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Strengthening microfinance on the ground at 2026 MF Operations Staff Summit



Organized by the Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc. (MCPI), operations staff of MFIs convened for the 2026 Microfinance Operations Staff Summit on April 7-8, 2026 at the Century Park Hotel in Manila. The event was attended by 287 participants from 50 institutions. During the summit, topics on microfinance operations including conducting center meetings, achieving productivity targets, dealing with client behavior, addressing mental health, managing portfolio and clients, and addressing internal and external risks were discussed.

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MCPI Chairperson Eduardo Jimenez welcomed the participants, while CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip provided the keynote message. During the first plenary session, Charisma Baun, member of Kabuhayan sa Ganap na Kasarinlan Credit and Savings Cooperative (K-Coop), Bebiana Romero, client of Kabalikat para sa Maunlad na Buhay, Inc. (KMBI), and Johna Flores Rasimo, client of Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. (NWTF), shared their experiences with their respective MFIs, highlighting the approaches and strategies that work on the ground. The succeeding plenary sessions had a practical exchange on what works in conducting traditional and modified center meetings and a discussion on addressing mental health and resilience of field staff. The closing message was given by MCPI Board Member Fr. Rex Paul Arjona.

The summit is part of a series of events leading to the MCPI Annual Conference to be held on August 12-13, 2026. Photos can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/2026MFOPsSummitPhotos>.

Presentation materials can be downloaded here: <https://microfinancecouncil.org/2026-microfinance-operations-staff-summit-presentation-materials/>.



MCPI leads enhancement of MF Code of Ethics

MCPI held a Consultation Workshop on the Microfinance Code of Ethics (CoE) on April 7, 2026 as part of the Microfinance Operations Staff Summit.

During the consultation workshop, participants discussed the role of the CoE in addressing critical issues and challenges that the microfinance industry is facing. MCPI is currently updating the Microfinance CoE to make it more relevant to changes in the microfinance industry in the country.



MCPI held a Microfinance CEO Roundtable Meeting on April 8, 2026 as part of the 2026 Microfinance Operations Staff Summit.

During the meeting, heads of microfinance institutions discussed key developments, emerging issues, and collaborative opportunities within the microfinance industry.

Microfinance CEOs convene to discuss industry issues



MICROFINANCE DATA AT A GLANCE

COLLECTED FROM 27 MF NGO MEMBERS OF MCPI

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

₱101.5 BILLION

GROSS LOAN PORTFOLIO

9.2 MILLION

NUMBER OF ACTIVE CLIENTS

10.5%

PAR > 1 DAY RATIO

EmPower initiative brings clean technology training to microentrepreneurs

MCPI, with support from United Nations Environment Programme, delivered an orientation on clean and climate-resilient technologies for microentrepreneurs under the *EmPower: Women for Climate-Resilient Societies Programme (EmPower)*.

A series of orientation sessions were conducted from March to April 2026, reaching a total of 298 microfinance clients from its partner microfinance institutions: Ahon Sa Hiras, Inc. (ASHI), Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation (NWTf), and RAFI Microfinance, Inc. (RAFI MFI). The sessions were held across various locations, including Rizal Province, Negros Occidental, Capiz, Carcar City, and Cebu City.

The orientation covered key topics such as climate change, clean energy and technologies, and energy efficiency, all contextualized for microenterprises in the Philippines. As part of the learning process, participants conducted simple energy audits and developed action plans to help apply and reinforce their understanding.

EmPower is jointly implemented by UN Women and UN Environment Programme with support from the Governments of Germany, New Zealand, Sweden and Switzerland, EmPower is dedicated to empowering women and marginalized groups to take the lead in building climate-resilient communities through MCPI and its member-MFIs.

