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Responsible Microfinance Facility

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What is the Responsible Microfinance Facility (RMF)?

- Three-year facility, launched in January 2015
- Funded by Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Managed by SPTF



Designed to strengthen capacity and social performance management (SPM) practices of financial institutions in Africa and the Middle East.

How does the RMF advance SPM?

- Offers trainings designed to build SPM capacity of MFIs and technical assistance (TA) providers
- Co-finances up to 50% of the cost of activities that help to improve MFIs' SPM
- Conducts research on market saturation and digital financial services
- Builds new resources, such as an updated database of TA providers and new case studies

RMF activities

The RMF offers the following trainings:

- Responsible Inclusive Finance (RIF) Introductory Training
- Smart Assessor Training
- SPI4 Auditor Training
- Training Technical Assistance (TA) Providers on client protection
- Training Technical Assistance (TA) Providers on other elements of SPM

RMF activities

The RMF will co-finance up to 50% of the cost of the following activities:

- Accompanied SPI4 Audit plus additional support
- Client protection assessment
- Upgrade project chosen by the financial institution
- Specialized training for the financial institution on an aspect of SPM of its choosing
- Smart certification and/or social rating

Target Countries

According to AFD, at least 50% of all funds must go to activities in the following countries:

- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Ghana
- Madagascar
- Mali
- Niger
- Senegal
- Togo

RMF will consider working in other countries on a case-by-case basis.

How can I apply?

- To apply, visit: <http://sptf.info/resources/responsible-microfinance-facility>
- The RMF Steering Committee reviews applications on a quarterly basis.
- The next application deadline is **June 17**. If you miss this deadline, your application will be considered during the third quarter of 2016.
- Any questions about your application? Email rmf@sptf.info!

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