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Social Performance Management Practices of

Financial Institutions and Impact Investors

## UNIVERSAL STANDARDS FOR SOCIAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – USSPM

Value to double bottom line financial institutions and impact investors

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## Inclusive Finance = a model for financial institutions?

Making financial institutions more transparent and accountable to social and environmental



Fair Finance Guide International (FFGI) is an international civil society network initiated by <u>Oxfam</u>, that seeks to strengthen the commitment of banks and other financial institutions to social, environmental and human rights standards.

## Who is SPTF?

- The global standard setting body for responsible inclusive finance
- About 300 member organizations and +3,000 individuals in 127 countries
- Representing every stakeholder group in the global responsible inclusive finance industry
  - > Donors (multilateral, bilateral, private), investment managers and asset owners, financial service providers (FSPS), global networks of FSPs, regional and national networks, rating agencies, regulators, etc

SPTF engages with stakeholders to develop, disseminate, and promote standards and good practices that put clients at the center of all strategic and operational decisions of FSPs

### Responsible Inclusive Finance

#### **CLIENT PROTECTION**

## Applicable to <u>all</u> financial institutions

- Prevent harm to clients
- Assures transparent, respectful, and prudent financial services to all clients

## SOCIAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

## Applicable to institutions with a double-bottom line

- Ensures institutional focus on client well-being
- Measures progress against social goals
- Balances financial and social objectives
- Includes client protection

# Infrastructure: Going from Intent, to Action... to Measuring Impact

- 1 Globally accepted social performance standards (Universal Standards)
- 2 Common social audit and monitoring tools for FSPs (SPI4) and for investors (SPI4 ALINUS) aligned with the universal standards
- **3 Social ratings** developed and conducted by third parties also aligned with the standards
- 4 Outcome measuring and reporting guidelines for FSPs and investors and common social outcome indicators in specific areas

## Responsible Finance Infrastructure

- Universal Standards
- Social audit and monitoring tools
- Social Ratings

# The Universal Standards for Social Performance Management



- Released in 2012, the Universal Standards is a comprehensive manual of best practices that helps financial service providers put customers at the center of all strategic and operational decisions
  - Globally accepted standards
  - Integrates best practices practices from leading organizations (e.g., ILO, Smart Campaign)
  - > Developed for and by the people in inclusive finance
- Also a resource for investor due diligence and monitoring of investees

### The Universal Standards

19 standards, organized into six dimensions

They incorporate learning from many initiatives in our sector



#### Standard 2A.

Members of the Board of Directors hold the institution accountable to its mission and social goals.

#### Standard 2B.

Senior management oversees implementation of the institution's strategy for achieving its social goals.

#### Standard 2C.

Employees are recruited, evaluated, and recognized based on both social and financial performance criteria



#### Standard 4A.

Prevention of Overindebtedness (CCP 2).

Standard 4B.

Transparency (CPP 3)

#### Standard 4C.

Fair and Respectful Treatment of Clients (CPP 5)

#### Standard 4D.

Privacy of Client Data (CPP 6)

#### Standard 4E.

Mechanisms for Complaint Resolution (CPP 7)



#### Standard 5A.

The institution follows a written HR policy that protects employees and creates a supportive working environment.

#### Standard 5B.

The institution communicates to all employees the terms of their employment and provides training for essential job functions.

#### Standard 5C.

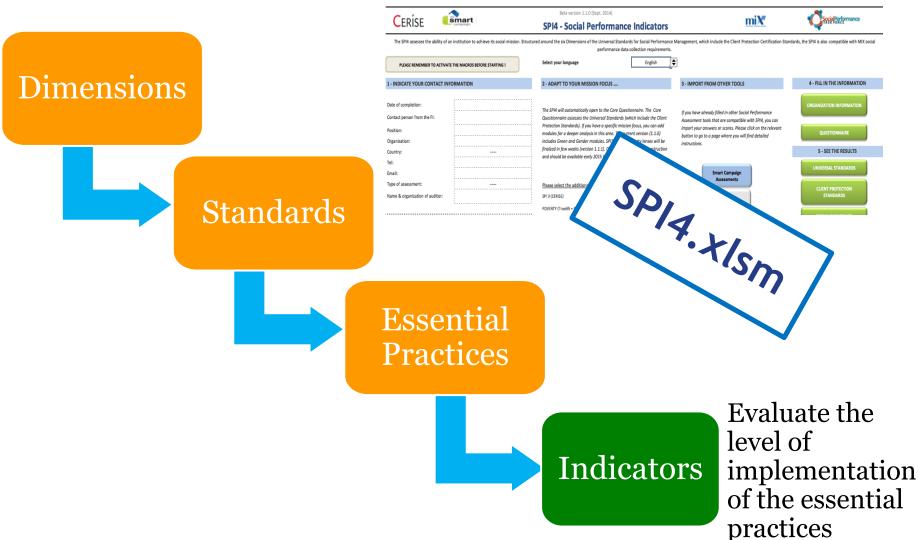
The institution monitors employee satisfaction and turnover



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## The SPI4 evaluates the Universal Standards based on indicators



