



EMP 005

**Public Policy in Microfinance:
Microfinance and Societies**

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Objectives of the course

- Show how social networks and cultural backgrounds may affect activities of MFIs
- Introduce the basic needs of non-financial microfinance programs
- Point out some economic and social dimensions of microfinance health programs
- See real cases of microfinance health programs setup and methodology
- Explain how foreign aid or foreign financing works for enhancing MFIs' activities in developing countries in a sustainable way, what are the challenges for improving its effectiveness, and what are the associated risks.

Topics covered

- 1) MFIs and foreign aid
- 2) Societies, Sustainable Development and microfinance
- 3) Sociology of MFIs linked with health