2017 FINCA INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Friends:

It has been 10 years since my “retirement” from FINCA and two years since the loss of my soulmate, “Mimi.” Her spirit continues to fuel my resolve to work towards the end of poverty everywhere, and in the past year, I have been focusing on how solar energy can change the face of poverty.

During my recent month-long trip to Uganda, I teamed up with Christopher Musoke, an expert in inclusive finance, including rural savings groups. Together, we traveled 3,200 kilometers by four-wheel drive visiting villages and interviewing members of rural savings groups—reminiscent of FINCA’s “Village Banks”—of which there are some 1.3 million members (households) throughout Uganda.

Everyone we met with lives in darkness, their only nighttime illumination a toxic and dangerous kerosene wick lantern. Each respondent we interviewed expressed high interest in BrightLife’s $8 solar lantern. Since savings group members have savings and access to small loans, they are also in a position to buy this product. And with FINCA’s investments in clean energy products, other basic services and new ways to access finance, imagine how transformational this can be.

While a single $8 solar lantern cannot end poverty, it will give an ultra-poor family a real “lift.” Families want to replace the dim and smoke-filled lighting of a kerosene lamp with a brighter, solar-powered light.

Children will be able to study longer. Households will be safer. Expensive kerosene costs can be redirected to other household needs. This lift can create new incentives for an ultra-poor family—to read, to work, to dream.

How can BrightLife bring solar lighting to ultra-poor families in Uganda as quickly as possible? I think we can reach 120,000 households within a single year. Such numbers are too exciting to ignore. My days are now filled with “what if’s?” and “how soon?” and “how much?” and “who wants to help?”

John K. Hatch
Founder
June 30, 2018
Letter from the Chairman and the President and CEO

Dear Supporters,

Over the course of more than three decades, FINCA International has pivoted and adapted to changing customer needs and market externalities. From Village Bank™ group meetings under mango trees, to individual loan disbursements at brick-and-mortar branches, to mobile phone-enabled digital wallets, FINCA has continuously evolved to provide responsible financial services to low-income clients globally.

Now more than ever, a spirit of innovation drives all that we do. While innovation is a term frequently cited across industries, delivering real and measurable change to people in need today by the millions is no buzzword. In fact, embracing change and pursuing innovative technologies is the future of poverty alleviation and, therefore, a pillar of our mission.

“Now more than ever, a spirit of innovation drives all that we do.”

The word “innovation” can be unpacked from three perspectives at an organizational level. First, how an organization may innovate from within to remain relevant. Second, how an organization can use its strength to find adjacent innovation to remain dynamic. Third, how an organization may actively seek opportunities for transformational innovation to remain future-proof. At FINCA, we are building competencies across each of these dimensions.

Innovation fueled the growth of FINCA around the world. As the founder and majority owner of FINCA Impact Finance—a network of 20 community-based microfinance institutions and banks across Africa, Eurasia, Latin America, the Middle East and South Asia—we know what it takes to pair bold ideas with determined execution. Now, we are innovating at scale to reach the 1.7 billion adults who remain unbanked.

FINCA is innovating from within by pairing traditional bank branches with a network of banking agents to dramatically extend our reach. We are leveraging alternative credit scoring and analytics to develop credit profiles for the previously unbanked. And we are utilizing mobile wallets, biometrics and tablets to put financial services at our clients’ fingertips. Together, these technologies allowed us to grow our client reach by 27 percent year-over-year, surpassing two million total clients served in 2017.

But we are not limiting innovation to the realm of financial services. At FINCA, we know that the solutions to poverty are numerous and interconnected. Insufficient access to finance underpins many of the challenges faced by those living in poverty. Our core competency in finance can drive meaningful access to basic services, like energy. Using adjacent innovation, we launched BrightLife, a social enterprise that partners with original equipment manufacturers, to develop end-user financing for basic service products to accelerate energy access for poor, off-grid customers.