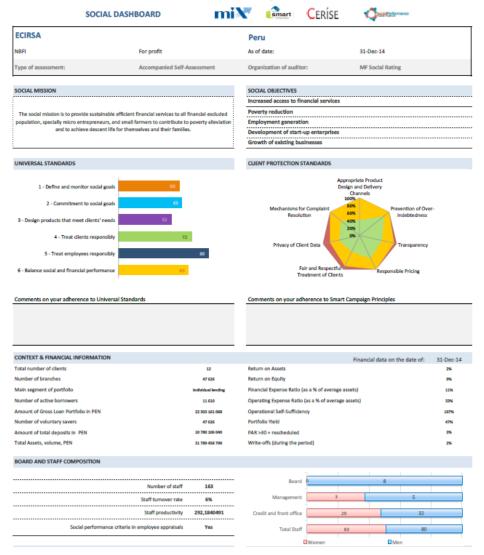
### The SPI4: Universal Assessment Tool

- Data collection and assessment tool aligned the Universal Standards
- As a **free tool**, it enables FSPs to analyze their current SPM practices in a way that fits their budget
- Can be customized to fit the institution's mission
- A reporting tool that allows FSPs to define their "social statements"

For more information visit <u>cerise-spi4.org</u>

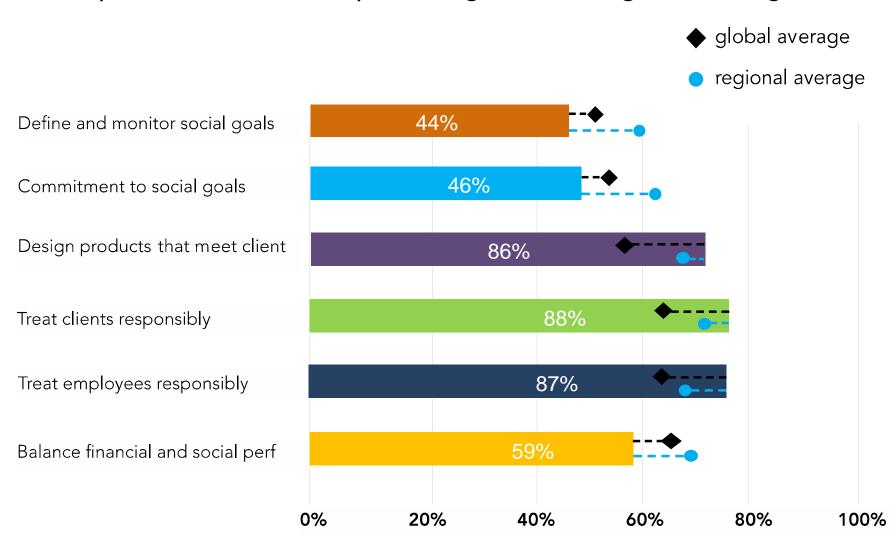
## The SPI4 Dashboard

For sample purposes only social dashboard does not correspond to scores above



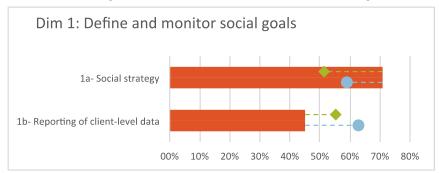
## **SPI4** Benchmarks Graphs

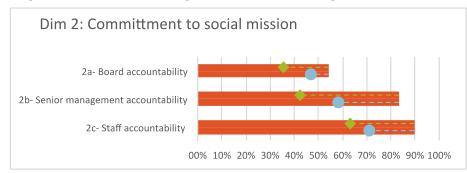
Example of MFI scores compared to global and regional averages

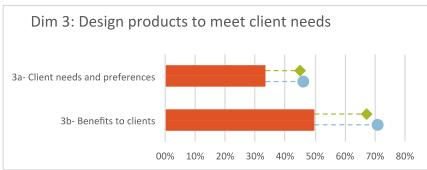


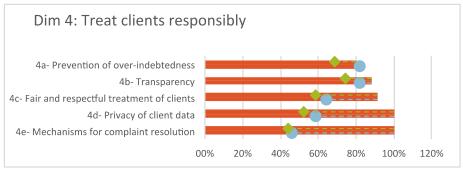
## SPI4 Benchmarks graphs - per standards

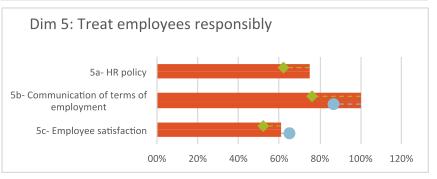
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### The SPI4 ALINUS

- ALINUS ALigning INvestors due diligence with the Universal Standards
- The SPI4 ALINUS is a sub-set of the SPI4 tool, developed by a group of social investors – with just **80 common** indicators
- A tool for social due diligence and monitoring
- Currently being **piloted** by several investors latest news: Incofin IM decided adoption of the SPI4 as their social due diligence tool

























## **SPI4 ALINUS:** Why do Investors Use it?

Speak the same language

Reduce reporting burden for MFIs

Focus on **analysis** and not data collection

Support partners in improving SPM

Develop national and international **benchmarks** 

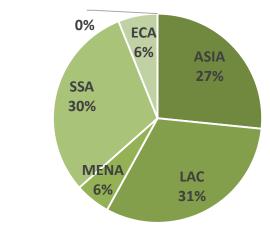
the data is already there!

