

# Pricing, Profits, Financing, and Responsible Practice

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#### **Prices and Profits**

The prices we charge....

Generate the profit levels we reach

Profits attract investors, but...

How much profit do we need to attract investors while claiming the label of a "double bottom line" industry?



#### **Market Approach to Pricing**

- Charge what the market will bear
- When supply doesn't meet demand, raise your price
- Make your price look attract to clients, bending the rules as much as legally allowed

#### Which loan would you pick?

	Zero Interest Loan	Interest and Fees	And Savings	Interest Only
Loan amount:	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Loan term:	10 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks
Interest Rate:	0%	15% "flat"	' 12% "flat"	40% decl
Upfront fee:	5%	2%	1%	0%
Security deposit:	0%	0%	20%	0%

APR	49%	47%	49%	40%

#### Responsible Behavior is an Obligation

- 1. Microfinance take place in quite imperfect markets
- Our clients are the very poor
- 3. We hold power, with power comes responsibility
  - Micro-credit is not an exchange negotiated between equal parties
- 3. The temptation of large profits can lead some to irresponsible practice
- 4. Irresponsible practice leads to client abuse
- 5. This repeats the pattern of the past 2,000 years.

  Microfinance was created to be an alternative path.

# Prices and Profits – 5 Years ago this week

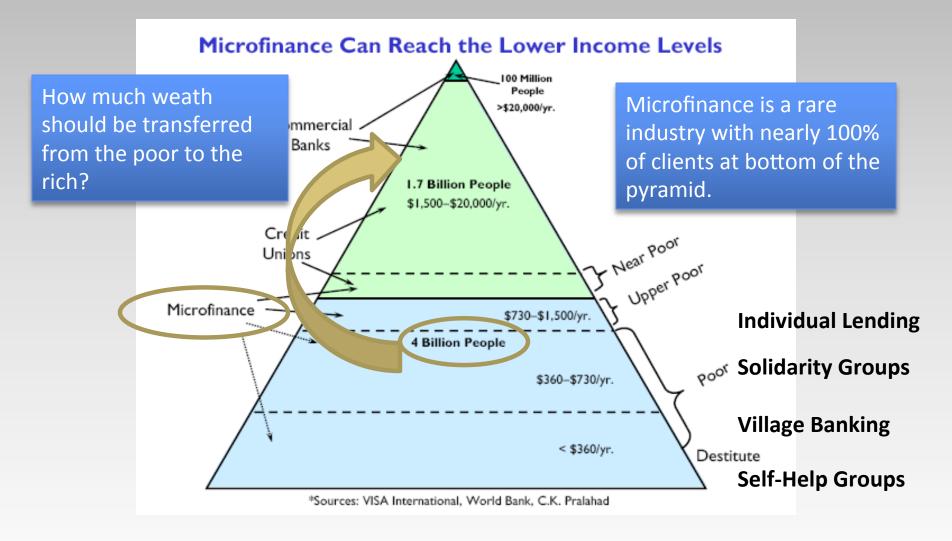
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The Price	APR
w/o Collateral Deposit	105%
With Collateral Deposit	126%

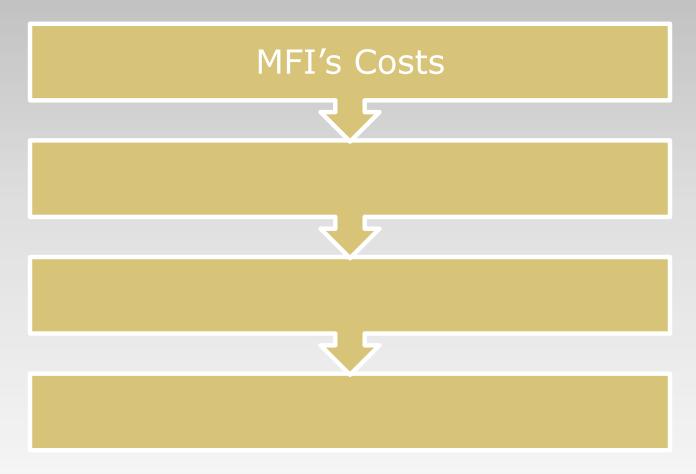
The IPO in 2007 resulted in a 300-to-1 return on investment made in 2000. \$6 million turned into \$2 billion

Year	ROE
2000	62%
2001	40%
2002	54%
2003	53%
2004	49%
2005	55%
2006	57%
2007	54%
2008	55%
2009	43%

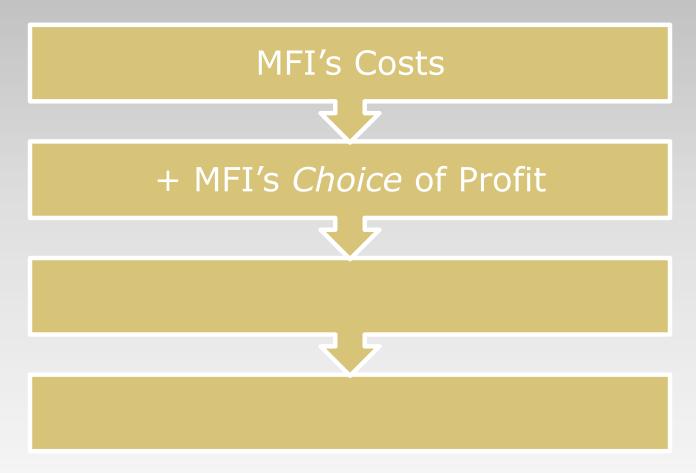
#### The Income Distribution Pyramid



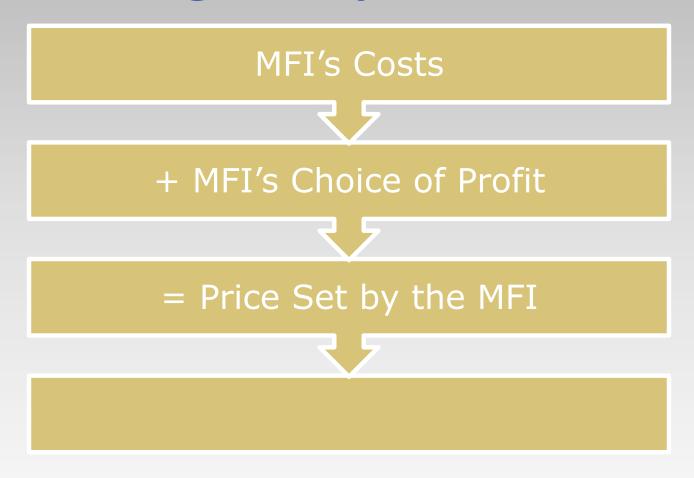














MFI's Costs + MFI's Choice of Profit = Price Set by the MFI What Price Can the Poor Afford?



## Movement toward "Responsible Finance"

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There wasn't any definition of Responsible Finance presented or proposed

All involved in **Microfinance** 

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Where boundaries should be

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## Promoting Transparent Pricing in the Microfinance Industry