Looking 10 years out, microfinance will still play a critical role in global development. But what about access to products and services that are not yet on the horizon? This perspective demands transformational innovation. Through FINCA Ventures, we are providing pre- and post-investment support to early-stage social enterprises committed to advancing the quality of life of the world’s poor. In doing so, we are actively pursuing and supporting the next generation of game-changing ideas for poverty alleviation.
BrightLife and FINCA Ventures are innovative programs at the cutting edge of social enterprise and impact investing in emerging markets. In 2017, BrightLife touched the lives of more than 22,000 Ugandans by distributing solar lanterns and solar home systems, clean cookstoves and water filters. That same year, FINCA Ventures got its start by partnering with two social enterprises—BioLite and Amped Innovation—that together impacted over 50,000 lives in 20-plus countries with affordable, reliable and modern energy products.

Impact is often assumed when talking about innovation. At FINCA, we use research to rigorously monitor the social performance of our work to ensure we are delivering deep and meaningful impact for our microfinance clients and social enterprise customers. To do this effectively, we approach the question of impact from the customer’s perspective. Our field-based enumerators are equipped with cloud-connected tablets to collect and process customer information in real time.

And we use machine learning systems to identify and filter out survey administrator bias to ensure the voice of the customer is always heard. These innovative tools allow us to gather rich customer insights, which indicate how we are improving lives and enable us to be more responsive to customer needs as we grow and scale our programs.

This, of course, is only the beginning. Innovation is not an isolated activity or a one-off program. It is our modus operandi. We envision a global network of sustainable and scalable social enterprises that improve lives worldwide. To turn this vision into reality, innovation will fuel all that we do—from microfinance to social enterprises to customer research.

Thank you for your steadfast support and for sharing our commitment to market-based solutions to poverty. Your trust and confidence give us the energy to continuously innovate so that poor people around the world may have the opportunity to build assets, create jobs and raise their standard of living.

Robert W. Hatch, Chairman

Rupert W. Scofield, President and CEO

June 30, 2018

+2 million

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OUR GLOBAL REACH IN 2017

MICROFINANCE
- Total clients: 2,071,966 (+27% growth vs. 2016)
- Total voluntary savings: $361.3 million
- Total loans disbursed: $1 billion

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
- FINCA Ventures: 2 portfolio companies impacting 50,750 lives in 22 countries
- BrightLife: 6 clean energy products impacting 22,323 lives in Uganda

RESEARCH
- Conducted 30 studies in 20 countries, surveying 33,136 clients, resulting in 1,186,710 customer data points for evaluating our impact*

*Includes all internal and external surveys conducted by FINCA’s research team.
With the launch of FINCA Ventures in 2017, our global footprint has greatly expanded. In addition to the 20 countries served by FINCA’s microfinance institutions and banks—collectively known as FINCA Impact Finance—FINCA Ventures portfolio companies are delivering life-changing products and services in 15 more countries. This world map reflects the breadth of impact made possible by our supporters.
INNOVATING THROUGH FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY

As the founder and majority shareholder of FINCA Impact Finance—a global network of 20 community-based microfinance institutions and banks—FINCA International is enabling access to responsible and innovative financial services for low-income clients. To reach more people, drive greater efficiency and reduce costs, FINCA is using financial technology ("fintech") innovations to transform finance in underserved markets around the world.

Fintech Solutions Across the FINCA Network

Mobile banking: Mobile banking technology and e-wallets help low-income clients save time and make secure transactions anytime and anywhere. In 2017, mobile banking accounted for 14 percent of all transactions across the FINCA network.

Agent banking: In areas where FINCA does not have a physical presence, banking agents help extend our reach. Local merchants are equipped with portable devices that connect to FINCA’s bank network and customer accounts. Banking agents processed nearly 38 percent of FINCA clients’ transactions in 2017.

Credit scoring: For the unbanked, the lack of formal borrowing history hinders their ability to access capital to grow businesses. FINCA is testing alternative credit scoring derived from psychometric and mobile data to expand financial inclusion.

Biometrics: Point-of-sale (POS) machines utilizing fingerprint scans allow clients to access their FINCA accounts safely, giving them security and control over their money.

Digital field automation: FINCA credit officers are equipped with digital tablets for clean and consistent data collection. Cloud technology helps to automate credit scoring and loan processing.
Fintech Expands Financial Inclusion in Pakistan

Only 21 percent of adults in Pakistan have access to formal financial services. To change this, FINCA Pakistan launched SimSim, the country’s first free mobile e-wallet that expands access to financial services by digitizing payments. Anyone with the app can easily pay their utility bills, transfer funds, add mobile airtime, purchase bus fare and much more using just their phone. This means FINCA clients can also conduct their banking without visiting a bank branch.

