

HARNESSING INNOVATION ON FINANCIAL INCLUSION: THE MARAWI EXPERIENCE

Session 2: Navigating the New Globalization: Local Actions For Mindanao

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## BACKGROUND

**Financial Inclusion** – a state wherein there is **effective access** to a **wide range of financial products by all** (Central Bank of the Philippines).

## Nationwide:

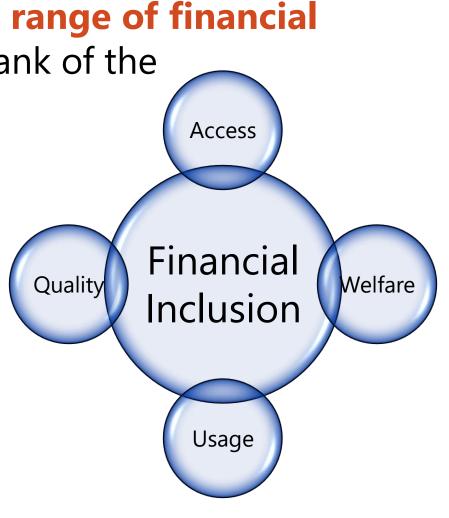
7 out of 10 Filipinos are not financially excluded

4 out of 10 Filipinos saves money 68% of those who save kept money at home

47% of Filipino adults avails of loan (62% informal sources; 10% informal lenders)

38% of Filipino adults receives remittances

32.5% of Filipino adults have life insurance coverage



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#### Source: Voyager & FinTQ by PLDT

Our main findings show that access to banks and their services is very unequal across the archipelago. Financial technology may be the alternative means to drive financial inclusion in the countryside by acting as the bridge between the banking sector and the unbanked and underserved markets.

High	Medium	Low



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## WHY FINANCIAL INCLUSION IS IMPORTANT?

# 69%

Adult population without access to financial services

## 1%

Transacted electronically out of 2.5 billion transactions per month worth PHP3.7 trillion (USD74 billion)

# 21mins

TREMAKER

Average time to get to the nearest financial touchpoint (USD0.86) PHP43

Average transport cost to get to the nearest financial touchpoint

## **The Solution**

People

Empower individuals and communities to gain access to finance

The Outcome

# Partners

Forge strategic stakeholder collaborations with a vision to make things happen

# Policy

Craft enabling regulatory framework conducive to digital transformation

# **Platform**

Build customer-centric initiatives that promote consumer welfare

Source: Voyager & FinTQ

# **Universal Access**

Simulating inclusive economic growth that promotes seamless, affordable, secure, and responsive financial services (i.e. lending, saving, investment, insurance, payments) across segments, leveraging on mobile technology through awesome customer experience.

Generating jobs, improving agricultural productivity, and steering Filipinos away from informal lending

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## IMPACT OF FINANCIAL EXCLUSION

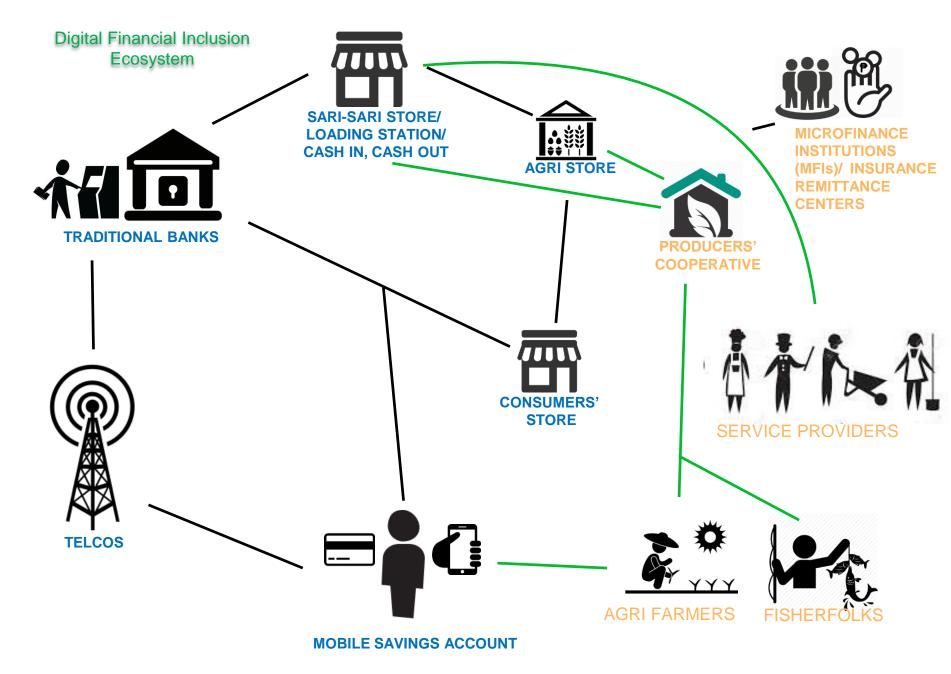
- **Social Impact:** Poor men and women living in extremely vulnerable environment remain poor and access to welfare services (i.e. health, education, etc.) comes with a greater or higher cost.
- Financial Impact: Financial services remains affordable only to working and business sectors, cashflow in local economy not circulated widely.

