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Customer-Centricity for Financial Inclusion: Why It Matters





Customer Centricity for Financial Inclusion

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Agenda

CGAP and Financial Inclusion

C ustomer and Provider C hallenges

• Why Customer Centricity for Financial Inclusion?

Project Examples



Half the world lives in the informal economy



40+% below \$2/day



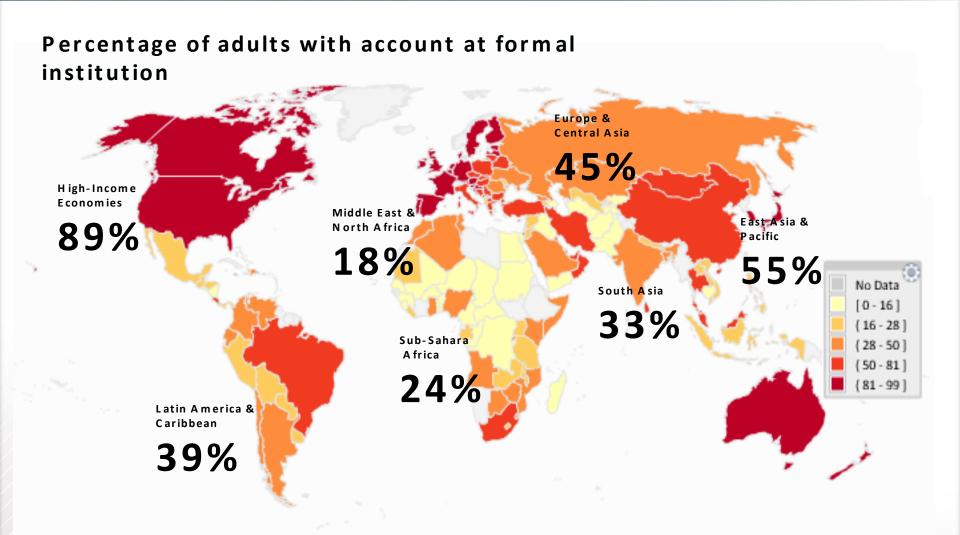
~50% with informal jobs

50+%
w/out formal
financial
account





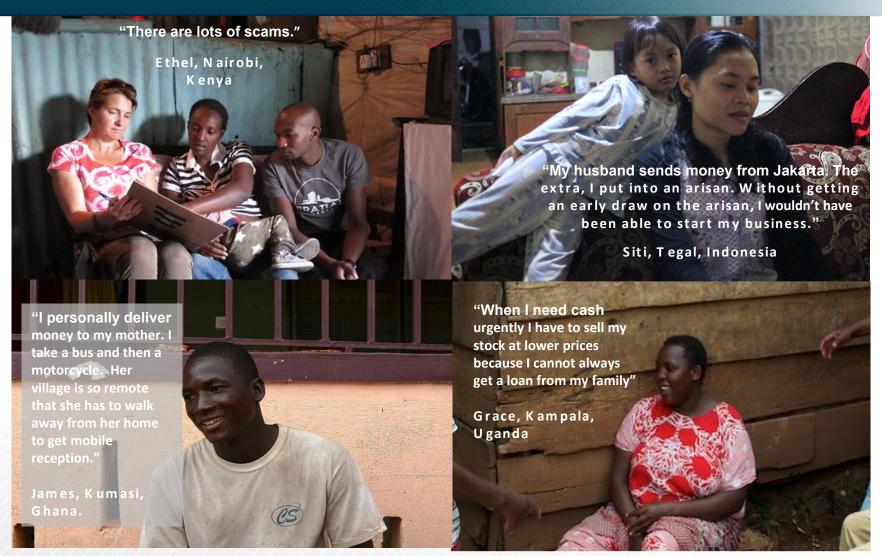
In some regions, 4 out of 5 adults financially excluded

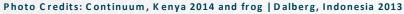




Customer Challenges to Financial Inclusion

Reality of customers should guide us to solutions







Provider Challenges to Financial Inclusion

Access does not automatically lead to adoption and usage

Access and use are not the same, e.g.

