HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Facility at your doorstep
At this important moment as we switch gears to implement our strategy, we are coming to you. We'll be revealing more about what we have planned as well as sharing our wealth of lessons on how to make microinsurance work for you and your clients. Find out when we will be at an event near you!

KNOWLEDGE UPDATE

Integrated health insurance for the urban working poor
Research Paper #41
Dhruv Kazi, Bilal Hussain, Saima Shivji and Asher Hasan
The objective of this study was to conduct a community-based retrospective analysis of primary, secondary and tertiary care utilization over a 12 month period by 5000 urban slum dwellers in the context of an integrated health insurance plan (outpatient + inpatient) that was introduced by Naya Jeevan into Sultanabad (an urban slum in Karachi) during the 2013 calendar year.

Evaluation of RSBY’s key performance indicators: A biennial study
Research Paper #42
Shantanu Shoree, Rupalee Ruchismita and Kinnary R. Desai
Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY) is a programme that needs no introduction. Launched in 2008 to provide secondary care to below poverty line households, the scheme has expanded rapidly and today covers nearly 38 million households. This paper analyses key performance indicators for the programme, so as to identify ways of improving the scheme’s performance.

Addressing the Gap in Actuarial Services in Inclusive Insurance Markets
International Actuarial Association
Lack of actuarial capacity is a challenge for many developing countries and the level of actuarial skills required is a key consideration for supervisors when devising regulation and supervision supporting microinsurance market development. The IAA recently released a paper that outlines the key issues in inclusive insurance markets and provides recommendations to address these challenges.

Training Module on Inclusive Insurance Markets
International Association of Insurance Supervisors and Access to Insurance Initiative
More and more supervisors are faced with the challenge of “doing something” to build an inclusive insurance market. Developed by the IAIS and the A2ii, this module seeks to enhance supervisors’ understanding of what it takes to achieve a more inclusive insurance market and their ability to apply this understanding in the context of their own jurisdiction.

NEWS FLASH

2nd Annual Microinsurance Africa Summit 2014
27th to 29th August 2014, Nairobi Kenya
Despite its tremendous growth and potential, microinsurance in Africa continues to face significant challenges. This summit brings together participants to address these challenges through interactive panel discussions, case studies of successful African implementation, and open debate sessions.

The Zambezi Prize
The Zambezi Prize, from the MasterCard Foundation & Legatum Center at MIT, awards US$ 200K annually to support ventures that contribute to financial inclusion in Sub-Saharan Africa. Apply before the 15th November.

Study visit on agricultural microinsurance
5th to 8th November 2014, Mexico
Together with AMUCCS and the Multilateral Investment Fund, Grameen Crédit Agricole Foundation will be organising a study visit on agricultural microinsurance in Mexico. The visit will allow participants to learn about Mexico’s approach to agricultural insurance through insights from experts and two field visits to local microinsurance schemes. Further details on the visit, including costs and logistical issues, are available here.

Housed at the International Labour Organization’s Social Finance Programme, the Microinsurance Innovation Facility seeks to increase the availability of quality insurance for the developing world’s low income families to help them guard against risk and overcome poverty. The Facility was launched in 2008 with generous support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to learn and promote how to extend better insurance to the working poor. Additional funding has gratefully been received from several donors, including the Z Zurich Foundation and AusAID.

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