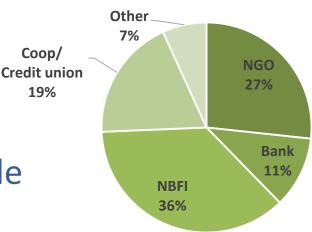
Simplify, convince, and support SPM!

## SPI4 gaining traction March 2017

- 313 SPI4 audits completed
- From 88 countries
- 14 underway and 70 in the pipeline
- 71% are accompanied selfassessments
- +600 people trained in SPI4 (CERISE & SPTF)
- 83 qualified auditors worldwide

#### Audits SPI4 by region and legal forms

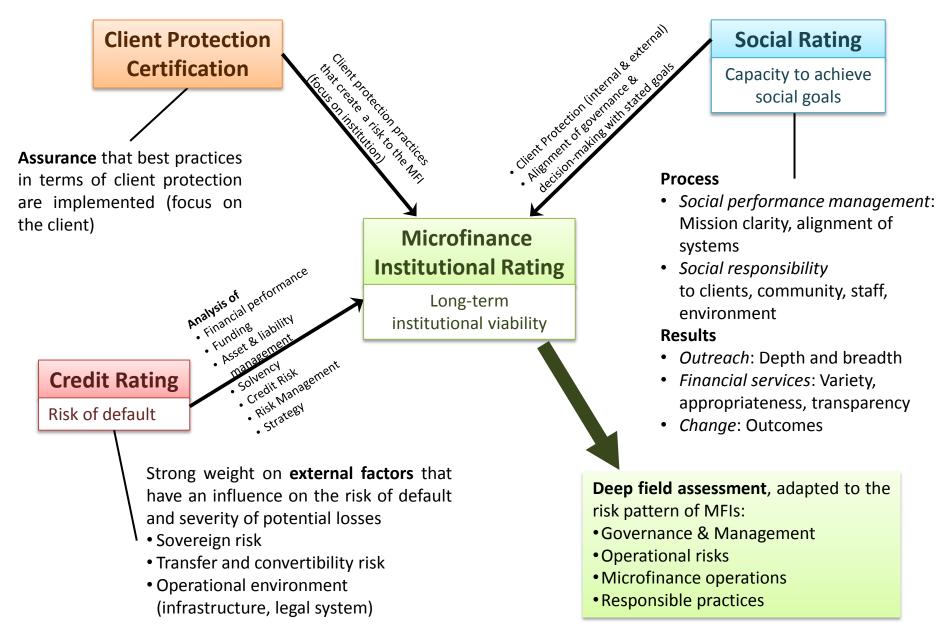




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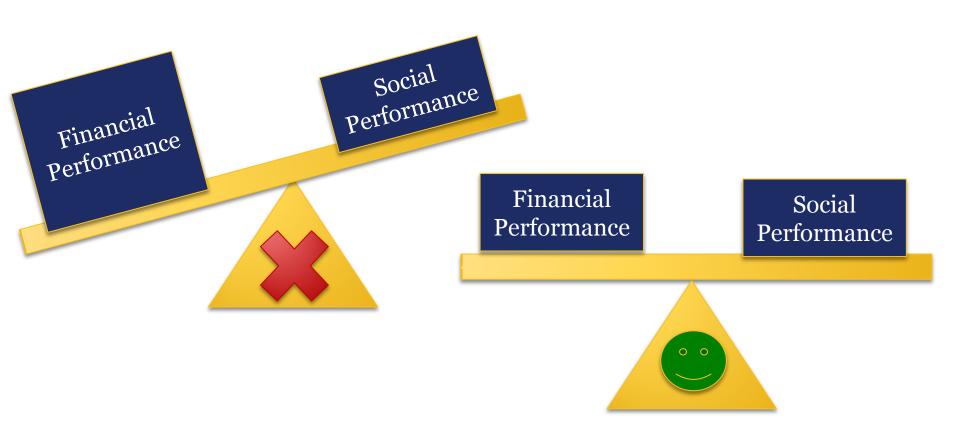
### 3. Social Rating and External Reporting Tools



## Aligning efforts with other investor initiatives

- SPTF and GIIN partner to conduct a mapping of and align indicators in the SPI4 and the indicators for FSPs in IRIS
  - White paper & webinars conducted
  - ➤ Both organizations committed to increasing alignment SPI4 2.0 will present increased alignment with IRIS (from 56% to 70-80%)
- **SPTF and GIIRS** also conducted a mapping of alignment of indicators
  - > Both organizations committed to increasing alignment
- SPTF is also exploring partnering with UNPRI (PIIF) and IRIS
  (GIIN) to develop mappings of the impact investment
  industry (SPTF to focus on financial inclusion)

## Conclusion: the Ultimate Goal of our work.....



## Thank you!



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