



WEBINAR

MICROFINANCE SOLVENCY AND COVID-19: A Call for Coordination

December 7, 2021

09:00 am - 10:30 am (US ET)

Agenda

Scene Setting

Opening Remarks – CGAP and the Call for Coordination
David Crush, CGAP Advisor

Presentations

Key Point Commentaries by Expert Panel
Lucia Spaggiari, Andrée Simon, Mary Rose Brusewitz, Deborah Drake, Sizwe Mdluli, Nina Fenton.

Discussion

DFI Perspectives
Prof. Deborah Burand, CGAP Advisor, with Esther Njoroge of FMO and Anthony Randazzo of DFC

Open Forum

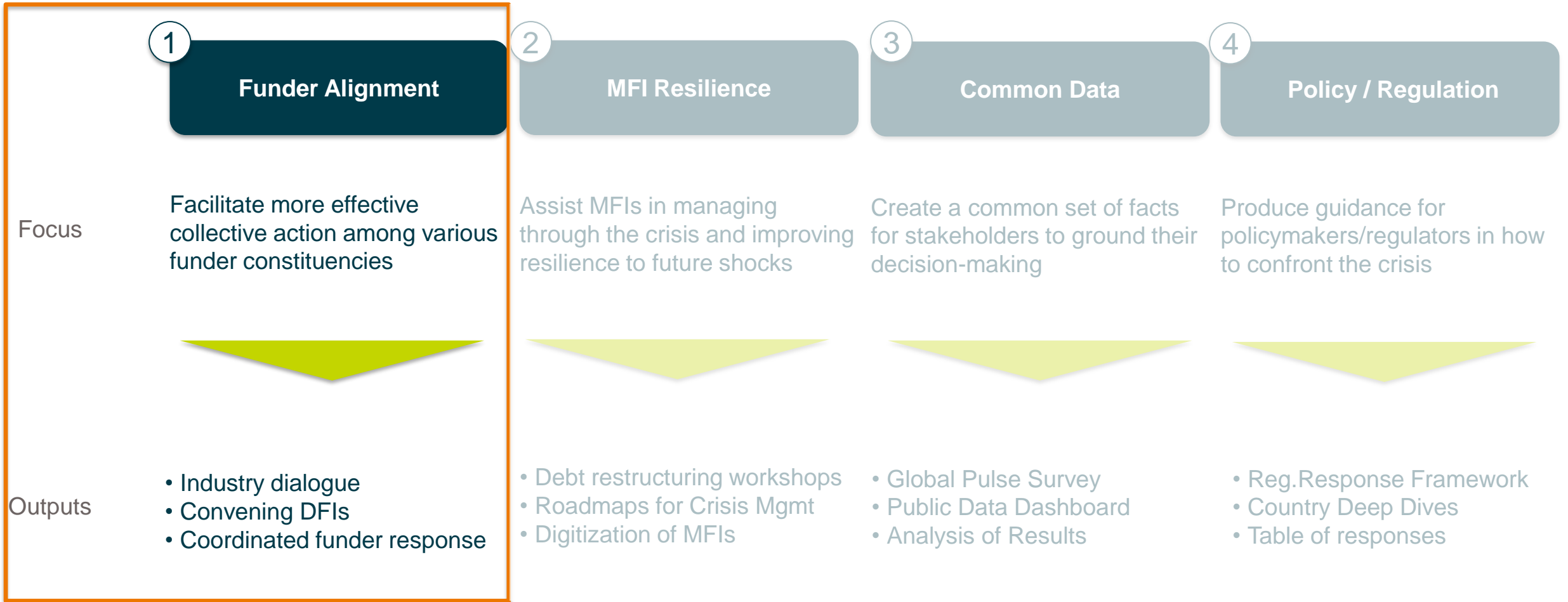
Questions, Comments, Observations

Conclusion

Concluding Remarks – *Alexander Sotiriou, Senior Specialist, CGAP*

CGAP's MFI Crisis Response Efforts: 4 Focus Areas

CGAP's efforts are intended to help the MFI sector survive and recover from the economic shock precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.





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1. CGAP Paper Key Questions –

- i. What is at Stake?
- ii. How Big is the Financing Problem?
- iii. Who Might Help?
- iv. How to Make it Work
 - a) Put the interests of microfinance customers at the heart of joint approaches.
 - b) Create funding vehicles to catalyze appropriate capital
 - c) Expand range of possible investment instruments (quasi-equity, local currency)





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2. Conclusions

- i. Regional Approaches make most sense
- ii. Shift from debt/liquidity responses to capital support – DFIs
- iii. Donor support crucial – structuring support, efficiencies through digitisation



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Ensuring continued delivery of financial services to poor communities

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Guest Blogger Presentations: Covid-19 and Microfinance

1. [What the Data Says About Risk in the Sector](#) Lucia Spaggiari,
2. [The Menace of COVID-19 for Microfinance](#) Andrée Simon
3. [Managing Trouble with Restructuring](#) Mary Rose Brusewitz
4. [What's Next for Equity Investors?](#) Deborah Drake
5. [How Digitization Helps Build Resilience](#) Sizwe Mdluli
6. [MFI Digitalization – How can DFIs/IFIs Contribute](#) Nina Fenton



Updated Analysis of the Data

Lucia Spaggiari





DFI Perspectives

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In this session, the participants discuss solvency challenges caused by the pandemic and explore ideas and financing responses to ensure the continued delivery of microfinance services to poor communities.





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Moderated Discussion

Questions and comments from the audience



Zoom Chat

Pose questions directly to the panelists and presenters.

- Please indicate if your question is intended for a specific person.
- Feel free to share your name, country and organization (but it's not mandatory)
- Share your views and experiences, and reactions to today's discussion.
- What are your thoughts on the scale of the problem, the structural solutions. Are there elements we may have missed?



Closing Remarks

Alexander Sotiriou of CGAP with a summary and assessment of the key points raised during the Webinar

