal controls, and governance.

Worked directly with Frankfurt School of Finance and Management to incorporate Social Performance Management in their course on Risk Management.

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▪ **Introducing the Progress out of Poverty Index (PPI):**

**Progress Out of Poverty Index (PPI):** a tool to benchmark poverty levels. Helps to track poverty outreach of microfinance, define focus client markets, and provides a base for tracking change over time – with other selected indicators of quality of life. Developed by Mark Schreiner with support from the Grameen Foundation.  
[www.progressoutofpoverty.org](http://www.progressoutofpoverty.org)

The PPI is being introduced as a practical tool for application by MFIs. The **PPI for Sri Lanka** has just been released.

This workshop, in July, supported by GTZ for its partners in Sri Lanka, was a review of the tool, its relevance to Sri Lankan microfinance, and an introduction to applying the PPI for routine monitoring and reporting on poverty outreach.

The team contributed to the Grameen Foundation setting **standards of use for the PPI** – Basic, Advanced and Tracking over Time

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▪ **Training at Boulder Institute of Microfinance**

EDA Directors joined the Boulder faculty again this year in Turin, Italy in July.

Faculty for two courses: Dimensions of Risk in 21<sup>st</sup> century microfinance; and Integrating Social Performance into microfinance management and reporting

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**Other Forthcoming**

▪ **Training on Risk Management**

EDA is conducting a customised training on Risk Management for the staff of **Hand in Hand**, an MFI based in Kancheepuram, Tamilnadu – 4 days, August 2010.

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