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Branchless Banking (part 1) - Getting started

Key elements of a Branchless Banking and Mobile Financial Services Strategy

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Agenda of the day

<u>10.30 - 12.00am</u>: Workshop - Branchless Banking (part 1) Getting started – (Preparing for the visits) <u>Introduction – Ecosystem, partners, products...</u>

- Introduction to Branchless Banking
- Key elements of a branchless banking strategy

12.00 - 6.00pm: Field Visit URWEGO (Opportunity Bank) and/or Equity Bank

9.00-10.00: Takeaways from the field visit through participant exchange. Reflection on how the visit relates to own institutional approach to branchless banking.

Facilitation - Joyce Lehman

10.30 – 13.00: Workshop Branchless Banking (part 2) Building partnerships and/or a strategy roadmap.

- Main elements of a branchless banking strategy
- Panel on strategic approach



Branchless Banking

Technology









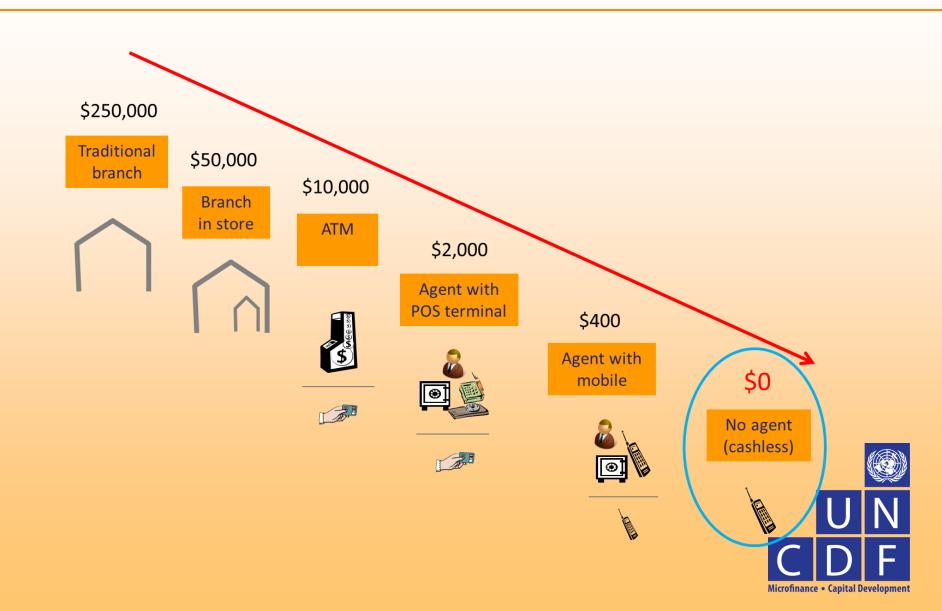






Delivery of financial services outside bank branches using retail agents and technology

Introduction to Branchless Banking



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Introduction to Branchless Banking

Video of Eko India



What about you?

- How many institutions are involved in branchless banking/agent banking?
 - How many institutions have a partnership with mobile money providers?
 - How many institutions have developed their own agents network and solutions?
- How many institutions are willing to be involved in branchless banking?



Introduction

We have a major competitor



Universally Accepted

Its free to use

Understood by Everyone – No education required

Easy to Convert

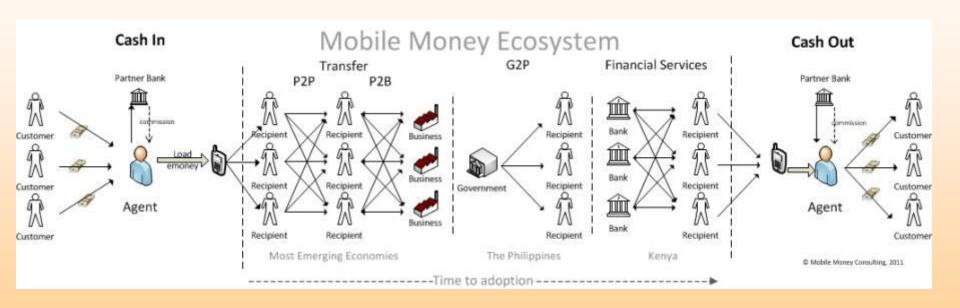
Why should we change?

Financial service

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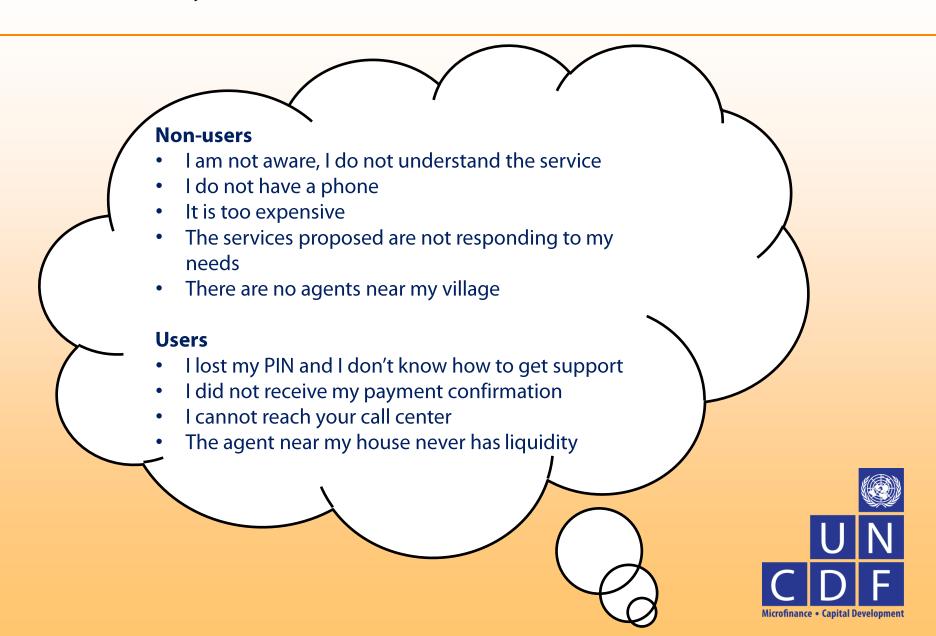


