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ADA, MCPI scale up DevSEA program

The success of the pilot rollout of the Energy Inclusion Initiative (EII), now known as Developing Sustainable Energy Access (DevSEA) program, and the renewed support and commitment of program partner Appui au Développement Autonome (ADA) have prompted the Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc. (MCPI) to open its doors to applications for the 2015 rollout of the program.

The DevSEA Program, launched last year in the Philippines, aims to create an established and recognized energy arm of the Philippine microfinance industry through MCPI with a critical mass of scaled and scalable sustainable energy projects. On its first run, the program supported Alalay sa Kaunlaran, Inc. (ASKI) in Luzon, and Peoples Bank of Caraga, Inc. (PBC) in Mindanao in rolling out a new sustainable energy loan product specifically designed based on their clients' energy needs.

To jumpstart the selection process for the 2015 rollout, MCPI, last October 3, organized a one-day workshop for interested microfinance institutions to orient them on sustainable energy, and the DevSEA program. Eleven prospective MFIs attended the session. Interested MFIs were requested to submit a formal letter of intent to participate in the selection process. They were also asked to

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Two years in a row: MCPI is BSP's Outstanding Financial Inclusion Partner



The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has once again chosen MCPI as this year's recipient of the Outstanding Financial Inclusion Partner award. Last year, MCPI was its Outstanding Financial Inclusion Partner for the National Capital Region.

Now on its 11th year, the awards program is BSP's way of recognizing partner institutions that support and contribute to its financial inclusion initiatives in the areas of consumer protection, capacity building, and policy and regulation.

The Awards Ceremony and Appreciation Lunch for BSP stakeholders was held on July 9, 2014 at the BSP Assembly Hall. Former MCPI Chairperson Mila M. Bunker and MCPI Executive Director Allan Robert I. Sicat received the award from BSP Governor and Chairman of the Monetary Board Amando M. Tetangco, Jr., and Monetary Board Member and Chairman of the Board of Judges Alfredo C. Antonio.

submit information on their financial performance and their non-financial services.

The applicants will be shortlisted to the top four candidates, from which the top two will be selected as partner

MFI for the 2015 rollout. The program provides partner MFIs continuous technical advice and support from MCPI, access to methodologies and tools for the development of energy products, and opportunities to participate in exchange visits and events to share experiences locally and abroad.



Participants of the DevSEA workshop. **Front row, from left:** Juliet Rawlinson, PMPC; RG Salazar, DevSEA EBA; Jovilyn Alcedo, JVOFI; Jewella Vinson, DevSEA TEA; Grace Cabral, ASKI; Hazel Rosacia-Bayaca, KMBI; Estrella Andres, ASHI; Sohra Benasing, GDMPC; and Ritzie Apaitan, TSKI. **Second Row:** Imelda Magabilen, USPD; Mylene Salmazan, TSPI; Rodolfo Necesito, Jr., PBC; Glodiel Abenoja, PBC; Gilbert Maramba, NWTF; Paul Diamat, ASKI; and Glenn Anciano, CEVI.

Meanwhile, the two pilot MFIs, ASKI and PBC, are exploring the possibility of scaling-up the program to include more branches, and assessing the feasibility of adding other sustainable energy technologies to address other energy needs of clients.

Announcement of the second batch of MFI partners is in December 2014. ♦

MCPI participates in 2014 Asia Microfinance Forum

The Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc. joined stakeholders including central banks, microfinance practitioners, donor agencies, commercial banks, and technology and software companies from across Asia and outside the region in the 2014 Asia Microfinance Forum (AMF) last August 4-8 in Shanghai, China.

Organized by the Banking with the Poor (BWTP) and the Foundation for Development Cooperation, the AMF promotes inclusive and sustainable financial services in Asia and provides a platform for discourse on emerging issues in microfinance.

MCPI participated in the Annual General Meeting of BWTP Network member institutions on day one of the five-day forum.

The three-day conference proper with the theme *Financial Inclusion in Asia: Creating Dynamic Financial Ecosystems for the Poor* followed. A line-up of panel sessions and capacity building workshops for stakeholders and institutions revolved on areas such as

digital financial services, agri-microfinance, peer to peer microfinance, and responsible inclusive finance. MCPI Executive Director Allan Sicat presented MCPI's Social Performance Management initiatives during the panel session on *Reaching the Financially Excluded and Demonstrating Impact*.

The fifth day was dedicated to the Asia Network Summit (ANS), a one-day event of learning and exchanges for the representatives of microfinance associations in Asia. The ANS gave participants from 14 networks a venue for discussions of the networks' next steps taking off from the AMF that was held from August 5-7.

MCPI discussed its Developing Sustainable Energy Access (DevSEA) initiative, a renewable energy project of MCPI and Appui au Développement Autonome (ADA), in the session on *Role of Microfinance Associations in Promoting Financial Inclusion through Products and Services*.

BWTP is an Asian network of micro-

finance stakeholders committed to improving the quality of life of the poor through promoting and facilitating their access to sustainable financial services. To learn more about the association, follow this link <http://www.bwtp.org/>. The AMF summary report can be downloaded here <http://www.bwtp.org/amf2014.html>. ♦

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