

## SPTF Social Investor Working Group Minutes – May 13, 2020

### Overview

The SPTF Social Investor Working Group (SIWG) is meeting biweekly to coordinate efforts regarding COVID-19. Below are minutes from our May 13 call. Visit SIWG's [webpage](#) to find minutes from past meetings, investor update briefs, and details for our next call. Email Katie Hoffmann at [katiehoffmann@sptfnetwork.org](mailto:katiehoffmann@sptfnetwork.org) with any questions.

### DFI response to COVID-19 crisis

- Recent SIWG webinars have focused on how MIVs are coordinating efforts regarding COVID-19. Guillaume Barber Rousse from Proparco and Richard Greenberg from DFC (formerly OPIC) joined this call to discuss how DFIs are responding to the crisis.
  - Guillaume said Proparco is working to streamline processes regarding payment holiday requests.
  - Proparco is also participating in a group that regularly convenes DFIs to discuss:
    - Responses to clients, such as requests for payment holidays/deferrals, as well as asking where clients stand in the crisis.
    - Views on levels of risk
    - Potential liquidity support facilities.
  - DEG and FMO lead the DFI group, and they are having regular coordination calls with the group of MIVs that developed the [joint MOU](#).
  - Guillaume said coordination among DFIs has not been formalized or reached the level of detail of the MIV MOU. There are guidelines for European DFIs how to react in cases of breach of covenants, requests for deferrals or new disbursements.
  - Richard said DFC has been responding to many proposals from MIVs and financial intermediaries. It has an internal process set up to determine which proposals to prioritize. A policy is in place to expedite requests regarding relief and forbearance.
  - Richard noted that risk ratings are going to be higher and the use of capital is not unlimited; when risk ratings go up, the use of capital goes up. He noted that DFC will have to manage that carefully going forward.

### Update on MIV coordination

- ADA has created a common Excel file for signatories to the [pledge](#) to share information on TA being provided to investees, as well as to share resources and tools. The goal is to identify opportunities for coordination and avoid duplication of efforts. The file was created in Microsoft Teams, and ADA will be sharing the link with all signatories today.
- The [pledge](#) has been updated to include expectations of MFIs, including issues of reporting and client and staff protection.
- Signatories to the [MIV MOU](#) have started doing handshake agreements. For examples, lenders to an MFI in Central Asia recently coordinated to test cash flow projections and prevent a liquidity shortage.
- The pledge, MOU and the Crisis Assessment Tool (CAT) are now posted on the joint SPTF, e-MFP, and CFI platform: <https://www.covid-finclusion.org/investors>. Other investors are invited to join in endorsing and implementing these initiatives.
- responsAbility is launching an emergency liquidity facility to channel to use existing channels already established by the financial sector to provide emergency liquidity to the millions of MSMEs directly impacted by this crisis. The draft concept note can be found [here](#).

### SPM resources

- SPTF is hosting a series of liquidity management webinars in English, Spanish, and French through its regional responsible inclusive finance facilities. Find the recordings and presentations [here](#). Thank you to ADA and Oikocredit for allowing us to use their [materials](#) to build out these webinars.
- The [COVID-19 Client Interview Tool](#) is launching next week.
  - ADA wants to work with other investors to map implementation – or interest in implementation – across investees so that they can optimize support. Symbiotics and GCAF agreed.

- Symbiotics – via the REGMIFA fund – will be supporting five MFIs in implementing the tool. Symbiotics is also developing a TA package on crisis impact management, which will include topics such as steps to take after the pandemic has passed.

### **Priorities for SIWG going forward**

- The SIWG polled participants to see if there are other priorities or resources it should focus on to help social investors respond to COVID.
- Investors said the following resources could be helpful to them or their investees:
  - Coordinate which MFIs are interested in the Client Interview Tool
  - Resources that can be used after the crisis
  - Sharing results of Client Interview Tool to see what clients need the most
  - Summary of DFI/MIV liquidity funding
- Investors said they would like the following topics prioritized by SIWG:
  - Presentations from investors on implementation of the MOU/pledge and what they're hearing from investees about end clients
  - Management of hedging in times of crisis
  - Checking in in one month on how members are concretely collaborating.
  - Link with GIIN R3 coalition
  - DFI coordinate and responses
  - Liquidity facilities
  - MEF response to COVID
- If you were unable to join the call and would like to share priorities for the group, please email Katie Hoffmann at [katiehoffmann@sptfnetwork.org](mailto:katiehoffmann@sptfnetwork.org).

### **SIWG next steps**

- The SIWG will next convene on Wednesday, May 27 at 10:30 a.m. ET for its standing, biweekly call. Find call information [here](#).