

Enhancing Rural Banks' Competitive Advantage Through Mobile Money

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About SIMM

- 2-year program funded by USAID. Started in April 2012.
- Objective is to increase **financial inclusion** with two interconnected goals:
 - 1. Boost expansion and rapid adoption of m-money services
 - 2. Create an enabling environment for m-money
- Agreed between Pres. Aquino and USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah in June 2012 in Washington, DC.
- Supports GPH objective of inclusive growth in the Philippine
 Development Plan
- Supports USAID objectives for Partnership for Growth
- Working with LGUs and MFIs to use mobile money to:
 - Disburse payroll, grants and loans to over 250,000 people
 - Collect taxes, fees and loan amortization



Challenging times for the rural banking industry





Commercial banks encroaching in our traditional markets



No. of banking offices (excl NCR)





And cornering market share, attracting our customers



SWOT Analysis for strategic directions

<i>Goal:</i> Sustain our rural banking business	Internal Strengths 1.Excellent customer service 2.Close and personal customer relationships 3.Knowledge of local culture and practices 4.Agri loan products	Internal Weaknesses 1. Technology 2. Operational capacity 3.Marketing capability
Opportunities 1.Large untapped market 2.Decreasing cost of technology, or improving access to technology like e- banking, e-payments, including m- banking and m-payments	Strategic Options Using Strengths to Maximize Opportunities 1.Deliver banking services and excellent customer service to the untapped areas using m-banking technology 2.Sustain customer loyalty by offering convenient e/m-banking with warm customer relationship	Strategic Options Using Opportunities to Minimize Weaknesses 1. 2.
Threats: 1.Commercial banks 2.MFI-NGOs and pawnshops	Strategic Options Using Strengths to Minimize Threats 1.	Strategic Options Using Weaknesses to Steer Clear of Threats 1.



Case study: First Isabela Cooperative Bank (FICO Bank)

- Started over 35 years ago with 2 coops and 47 Samahang Nayons
- Operating in Regions I to III
- Now has 27 branches with over Php 2B in resources
- Implemented outsourced m-banking model using Globe's GCash in February 2014. Piloted in 2 municipalities.
- Strategic directions:
 - Get more customers from remote areas and mobilize deposits as least cost funding source to maximize net interest margin while keeping cost structures in favor of variable costs
 - Defend current customer base by giving them convenient mbanking service with ATM/debit card for Puregold, Robinsons Mall, SM City, and other establishments with Bancnet/Megalink POS



Extending banking services beyond bank branches





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Deposit and Loan Collections Uploading Process



Payer pays through mobile phone



Mobile Money provider sends electronic copy of payment transactions to LGU at 4pm









Total daily collection deposited to FICO Bank's account in the Settlement bank 14

Upload collection file to book deposits and collections and update customers' accounts



Partnership with First Isabela Cooperative Bank

- FICO Bank launched mobile financial services in February 2014
 - Microloan disbursements
 - Microloan and jewelry loan repayments
 - Deposits (Wais na Nanay Savers Club). With just 1 trial campaign during pilot in Benito Soliven, 35 new depositors with over Php 50k in deposits mobilized with zero fixed costs.
- 449 mobile money users with a total transaction volume of PHP4.5 million since February 2014
- FICO Bank mobile financial services can be easily accessed via Globe's USSD menu



Mobile financial services has enabled FICO Bank to:

- Tap a previously unbanked sector microentrepreneur-housewives – for microdeposits
- Reach inner baranggays of municipalities within 1-2 hour distance of existing branches
- Cross-sell and promote products via new customer touch points (CICO agents)
- Streamline operations
- Improve client experience



Partnerships with rural banks

- Formalize partnership with Valiant Bank and 1st Valley Bank to provide technical assistance for mobile financial services (loans payments, deposits, and payroll product)
- Support marketing and promotion of RuralNet



Thank you

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