CGAP

Global Pulse Survey of Microfinance Institutions

Indicators : Wave 1

Background

The Global Pulse Survey has been designed to be as simple and light as possible for microfinance institutions to fill out. Hence only a small core of questions is repeated in each wave, while the rest are spread out over different waves.

Indicators in Wave 1: Background information

1. What local currency (LCU) will you be reporting in? *Pick from a list*
2. Is your MFI regulated and supervised by a financial authority? *Yes/No*
3. Which is your main regulator? *Pick from a list*
4. What is your primary lending methodology? *Pick from a list*
5. Is the share of women among your borrowers above 60%? *Yes/No*

Indicators in Wave 1: Financial information (approximate figures only)

6. Total assets as of 30 April 2020 *LCU value*
7. Total equity as of 30 April 2020 *LCU value*
8. Quarterly operating expenses in the period 1 Jan - 31 Mar 2020 *LCU value*
9. Cash and liquid assets convertible to cash <90 days, at 30 Apr *LCU value*
10. Debt to be repaid by MFI to its lenders 1 May - 31 July 2020 *LCU value*
11. Value of loans disbursed in April 2020 *LCU value*
12. % PAR30 as of 30 April 2020 *%*
13. % PAR30 as of 30 June 2019 *%*
14. % of portfolio restructured or in moratorium at 30 April 2020 *%*
15. % write-off ratio in the period 1 Jan - 30 April 2020 *%*
16. How badly would you say the microfinance sector in your country is struggling right now? *Scale 1-10*

How will these data be used?

All data will be anonymized and permit only aggregate analysis (e.g., by country, region, or MFI size or type); data on any individual MFI will not be accessible. The data will be hosted at ATLAS, which is the leading data provider in the space and already hosts similar data on a secure, permissioned platform.

The data will be accessible to the public in interactive graphs, heatmaps, trend analysis, and other outputs that show the "real-time" state of the industry and how it is evolving for key metrics. Longer term, the data will be used for post-crisis analysis to understand the effectiveness of responses taken by MFIs and policy makers in different contexts.

Why should microfinance providers participate?

- Participating MFIs will get access to a deeper level of analysis with benchmarking against different averages, to help CEOs understand how their business is doing compared to peers.

- Understanding how the crisis is striking and evolving in different parts of the sector should dispel some of the uncertainty, helping CEOs know what to expect and plan accordingly.

- Giving funders and policy makers a comprehensive, updated picture of the crisis will enable quicker and better responses to distressed parts of the sector, which will benefit MFIs directly and indirectly.

How can I learn more?

We thank you for your time and interest in the survey. Get more info on www.cgap.org/pulse. Please feel free to email us your comments or questions at pulsesurvey@cgap.org.

To participate, MFIs can register and fill out the survey here.

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