Not only does SimSim make day-to-day financial transactions easier, but also it helps entrepreneurs build a credit history. This allows unbanked or under-banked Pakistanis to prove their creditworthiness, which opens the door to broader financial services—like small loans—that can finance business startup or expansion. Launched in September 2017, SimSim now has more than 185,000 users.

Agency Banking Brings Financial Services to Zambians and Beyond

FINCA is using banking agents to reach deeper into underserved markets. Agents are local merchants or shopkeepers who facilitate financial transactions on behalf of FINCA using point-of-sale devices that allow clients to identify themselves using just their fingerprint.

More than 1,800 agents across the FINCA network put deposit and withdrawal services within walking distance, saving clients precious time and money. And since agency banking is the primary cash-in/cash-out point for FINCA clients—particularly in Africa—it is a critical delivery channel for reaching the world’s unbanked.
Mobile Savings Product Reaches 100,000 Tanzanians in Three Months

More than two-thirds of Tanzanians still live in rural areas. Consequently, few live near a bank branch or other financial service outlet. It is no surprise, then, that just 21 percent of Tanzanians hold a formal bank account.

To help scale the reach of financial services, FINCA partnered with Halotel, a mobile network operator, to launch a first-of-its-kind mobile savings product, called HaloYako.

With a free account, FINCA clients in Tanzania can conveniently and securely save money to a mobile wallet using a basic feature phone. They can even set savings targets—like paying for a child’s education—to encourage a behavior of saving. As clients achieve their financial goals, they will earn free mobile airtime for making calls or sending text messages.

Rapid scaling is made possible by forging partnerships and embracing innovative digital financial services.

INNOVATION IN TANZANIA

Like many developing countries, Tanzania has relatively low financial and digital literacy. To encourage adoption of this new mobile savings product, women like Salama Msumi (above) received hands-on training from a HaloYako community mobilizer.

This level of outreach allowed Salama to quickly open an account from the convenience of her phone without having to leave her neighborhood. She is already using the platform to set aside future investments for her small business. Now, Salama has the power of financial autonomy in the palm of her hand.

It took FINCA 20 years to reach 900,000 clients. In just three months, the HaloYako mobile savings product reached 100,000 savers. This rapid scaling is made possible by forging partnerships and embracing innovative digital financial services.
Medical Insurance for Women and Children in Guatemala

For FINCA clients around the world, saving for medical expenses is often a top priority—right up there with paying for a child’s education. Yet, for many, accessing basic health care remains a challenge.

In most of the markets where FINCA works, public hospitals and clinics are severely underfunded, and private clinics are hard to reach or too expensive. On top of that, the poor face many health problems, including a high prevalence of chronic malnutrition and maternal and child mortality.

To provide solutions and help poor women and children obtain the medical care they need, FINCA launched a medical insurance program for Village Banking™ clients in Guatemala. Clients can choose between an individual or family plan that covers general medicine, pediatrics and gynecology services. The program is available at all 29 FINCA branches in Guatemala.

INNOVATION IN GUATEMALA

Ana Bella Esperanza (left) oversees a small factory producing souvenir notebooks, purses and laptop cases in Amatitlán, Guatemala. She began the business with the help of FINCA loans, and today employs 11 workers. Ana also enrolled in FINCA’s medical insurance program. For less than $2 per month, Ana, her spouse and their three children all have health coverage.

Margarita Castillo, a small convenience store owner, also finds the new service useful for her children, especially since her daughter recently had to have her appendix removed. She especially likes being able to access doctors at private clinics. “At the health center or the hospital, you have to wait a lot. But with private doctors, they attend to us quickly.”

Because of this new offering, nearly 20,000 FINCA clients and their family members are now able to access the life-saving health care they need.
INNOVATING THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

For over three decades, FINCA has provided responsible and innovative financial services to low-income clients around the world. To catalyze greater resilience and opportunity for poor families, we are looking more deeply at access to basic services—like energy—and considering the role finance and social enterprises may play. This is achieved through two programs—BrightLife and FINCA Ventures—that complement our microfinance work by expanding financial inclusion and access to basic services through strategic partnerships. Altogether, these initiatives advance sustainable solutions to help low-income families achieve a better standard of living.