- 219 Mobile Money deployments, 60m (29%) active (1 in 90 days), Majority airtime top-ups and P2P payments (GSMA, 2013)
- High dormancy in No Frill Accounts in India (MicroSave, 2012)
- Dormancy of 20-90% of savings accounts for the poor (GAFIS, 2013)
- C ontinuous challenge of drop-outs in MFIs (MicroSave, 2002-2010)

Why customers don't use products

- Products do not fit customer context or serve a real need
- Client interfaces badly designed (ranging from face to face, ATM screens, Cell Phone Screens)
- Confusing products & functionality not even understood by frontline staff, nor by Head Office staff

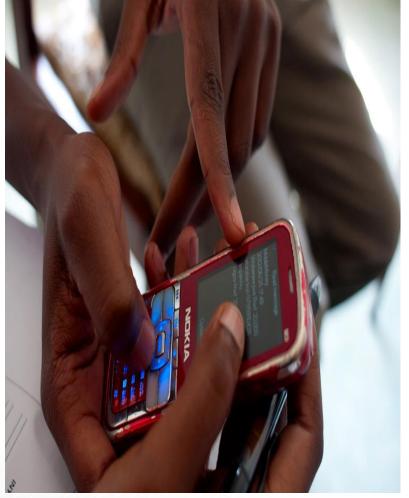


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What is Customer Centricity?

Approach that leads to a win-win for customers and providers

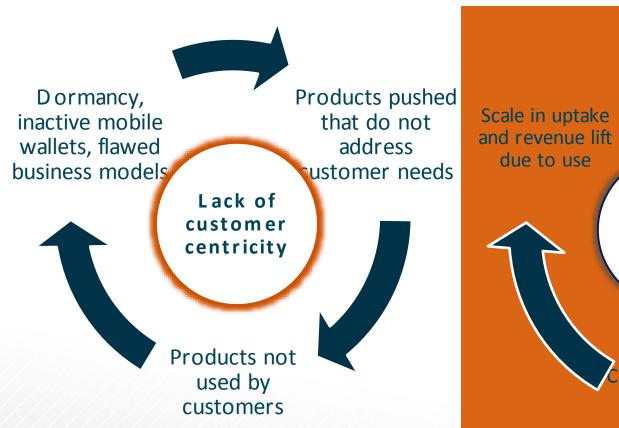
"Customer centricity is defined as the ecosystem and operating model that enables an organization to design a unique and distinctive customer experience. This architecture enables the business to acquire, retain and develop targeted customers efficiently for the benefit of customers, employees and stakeholders."

- Doug Leather, The Customer-Centric Blueprint



Why Customer Centricity as a Business Model?

Providers change from product push to customer focus







Five Pillars of Customer Centricity

Customer experience is at the center







- Questions or comments about the model
- Experiences to share





CGAP Customers at the Center Approach

Build the Guide together, learn from each other, share and scale

Guide to Customer Centricity as a Business Model, built in the WorkSpace

Share and get more to follow this approach at scale

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Within the Customers at the Center WorkSpace, where partners share and contribute



CGAP Customers at the Center WorkSpace

Join, share, help build the Guide for Customer Centricity as a Business Model

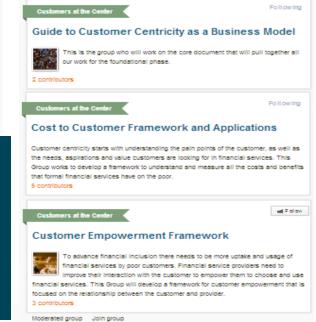
workspace.cgap.org

The WorkSpace is an open collaboration space for the financial inclusion community where we share and collectively build the *Guide to Customer Centricity as a Business Model*.





Members
collaborate on
specific group
projects that
contribute to the
co-creation of







Advancing financial inclusion to improve the lives of the poor













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PUTTING CLIENTS FIRST

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Five Pillars of Customer Centricity



The Language of Business Tells it All



My Organization is Customer Centric and Promotes Customer Empowerment

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AGREE

STRONGLY DISAGREE

DISAGREE

So What is "Putting Clients First"?

"We have to think about our customers differently."

- Greta Bull, IFC

1. Customers Have Choices and Make Trade-offs

Delivery System Product	DFS	Commercial Bank	MFI	ROSCA, ASCA	SHGS	INTRA- FAMILY
Credit						
Savings						
Insurance						
Payments						
Remittances						

2. Moving Beyond Functionality

Leapfrogging into Technology and into Banking

3. Increasing Usage of Digital Financial Services

Financial behavior is strongly influenced

- I. by a customer's past use of financial services, formal and informal.
- II. by how skilled s/he is as a money manager.
- III. by the customers capacity to bear risk and reduce their vulnerability.

If we want to increase financial inclusion and usage rates we need to consider these aspects of demand

4. In Transactional Finance Social Relationships Matter

Digital financial services are about transactional finance. If it is to displace cash where does it work best?

The experience of M-Pesa suggests we might do best to bet on the client to figure that out.

IT MIGHT NOT BE WHAT YOU THINK.

CONCLUSION

Moving towards Customer-Centricity and Thinking about Clients Differently



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