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### LATIN-AMERICAN MICRO INSURANCE

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### INNOVATIONS IN THE DESIGN OF MICROINSURANCE PRODUCTS



### Relevant results of several qualitative and quantitative market research:

- Risk exposure in the BOP population is higher due to their living conditions.
- The BOP population has been neglected by the insurance sector due to its high operating and distribution cost.
- The death of the family's income provider has a profound economic effect and might even destabilize the family's budget immediately.



- Lack of awareness and scarce information regarding insurance products result in an unclear concept.
- Mistrust.
- Women are responsible for family and household.
- Shared decision-making. Women seldom make their own decisions.



- Social and productive activities focus on children and family.
- Hence, children are the ones that give meaning to the present and constitute a guarantee for the future.
- They have a short-term vision. They are unaware of the long-term since they live one day at a time.
- Security is ascribed to the male gender.
- Social recognition is extremely important.



- Both, men and women, provide family income.
- They are familiarized with microfinance institutions.
- Women become interested when they receive a simple, clear and concise explanation of what life insurance entails and the benefits they may derive from it.
- On the subject of insurance, they are interested in medical insurance, savings and life products such as funeral expenses.

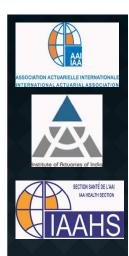












### **Property**

- •Home
- Business
  - Land



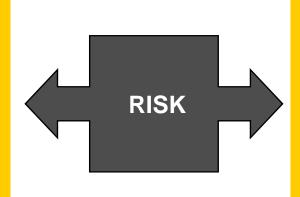
### **Personal**

- Head of the family
  - Spouse
  - Children
- Other dependents

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### **Property**

- Fire
- Theft
- Earthquake
- Hydrometeorological



### **Personal**

- •Life
- •Health
- Disability
- •Old Age

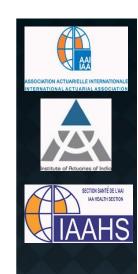
#### **L&HPRODUCTS**

### **LIFE**

- Head of the family
- Spouse and children
- Debtor insurance
- Education insurance
- Funeral expenses
- Immigrant repatriation







### **L&HPRODUCTS**

### Health

- Indemnity
- Credit
- Dread diseases
- Medical assistance







### L & H PRODUCTS

### **Disability**

Short term

Long term





### **L&HPRODUCTS**

### **Old Age**

- Pension
- Health







- Microinsurance definition
- Distribution
- Contract
- Money laundering
- Migrants
- Claims payment
- Regulatory costs
- Statistical information



### **Micro insurance definition**

- Face amount
- Premium





### **Distribution**

Licensed agents

- Other non-regulated channels
- Insurer responsibility



### **Contract**

- Few clauses
- Simple wording



### **Money laundering**

- Customer identification
- Beneficiary identification



### **Migrants**

Trans border operations

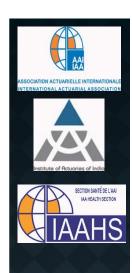


### **Claims payment**

- Cash
- Few documentation







### **Regulatory costs**

- Supervisor
- Governance
- Auditors





### **Statistical information**

New schemes





# MARKET STIMULATION THROUGH GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT



### **INCENTIVE vs MANDATORY**

#### **Governments should NOT:**

- Force insurance companies
- Cost free insurance



### **INCENTIVE vs MANDATORY**

### **Governments and Regulators should:**

- Give access to public programs
- Facilitate their channels
- Offer tax incentives
- Provide public basic education
- Implement open orientation programs
- Ad Hoc regulation





### **INCENTIVE vs MANDATORY**



Felipe Calderón

President of Mexico



### **CURRENT PROGRAMS**



### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

It is possible to generate a partnership between the Federal Government and the Private Sector by making use of the MFIs distribution channel

To bring microinsurance products to the BOP, generates a culture of prevention and combats poverty at the same time

PRONAFIM
MICROFINANCE
INSTITUTIONS

+

AMIS
INSURANCE
COMPANIES

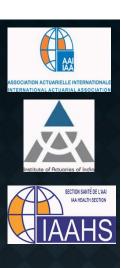
MFIs and

MICROCREDITORS
DIRECT BENEFITS
FOR
MICROCREDITORS



#### WHAT IS PRONAFIM?

- PRONAFIM= Programa Nacional de Financiamiento al Microempresario
- Created in 1996
- Federal Government Program (Ministry of Economy)
- Mission: To help establish and consolidate the microfinance sector so that the low-income population may improve their living conditions by operating small productive projects.
- PRONAFM provides funding to over 150 MFIs that grant approximately 1,000,000 microcredits



### WHAT IS AMIS?

- AMIS= Asociación Mexicana de Instituciones de Seguros
- Founded in 1946
- Association that congregates the Mexican insurance sector
- It includes 100 insurance companies
- It represents 99.5% of the Mexican market premium
- It comprises several Committees



### WHAT IS AMIS?

#### It has a Microinsurance Committee

- Established in 2007
- Objectives:
  - establishing the bases for microinsurance products
  - negotiating their regulatory framework
  - promoting their sale and
  - generating the necessary partnerships for its development



### WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE PRONAFIM-AMIS PARTNERSHIP?

- To actively promote contingency planning and financial education among the MFIs and their microcreditors.
- To offer, through MFIs, comprehensive products and services to the BOP that will help them combat their poverty situation.
- To generate additional income for MFIs so that they may grow and offer better quality and services.

#### THE PURPOSE OF THE PRONAFIM – AMIS PARTNERSHIP

- To offer the benefit of protection (microinsurance) to MFIs and their microcreditors.
- To design microinsurance products according to the needs of MFIs and their microcreditors.
- To sell microinsurance through simple, clear and easy-tounderstand methods, as well as to generate financial education.



#### **MARKETING**

- Distribution is carried out through the MFIs (financially supported mostly by PRONAFIM)
- Product: Life microinsurance:
  - The loan balance is covered and all family members are also insured, (mother + father + children),10,000 MXP (650 Euros)
  - It is part of the product (incorporated to the microcredit) and constitutes an added value



### **RESULTS**

### Stage 1

October 2008. The program is launched in one State: Oaxaca. This is one of the poorest states in the country.

Stage 2
March 2009 in Veracruz

#### Up to date:

- 17 MFI
- 44,000 policyholders
- Over 100 claims paid



### WHY IS THIS PARTNERSHIP IMPORTANT?

#### **Because:**

- This is the first time that the public sector (PRONAFIM) and the private sector (AMIS) join forces to offer a benefit to the low-income population.
- It is an innovative program = modern instrument to combat poverty.



### BANSEFI

- Development Bank as a state instrument to promote and coordinate the transformation of the semi-formal sector.
- Objectives:
  - Promote Savings
  - Develop Central Entities
    - L@ Red de la Gente
    - Technological Platform
    - Savings and Credit Institutions Bank
  - Support the Sector
    - Technical Assistance
    - Training



### **CURRENT PROGRAMS**

#### **BANSEFI LIFE INSURANCE PLAN:**

- Covers family head
- Face amounts:15,000 up to 75,000 MXP (1,000 to 5,000 Euros)
- Annual premium:75 to 360 MXP (5 to 23 Euros)



### **CURRENT PROGRAMS**

#### **BANSEFI INSURANCE RESULTS**

- Started 4th Quarter 2008
- 2 insurance companies
- > 500 BANSEFI branches
- 500 L@ Red de la Gente branches
- > 75,000 policyholders
- Over 150 claims paid





