



Pro MHI Africa - EU-African University Network to strengthen community-based
micro health insurance
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Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to the 3rd newsletter of „Pro Micro Health Insurance Africa - EU-African University Network to strengthen community-based Micro Health Insurance“.

We are glad to announce that we successfully conducted our comparative household survey in Botswana, Ghana and Malawi and are now analysing the quantitative data which will provide us evidence on the potential, efficiency, and sustainability of Micro Health Insurance in Africa.

The main concern of this Newsletter is the common CALL FOR PAPERS for the official “Pro MHI Africa Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa” that is ending very soon, on 15th of July. All interested researchers and micro health insurance practitioners are herewith called to contribute their proposals for this Handbook. Please note that accepted papers are supposed to be presented at the Final Conference of the Pro MHI Africa project which will take place in December 2009 in Lilongwe, Malawi. Please find the official CALL FOR PAPERS as the first content of this newsletter as well as the official CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT as the second one.

Furthermore we want to inform about further ongoing project activities like the development of teaching and training material.

We hope you enjoy the third edition of the Pro MHI Africa Newsletter!

Please feel free to disseminate the contents of the newsletter to all who might be interested. We hope that you will enjoy this newsletter and all upcoming editions.

Best regards,

The Pro MHI Africa Team

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The international Pro MHI Africa team will publish a common Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa by the end of 2009 that will contain the results of the two-year research as well as numerous external contributions within the field of Micro Health Insurance in Africa to guarantee a multifaceted scientific and practitioners' perspective.

The proposals should deal with one or several of the following sections and subtopics:

1) Insurance Education

- a. Awareness Raising on Micro Health Insurance and promotion of Insurance Literacy
- b. Development of Teaching and Training methods and material
- c. Implementation of Teaching and Training methods and material

2) Internal Conditions of Micro Health Insurance

- a. Feasibility and Sustainability of Micro Health Insurance
- b. Setting up a Micro Health Insurance Scheme
- c. Management and Governance of Micro Health Insurance

3) External Context of Micro Health Insurance

- a. Micro Health Insurance and Public Health
- b. The Role of Networks, Umbrella Organizations and Federations
- c. The Role of Reinsurance
- d. Other external partnerships, cooperations and collaborations

Accepted papers are supposed to be presented during the Final Conference of the Pro MHI Africa project in Lilongwe in December 2009!

Proposals consisting of up to three pages together with a brief CV should be submitted until **15th of July 2009** online only at the following address:

Lisa-Marie.Rohrdantz@uni-koeln.de

You will receive the notification of acceptance until 1st of August.

After acceptance full papers should be submitted until **30th of September 2009**. Length of full papers should be 10 to 15 pages, short papers with a minimum of five pages will be accepted only as exceptional cases as well as papers up to thirty pages.

Accepted papers will be published in the Handbook that is supposed to be distributed during the conference and will be available worldwide afterwards. Authors are free to modify their papers for the conference presentation.



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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Conference of the network Pro MHI Africa
“Lessons learnt and lessons to learn in the field of
Micro Health Insurance in Africa”

- December 2nd and 3rd 2009 in Lilongwe, Malawi -

The international Pro MHI Africa team will hold a common conference at the end of its two year project in December 2009 in Lilongwe. The conference will constitute a platform for various microinsurance stakeholders in Africa and worldwide. Main objectives are the following:

I Presentation of common Project outcomes

Common research results and general outcomes of the two year project will be presented at the conference and hence new information on the potential, efficiency and sustainability of Micro Health Insurance in Botswana, Ghana and Malawi will be disseminated. This presentation will form the basis for an open discussion on these topics. New evidence was gathered mainly within qualitative research as well as in the context of an extensive comparative household survey conducted in Botswana, Ghana and Malawi in 2008 and 2009.

II Insurance Education in Malawi and Best Paper Award

A further aim of the conference is to raise awareness on Micro Health Insurance in Malawi as the common spread of micro health insurance units has not entered Malawi yet. Besides a presentation of the main research results of the Pro MHI Africa project in Malawi the winner of the Malawian Best Paper Award will be proclaimed. Furthermore, a round table with important stakeholders in the field of Micro Health Insurance in Malawi is intended to discuss further steps as well as initiate the establishment of a national network between potential micro health insurance practitioners, researchers and supporters in Malawi.

III Exchange and Dissemination of latest research results on Micro Health insurance in Africa

The Pro MHI Africa team would like to bring together national and international microfinance, microinsurance and micro health insurance experts in the context of the final conference to initiate a common discussion about the status of Micro Health Insurance in Africa. Therefore, several authors of the official Pro MHI Africa Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa will join the conference and present their papers as well as conduct interactive workshops on specific topics.

Registration is possible online and per fax, please use the attached registration form and send it to lisa-marie.rohrdantz@uni-koeln.de or via fax to the following number: +49-221-4705064.

Registration will remain open **until 10th of November 2009!**

The Conference fee will be MWK 2500 (citizens of Malawi) or € 50 (internationals). The registration fee can be waived for Malawians and Internationals, who demonstrate need. This fee in part covers lunch and tea as well as one common dinner.

