



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 4th newsletter of „Pro MHI Africa – EU-African University Network to strengthen community-based Micro Health Insurance“.

We are pleased to announce that the project “Pro MHI Africa” proceeded with its activities as the newly developed curriculum was already implemented at the University of Cologne and further implementation will follow in Botswana, Ghana and Malawi by the end of this year. The Handbook of Micro Health Insurance is prepared at the moment and will be presented at our common conference on “Lessons learnt and lessons to learn in the field of Micro Health Insurance in Africa” taking place on 2nd and 3rd December in Lilongwe, Malawi. Registration is still open until **20th of November!**

We send you the conference announcement and the updated preliminary conference program with this newsletter and furthermore some information on the “Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa” that is to be published in March 2010 within a new series about Social Protection in Health by LIT publishers. Last but not least, we would like to inform you on the proceedings of the implementation of the microinsurance curriculum at the universities as well as in the communities of our partnering countries in Africa.

We hope you enjoy the fourth 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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**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 holds 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 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 2009. Developed teaching and training modules as well as the Handbook of Micro Health Insurance will be presented.

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 in Africa 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 forthcoming 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.

For online registration please use the online-form:

<http://www.microhealthinsurance-africa.org/registration.html>

Registration will remain open **until 20th 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.

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:

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Phone: +265-999425100 or +265-1951135

Fax: +265-1525021.





”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”
- Micro Health Insurance in Ghana, Botswana and Malawi (presentations of papers)

Session II: Insurance Education

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

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
- 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
- From Microfinance to Microinsurance
- Impact of Micro Health Insurance

Session III: Micro Health Insurance in Malawi

- The Potential of Micro Health Insurance in Malawi
- Proclamation of Winner of Best Paper Award Malawi
- 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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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 I am vegetarian
 day one only lunch
 day two only lunch
 reception day one
 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 20th 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



Coming soon: „Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa“

Handbook of MHI in Africa



The project „Pro MHI Africa“ will publish a common Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa in March 2010. The Handbook will be the first Edition of a new series published by the Department of Cooperatives Studies of University of Cologne called „Social Protection in Health – Challenges, Needs and Solutions in International Health Care Financing“.

The Handbook contains basic research and project outcomes as well as external contributions from experts, researchers and practitioners in the field of Micro Health Insurance in Africa from all over the world. Some articles of the Handbook will be already presented at the conference in Malawi. All conference participants are hence invited for an open review of these articles before the final publication in 2010.

For further information, please visit:

http://www.microhealthinsurance-africa.org/call_for_papers.html

Curriculum Development

Curriculum Development: Update on recent activities

The „Pro MHI Africa“ university network developed 14 teaching modules on different issues related on Micro Health Insurance and Microinsurance in general. The modules are now being implemented in the partnering universities and test-runs are already taking place to do a final evaluation and monitoring of the modules at the end of the project in early 2010. If you are interested in implementing the modules within your University, please contact the „Pro MHI Africa“ team. A more detailed description of the modules is available on our website:

http://www.microhealthinsurance-africa.org/curriculum_development.html

In addition to the university modules „Pro MHI Africa“ developed practice-oriented training modules which can be implemented within the communities by community-based organisations as well as microfinance institutions. The modules will be available at our website soon! If your organisation is interested in the training modules, please contact the „Pro MHI Africa“ team.

Outlook and further information...

Thank you very much for your attention!

We are looking forward to your participation in the conference and we will keep you informed regarding further activities within the Pro MHI Africa university network in the near future.

For further information on the conference in Malawi, please contact:

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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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