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Facility partners with two Asian training institutes

Last month saw the signing of two important partnerships between the Facility and the Insurance Institute for Asia and the Pacific ([IIAP](#)) in the Philippines and Bangladesh-based Academy of Learning ([AoL](#)). The partnerships aim to build local capacity to offer quality microinsurance training courses in the Asian and Pacific region. More information on our efforts to build a sustainable local training infrastructure can be found on [this page](#).

Make a new year's resolution



KNOWLEDGE UPDATE

Emerging Insight: Beyond basis risk

How can we measure quality of index insurance products? Basis risk has always been central to discussions of index insurance contract design. At times, however, this has resulted in the evaluation of contracts based on whether they "triggered when they were intended to," instead of whether they provided effective protection to clients. [Click here](#) for our latest Emerging Insight touching upon this subject.

Mobile-Led insurance: Evolving approaches in an advancing field

[Arunjay Katakam](#) and [Alex Lazarow](#), [Omidyar Network](#)

At the recent Mobile Money Global Event in Cape Town, GSMA hosted a panel discussion on lessons learnt from mobile-led insurance initiatives. [This blog](#) post captures the highlights from that session and the different approaches to delivering mobile-led insurance.

Health shocks, coping strategies and foregone healthcare among agricultural households in Kenya

[Igna Bonfrer](#) and [Emily Gustafsson-Wright](#)

A new study investigates the relative importance of health shocks and factors associated with coping behaviour and foregone care. [A survey](#) among agricultural households in Kenya reveals the significant risks that health shocks pose to households.

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Mobile microfinance user soar



Service providers successfully facilitating financial inclusion

Philippines

NEWS FLASH

The Facility at your doorstep in 2016

The Facility is looking forward to an exciting year ahead, with plenty of interesting events lined up. Have a look at our [Doorstep](#) to see when we will be organising or participating in an event near you.

Training on "Making Microfinance Work: Managing product diversification"

The International Training Centre of the ILO, EMLD Programme, is announcing an upcoming training "Making Microfinance Work: Managing Product Diversification". All information about this training, organised from March 14 till March 18, can be found in [this flyer](#).

Rural and Agricultural Finance (RAF) Learning Lab's first webinar

The Rural and Agricultural Finance (RAF) Learning Lab's will be organising its [first webinar](#) on February 4. It will present and discuss learnings from their



Microinsurance provides risk protection to 31 million low-income

recently released technical report, "Understanding the impact of rural and agricultural finance on clients."

Filipinos

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