## **FINANCIAL INCLUSION FOR RECOVERY OF MARAWI**

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. To meet urgent, life saving needs of 10,000 IDPs, the project seek to improve the access to critical life savings needs and catalyze vulnerable livelihoods of at risk IDPs.
- 2. To help meet their basic needs and restore or diversify vulnerable livelihoods, transparent, safe and quick transfer will be provided through market restoration.





#### **INCLUSIVE RECOVERY & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**





#### AN APP & CARD LIKE NO OTHER...

Sharlah compliant • No maintaining balance or minimum deposit • Covers only transaction cost



**Savings** 



Purchase



Insurance

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Remittance



Pavment

Transactions Tracker

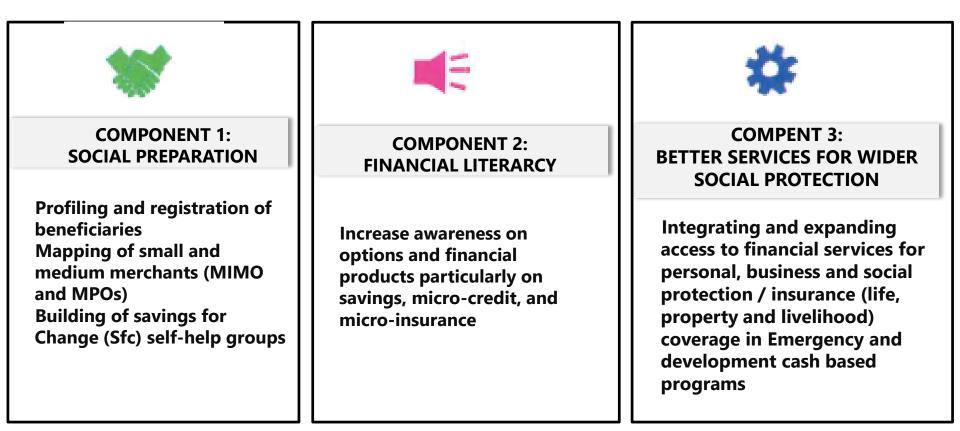
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#### Powered by the financial ecosystem

Banks \* Microfinance institutions \* Mobile network operators \* Insurance companies \* Financial technologies \*
Payment & card companies \* Remittance centers \* Financial cooperatives



To help build resiliency of vulnerable Filipinos against financial shocks caused by poverty and disaster through greater financial inclusion thru:



## **RESULTS**

For Agaiso Linintan, the best part about the iAFFORD card is how they can freely use it without fear of going against their beliefs in Islam. (Photo: Luisa Carla Galicia/IDEALS Inc.)



- 100% real time disbursement of cash aid to 10,000 IDPs in different location, along with distribution of 10,000 halal microinsurance
- Increase in awareness in financial inclusion, data rights and Islamic finance (PDM 2018).
- Convergence with stakehoders avoids duplication, inefficiencies and created greater impact
- Civil society organizations, aid and development organizations became enabler of financial inclusion
- Innovation on financial products supporting Islamic finance
- Supported Islamic economy through halal enterprises and livelihood

## Resources

### **<u>Saving</u>** up for a rainy day!





National Strategy for Financial Inclusion



#### GOING DIGITAL FOR THE POOR AND UNBANKED

CASE STORIES FROM THE AFFORDABLE FINANCIAL FACILITIES FOR RESILIENT AND DEVELOPED FILIPINOS (IAFFORD) PROJECT

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