BrightLife is Building a Bridge to Financial Inclusion for Ugandans

As of 2017, 1.7 billion adults globally remain unbanked. Almost as many people—1.2 billion—lack electricity. And more than double this number—2.8 billion people—burn charcoal, wood, kerosene or dung to prepare meals and heat their homes. These issues—financial inclusion and energy poverty—are, in fact, linked. It turns out that access to energy requires meaningful access to finance.

This is where FINCA’s BrightLife program fits in. By offering access to clean energy products, like solar home systems and improved cookstoves, on credit through pay-as-you-go (PAYGo) financing, an otherwise unaffordable product is suddenly within reach for a poor customer. At the same time, PAYGo financing allows an unbanked individual to begin to build a credit profile. This then opens the door to more comprehensive financial services at a local microfinance institution—like FINCA Uganda—with broader credit and savings options.

BrightLife leverages FINCA’s finance expertise to help the world’s poor climb both the financial inclusion and energy ladders, which unlocks productivity and boosts local economies.
SPREADING LIGHT WHEREVER SHE GOES

Brenda Nansasi (opposite page in blue) joined FINCA’s BrightLife program as a commission-based field agent. She quickly grew her client list from 50 to more than 400, an achievement that earned her a promotion to field supervisor. Today, she mentors and oversees a network of field agents who visit off-grid families providing product demonstrations, education, distribution and after-sales support. This promotion not only gave Brenda a stable income, but also medical insurance for her family. “I have two children, ages three and seven,” said Brenda. “When I was still an agent, one of my children needed major surgery, which I had to pay for out of pocket. But now that I am a salaried employee with full benefits, I don’t have to worry about facing such a financial hardship again.”

Brenda and her family are not the only ones benefitting from BrightLife. One of her customers, Joy, is a widow who purchased several BrightLife products. “Joy began by taking a solar lamp for her business to extend her income-earning hours,” Brenda said. “Then she bought one for her home. As her business grew, she even purchased a clean cookstove. Her family is healthier and safer as a result.” In honor of her tireless efforts in the community, Whole Planet Foundation recognized Brenda with a Field Officer Appreciation award in 2017.

2017 BrightLife Product Lineup

Solar Lighting

**Solar Lantern:** 72 hours of high-power light after a single day of charge. Ideal for studying, home lighting and safe movement after dark given its portability.

**Solar Lantern with Phone Charger:** Up to 36 hours of light plus charging capability for two phones.

**Solar Home System:** Simulates household grid electricity access by offering three lights and one USB port for phone charging.

Improved Cookstoves

**Charcoal Cookstove:** Fastest boiling charcoal stove on the market. Offers 58 percent fuel and money savings, 50 percent faster cooking, and 56 percent reduced toxic emissions.

**Wood Cookstove with Phone Charger and Light:** Advanced, ultra-clean stove that cuts toxic emissions by 90 percent and reduces wood use by 50 percent. Heat from the stove generates electricity for charging a phone and powering the built-in light.

Clean Water

**Ceramic Water Filter:** Removes 99.9 percent of germs for safe drinking water. Does not require water to be boiled or the use of electricity, and no maintenance is needed.
FINCA Ventures is Expanding Access to Basic Service Products

Lack of access to finance underpins many of the hardships faced by the world’s poor. That is why FINCA has, for decades, given small loans to hardworking entrepreneurs.

But what happens when people don’t have access to even the most basic services—like energy, sanitation, education and health care?

FINCA Ventures exists to meet the basic service and financial needs of low-income families. An impact investing initiative, FINCA Ventures supports the growth of early-stage social enterprises delivering essential product innovations for the poor, like modular solar home systems and improved cookstoves.

FINCA Ventures aims to accelerate the growth of social enterprises developing goods that align with FINCA’s charitable mission, thus fostering a market for extremely affordable, high-quality and life-improving products and services for the bottom of the pyramid.

In its first year, FINCA Ventures partnered with two social enterprises that create products for low-income, emerging market customers:

- **Amped Innovation**: Designs solar home systems and DC-powered productive use appliances to help those living under $4 per day grow their wallets.