Please note: Pro MHI Africa is still searching for contributions to the Pro MHI Africa Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa. The official CALL FOR PAPERS remains open until **15th of July!** Accepted papers are supposed to be presented at the conference as well.

For further information on the call for papers please visit:
http://www.microhealthinsurance-africa.org/call_for_papers.html

Conference Venue:

Malawi Institute of Management Campus (MIM)

Kanengo off Kasungu road
Lilongwe, Malawi
www.mim.co.mw

Regarding hotel reservations and access to the conference venue, please feel free to contact Dr. Winford Masanjala:

Email: wmasanjala@chanco.unima.mw or economics@chanco.unima.mw

Phone: +265-999425100 or +265-1951135

Fax: +265-1525021.



MIM, Lilongwe



"Lessons learnt and lessons to learn in the field of Micro Health Insurance in Africa" Conference of the network Pro MHI Africa

- December 2nd and 3rd 2009, Lilongwe -

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Day 1: Wednesday, 2nd December:

Session I: Challenges of Micro Health Insurance in Africa

[Introduction to Micro Health Insurance in Africa and presentation of the university network "Pro MHI Africa"]

Session II: Insurance Education

[Presentation of handbook papers and evidence-based project outcomes]

- Awareness Raising and Insurance Literacy
- Presentation of developed Teaching and Training Materials
- Implementation of Teaching and Training Materials
- Pro MHI Africa Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa

Day 2: Thursday, 3rd December 2009

Session I: Internal Conditions of Micro Health Insurance

- Feasibility and Sustainability of Micro Health Insurance
- Setting up a Micro Health Insurance Scheme
- Development of Micro Health Insurance Products
- Management and Governance of Micro Health Insurance

Session II: External Context of Micro Health Insurance

- Micro Health Insurance and Public Health
- The role of Networks, Umbrella organisations and Federations
- The Role of Reinsurance

Session III: Micro Health Insurance in Malawi

- The Potential of Micro Health Insurance in Malawi
- Proclamation of Winner of Best Paper Award
- Round Table and set up of national Micro Health Insurance Network

General Outlook and Conclusions





"Lessons learnt and lessons to learn in the field of Micro Health Insurance in Africa"

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- December 2nd and 3rd 2009, Lilongwe -

Registration Form

☐ Herewith I would like to register as a participant for the Conference of the network Pro MHI Africa on "Lessons learnt and lessons to learn in the field of Micro Health Insurance in Africa"

Name	
Organisation	
Country	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	
Website	

I will join:

- ☐ the whole conference
- ☐ day one only ☐ lunch
- ☐ day two only ☐ lunch
- ☐ reception day one
- ☐ I am vegetarian
- ☐ I apply for a waiver of the conference fee (please add justification)

Place and date

Signature

Registration is possible online and per fax:

Online registration form: http://www.microhealthinsurance-africa.org/final_conference.html

Email: lisa-marie.rohrdantz@uni-koeln.de

Fax: +49-221-470-5064

Registration will remain open **until 10th of November 2009.**

The conference fee (2500 MWK/citizens of Malawi; 50€/Internationals) has to be paid in advance using bank transfer to the following bank account:

National Bank of Malawi

P.O Box 13, Zomba

A/c Name: Pro-MHI Project; A/c N°: 0141137155500

SWIFT CODE: NBMAMWMW



Info Box: Development of teaching and training material of the University network Pro MHI Africa and Potential Partner Institutions

- A general lack of evidence among stakeholders within the micro health insurance landscape was identified as a major problem, hindering the development of this pro-poor arrangements. Within the project Pro-MHI Africa the cooperating universities are developing common teaching and training modules in the field of Micro Health Insurance in Africa using the projects research findings.
- Already existing microfinance course modules of the universities will serve as a basis to develop new teaching modules. The network furthermore aims at introducing a joint microinsurance diploma in order to provide adequately skilled professionals in the field of Micro Health Insurance in a long-term-prospective.
- In line with the curriculum development at the universities the network develops training material for micro insurance practitioners that will be handed over to dedicated, non-profit training institutions which can ensure sustainability for the long term use of the Pro MHI Africa training modules within the local communities.
- Potential training institutions are the Cooperation for Research and Development (CORDE) and KITSO Aids Training Program, both in Botswana.
- Developed teaching and training materials will be available at the common project website as soon as possible.



Outlook and further information...

We are looking forward to your proposals to our Handbook as well as to your participation in the conference! We will keep you informed regarding further activities within our university network.

For further information on the CALL FOR PAPERS for the Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa as well as the FINAL CONFERENCE in Malawi, please contact:
lisa-marie.rohrdantz@uni-koeln.de

For further information on the "Pro MHI Africa" university network please visit:
<http://www.microhealthinsurance-africa.org>

For general information on microfinance and micro health insurance please visit:
<http://www.microhealthinsurance-africa.org/links.html>



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