

Common questions

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Is the work of the Microcredit Summit Campaign over?

No, it will be continued on by RESULTS Educational Fund, the parent organization of the Microcredit Summit Campaign. RESULTS already focuses on economic empowerment as one key pillar for ending poverty and will expand its focus on how financial services can play a key role. RESULTS will be reassessing how that agenda is carried out and identify other RESULTS departments to take the lead on various work streams. As we do this, we will be looking for new sources of funding and a business model



that can sustain and grow this work. In addition, Larry Reed will be a senior advisor with RESULTS Educational Fund, researching and writing on topics related to financial services as a tool end extreme poverty, and the Leadership Council will continue to explore.

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What is the RESULTS Educational Fund?

RESULTS Educational Fund (a US-based nonprofit 501(c)(3)) is an advocacy organization working in the United States and around the world on projects focused on three key pillars in the fight to end poverty: 1) health, 2) education, and 3) economic opportunity. RESULTS Educational Fund performs cutting-edge research and oversight in these three areas; educates and mobilizes the public, policy makers, and the media; and supports powerful citizenship by training volunteers in public speaking, generating media, and educating their communities and elected officials on issues of poverty. www.results.org

RESULTS is accompanied in this mission by international affiliates in the UK, Japan, Australia, Canada, and Mexico and also houses ACTION, a global health advocacy partnership with ten partner organizations on five continents. Together, the ACTION partners help mobilize billions of dollars and improve policies to fight diseases of poverty and achieve equitable access to health. www.action.org

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If I have a question or idea for the Microcredit Summit Campaign, who do I get in touch with now?

RESULTS Educational Fund will continue to monitor our organizational email account, so please send your questions or ideas to info@microcreditsummit.org.

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What will happen with the current Microcredit Summit Campaign staff?

Larry Reed will be a senior advisor with RESULTS Educational Fund, researching and writing on topics related to financial services as a tool end extreme poverty. Sabina Rogers and DSK Rao will join the ACTION Secretariat, which is also a project of RESULTS, continuing to run the [integrated health and microfinance project](#). The rest of the staff has been offered the ability to apply for positions within RESULTS.

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Is there any possibility of partnering with RESULTS Educational Fund in the future on the work the Microcredit Summit Campaign has been doing?

RESULTS Educational Fund will be building on the two decades of work completed by the [Microcredit Summit Campaign](#) and is most eager to hear ideas about how this movement can continue to be a driving force for change led by the financial inclusion space. You can send an email to results@results.org and learn more about RESULTS at www.results.org.

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Will you keep hosting Summits?

In this new structure with RESULTS Educational Fund, gatherings of industry and thought leaders will still be an important piece of on-going advocacy work. RESULTS has a history of success in these types of events and leveraging them into positive changes that can help make financial services a tool that contributes to the end of extreme poverty. Anyone in the Microcredit Summit Campaign's database will be notified once the date and location for the next event is confirmed. You can also sign up for the RESULTS mailing list to get the latest updates on future events and initiatives related to the Campaign's work: <http://capwiz.com/results/mlm/signup/>. (Select "Microcredit" under "interests.")

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What will be the future of my Campaign Commitment?

Campaign Commitments will live on in the work carried out by the organizations that made them, implementing their individual commitments to helping create a world without extreme poverty. However, the foreseeable future, RESULTS Educational Fund will not have the resources to provide a platform for updates and for sharing the compelling and inspiring stories around these Campaign Commitments. We hope that the more than [80 Commitments](#) announced over the last three years will continue to be a powerful motivator in and of themselves and that the community built around them will continue to grow as we all take up our unique roles in helping to end extreme poverty.

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Can I still make a Campaign Commitment?

For the foreseeable future, RESULTS Educational Fund will not be able to receive and publicize Campaign Commitments as the Microcredit Summit Campaign has done. We hope you will, however, carry on the purpose of this effort by partnering with allies and working collaboratively to focus innovations and energy on building pathways for those living in extreme poverty.

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Will there be another State of the Campaign Report?

RESULTS Educational Fund will do research and writing around financial services that help end extreme poverty, but RESULTS will not produce another State of the Campaign Report for the foreseeable future. In addition, no new data collection drives are scheduled.

To read this and previous year's State of the Campaign Reports, please visit www.stateofthecampaign.org. If you are a student or researcher, please write to info@microcreditsummit.org to learn how you can access the full dataset. You can also view the data reported to the Campaign here: www.stateofthecampaign.org/data-reported/

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Will you still collect MFI outreach data or Institutional Action Plans (IAPs)? Where can I report my data?

RESULTS Educational Fund will not directly collect outreach data. We strongly urge you to report your data—including the social performance data using the SPI4 tool—to the MIX, which has become an important resource to the whole of the industry. More about MIX can be found at www.mixmarket.org.

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What will happen to the work of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Leadership Council?

The Leadership Council that gathered at the 18th Microcredit Summit has provided clear direction and momentum for focus areas that can achieve large scale results in channeling financial services into activities that help end extreme poverty. These include transformative social protection and graduation, rural development strategies, community-led finance, and risk management by the poor. RESULTS Educational Fund will continue to support the work of these teams and utilize them as key advisors for how to expand work in the area of economic empowerment and economic opportunities.

Transformative social protection and graduation

Randomized Control Trials (RCTs) have demonstrated the impact of [graduation programs](#) and their cost-efficiency. This group aims to figure out how we can take advantage of existing social protection programs to dramatically increase the coverage of graduation programs and move a substantial portion of the ultra-poor out of extreme poverty.

Rural development strategies

The focus area of this team is on overall integrated rural development; within that, a pointed focus would be on credit for both agriculture and non-farm sector. The need of the hour is to give a fillip to lending programs within a value chain framework, primarily aimed at promoting crop, non-crop agriculture, and non-agricultural (off-farm) activities. These are specific to enterprises, be those run with

family labor, hired labor or a mix of both. An important element of such lending is the packaging of non-financial services with financial services.

Community-led finance

Escaping and staying out of poverty is built on multiple layers of support; one is having real network of people around you who care about you and will support you in difficulty. Another is having access to financial services. Savings Groups, ROSCAs, ASCAs, and other informal forms of community-based finance provide such a support system. They are managed directly by their members and are capitalized by their members' savings. The aim of this group is to explore how community-led finance can help end poverty by 2030.

Risk management by the poor

The provision of financial and non-financial services enables vulnerable households to manage risks more effectively and keep people from falling into or back into extreme poverty. This group aims to re-position what microfinance does, to ensure that efforts to provide services for productive purposes are coupled with interventions for protective purposes to help people manage and mitigate risk.

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What will happen to the Microcredit Summit Campaign's work on health and microfinance integration through the "Financing Healthier Lives" program?

RESULTS Educational Fund will continue to staff and support this work to the level that we receive financial support for it and look for ways to expand its reach through additional funding. RESULTS will also integrate that work more closely with the ACTION partnership and the other work that RESULTS does in global health and nutrition. ACTION is a global health advocacy partnership with 12 partner organizations on five continents. Together, the ACTION partners help mobilize billions of dollars and improve policies to fight diseases of poverty and achieve equitable access to health. www.action.org

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RESULTS Educational Fund is finalizing any pending scholarships and will continue to monitor the process. If you have any questions, please send an email info@microcreditsummit.org.

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