- **BioLite**: Manufactures clean-burning, electricity-generating cookstoves and solar home systems for off-grid use.

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CLIMBING THE ENERGY LADDER

Jane Namusisi is a 54-year-old Ugandan woman. She lives with her daughter, Emily (opposite page), and helps raise her three grandchildren, ages 11, 10 and 3 months.

Like most families in Uganda, Jane’s household is not connected to the electric grid. They are forced to rely on hazardous and expensive kerosene to light their home and to prepare meals.

One day, a neighbor introduced Jane to FINCA’s Village Banking™ program. Small loans allowed Jane to invest in her quarrying enterprise, and she used the profits to purchase a solar lantern through FINCA’s BrightLife program. This lantern provided safe lighting for Jane’s grandchildren to study at night, and it also supplied residual energy to charge her mobile phone.

Impressed by the positive impacts on her family’s wellbeing, Jane upgraded to a solar home system designed by FINCA Ventures partner company, Amped Innovation, with enough lights to illuminate her two-room house. Because the system is modular, Jane can add more lights and even appliances over time.

"With kerosene lamps, I worried the children would get burned in the house or there would be damage to my property or about getting sick. Now, my grandchildren use the solar lights at night to study."
FINCA Ventures Portfolio Company Spotlight: Amped Innovation

In early 2017, FINCA Ventures formalized a partnership with Amped Innovation. Amped designs extremely affordable solar home systems and productive use appliances for people living under $4 per day. The company’s products boast six times the power handling of competing solar lighting systems at just one-third the cost. Amped’s products are being sold and tested in 20 countries, largely in sub-Saharan Africa.

In Uganda, where Amped relies on third-party sales, distribution and financing to reach customers, FINCA’s BrightLife program is bringing Amped’s high-quality products to end users.

Why We Partnered with Amped

Amped has a remarkable team that is committed to building the highest quality, most cost-effective products that are affordable to those living at the bottom of the economic pyramid. Also, the modular design of Amped’s products and focus on income-generating, productive use appliances can help a low-income, off-grid family to grow their wallets and climb the energy ladder. Further, the collaboration between FINCA and Amped demonstrates how financial services are crucial to unlocking energy access. Not only is FINCA an investor in Amped, but also its distributor and end-user financing provider in Uganda, leveraging PAYGo technology to make Amped’s products accessible to the poor.
INNOVATING THROUGH BETTER FIELD DATA AND CUSTOMER-DRIVEN RESEARCH

Customer research is part of FINCA’s drive to ensure that innovation translates into concrete benefits for our clients. Our research tools are designed to give our customers a voice, to listen to them better, and to share those insights with our partners and stakeholders.

As researchers, we can only succeed or fail by the quality of our data. Driven by our commitment to sound data, we developed ValiData (patent pending), a cloud-based research platform for collecting and analyzing field data. This unique solution uses machine learning to detect outliers and overcome enumerator bias to generate the highest-quality data. Paired with our user-driven research methodology, ValiData ensures we approach the question of social impact from the customer’s perspective.

Meeting Women’s Financial Service Needs through Rural Banking Agents

FINCA studied the impact of agency banking in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo). The aim was to understand who is using the service, how and why. We found that these banking agents play a critical role in improving financial inclusion for women—especially poor women. This has important implications for FINCA’s mission: agency banking can reach rural women while driving outreach toward those who need it the most.

Our research shows that putting service points near women is not enough; we must also offer them the right services for their needs, which can be quite different from men. Helping women achieve their goals is the essence of FINCA’s mission, and a big reason why we will continue expanding a network of banking agents.

CUSTOMER RESEARCH IN THE DR CONGO

Most women using FINCA’s banking agents in the DR Congo are single, and half of them live below the national poverty line of $75 per month. This stands in contrast to male clients who are overwhelmingly married and better off socioeconomically. FINCA’s female clients in the DR Congo are also more likely than their male counterparts to be self-employed.

Our research showed that our female clients in the DR Congo have unique financial service needs. Nine out of 10 women are using agency banking to accumulate savings since the agent network makes it easier to make small deposits. As a result, we are helping women transition from informal savings (e.g., money kept under a mattress) to formal savings (e.g., money kept in an account). And the long-term benefits to the women are enormous, as our female clients have told us that when they open a savings account they have specific goals in mind: growing a business, investing in household assets or paying for a child’s education.
BrightLife Customers Report Improved Safety and Health

From May–September 2017, FINCA completed its first comprehensive study of BrightLife customers in Uganda. Our goal was to understand the impacts that customers attribute to their BrightLife products—solar lanterns, solar home systems and cookstoves—and what FINCA can do to maximize those benefits.

The key benefits that BrightLife customers reported related to household quality of life, including improved safety, health, enhanced productivity, and better communication and connectivity.

Additionally, some BrightLife customers reported positive changes in economic well-being, including reduced household expenditures, income gains, and job creation.

CUSTOMER RESEARCH IN UGANDA

The typical BrightLife customer is a 45-year-old rural woman supporting seven children, which is larger than the average Ugandan family. She is most likely also a microfinance client of FINCA Uganda, and is using her BrightLife products for domestic purposes. Here is what else we learned:

- 90 percent of households reported enhanced safety due to a reduced risk of house fires, burns or robberies at night.
- 85 percent of households claimed improved health, especially better eye and respiratory health, and less toxicity and burns.
- 80 percent of cookstove customers said they saved time—up to 50 minutes per day—on food preparation, allowing them to address other family needs.
- 60 percent of solar customers have eliminated expenses for charging a mobile phone.
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United Nations Capital Development Fund
United States Agency for International Development
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**Total 2017 Expenses: $305,123,147**
- Program services 96%
- Fundraising 1%
- General and administrative 3%

**Total 2017 Revenue: $339,617,464**
- Cash grants and donations 4%
- Services and gifts in kind 1%
- Program interest income 84%
- Grants and contracts, including federal govt. 1%
- Fees and other program income 10%

FINCA International’s financial statements on pages 18 and 19 were prepared according to the United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Copies of the audited financial statements are available on our website at FINCA.org/about-finca/financials/.

*Full copies of the Audited Financial Statements are available at www.FINCA.org.*
## Operating Revenues

### Contributions:

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**Total operating revenues**

|                                    | 339,617,464   | 339,380,282   |

## Operating Expenses

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**Total operating expenses**

|                                    | 305,123,147   | 337,590,234   |

Income tax expense

|                                    | (13,230,591)  | (17,562,140)  |

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS BEFORE NONOPERATING ITEMS**

|                                    | 21,263,726    | (15,772,092)  |

Nonoperating income (expense)

|                                    | 1,154,710     | (2,229,907)   |

Investment and foreign exchange loss

|                                    | (252,991)     | (2,543,366)   |

Pension-related changes other than net periodic benefit cost gain

|                                    | 258,142       | 187,779       |

Translation gains of foreign operations

|                                    | 3,014,155     | 2,103,521     |

Fair value reserve revaluation

|                                    | (41,805)      | 141,448       |

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS AND BEFORE NONCONTROLLING INTEREST**

|                                    | 25,395,937    | (18,113,217)  |

Loss from discontinued operations

|                                    | (5,046,945)   | (513,989)     |

Dividends to noncontrolling interest

|                                    | —             | (161,000)     |

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

|                                    | 20,348,992    | (18,788,206)  |

NET ASSETS—beginning of year

|                                    | 225,026,128   | 243,814,334   |

**NET ASSETS—end of year**

|                                    | $245,375,120  | $225,026,128  |
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USING FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION TO CLOSE THE GENDER GAP

On International Women’s Day 2017, more than 150 people gathered at FINCA’s headquarters in Washington, DC to participate in a discussion on women’s financial inclusion. Andrée Simon, President and CEO of FINCA Impact Finance, was joined by thought leaders from CGAP, Mastercard Foundation, McKinsey Global Institute and Savannah Bank to discuss the benefits and challenges of using mobile innovations to empower women with financial services.
When Sofelet Kachoka Phiri received a FINCA loan 20 years ago in Malawi, it was for just $8. The tiny loan helped Sofelet create a used clothing business. As her business grew and new businesses were added, Sofelet needed new types of loans to meet her evolving needs. Using innovations like digital tablets, FINCA collects client feedback to improve the products and services offered. This made it possible for Sofelet to be the first female client in Malawi to receive a 1 million kwacha ($1,377) loan.
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