Partnership are key





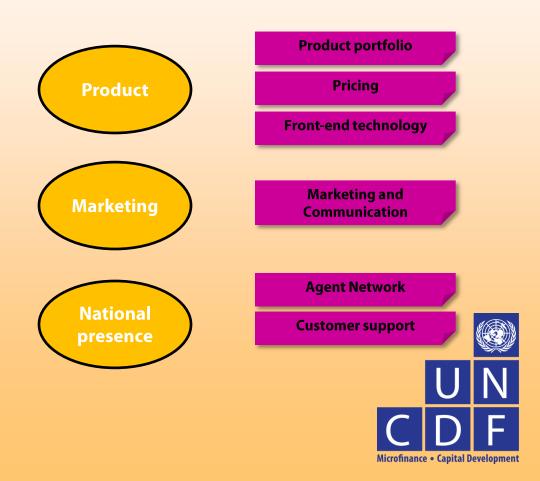
Key customer issues in BB and MFS



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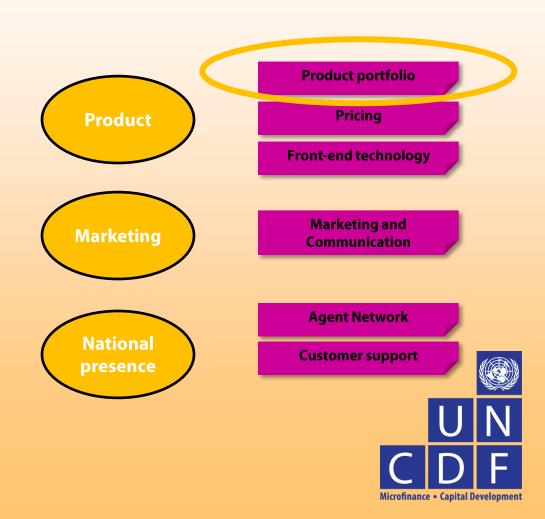
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Introduction









Main services and providers







VISA

Bill payments



Purchase of goods and services

Airtime purchase



Salary payments

Payments of government benefits (pensions, disaster relief, etc.).

Mobile Transfers

Domestic remittances

International remittances

Cash-in or cash-out on a mobile wallet

Mobile Banking

Financial Services (loan, savings, bank transfer)

Account Management

Information services (balance, last transactions, etc)

Additional bank services (micro-insurance)

Notifications (balance, use, reminders)

PayPal*

Mobile Wallet

and/or

Bank Account















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From Product-Driven to Market-Led

Companies that have simply marketed a product without reference to the customers' requirements have soon closed.

The "product-driven" approach has been superseded by the "market-driven" approach

There is more value in retaining customers than attracting new customers who cost more.



Source: MicroSave

Product portfolio



Key questions to be asked during the field visit

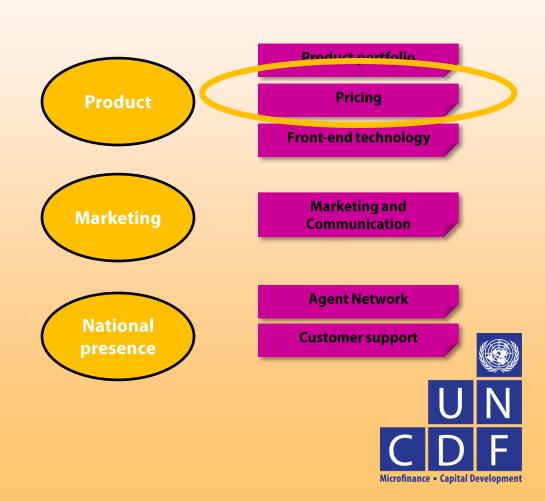
- What are the products offered by providers?
- When were the products launched?
- What was the first product launched and why?
- What has been the market research/ customer analysis carried out to decide about best products to be launched?



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How are products priced?

Transact ions

- Free
- Charged as a flat fee
- Charged as a percentage or tier of the transaction value
- Players also charge a monthly fee for a predefined set of transactions
 - Example: Bradesco and CAIXA in Brazil charges a monthly fee for a predefined set of transactions. Transaction beyond the predefined set come at an additional cost
- The method of charging usually depends on the type of transaction and not the service provider
 - For example: M-PESA offers free deposit, charges tiered fee for withdrawal by registered users (free withdrawal for unregistered users) flat fee for transfer within network pricing and tiered pricing for transfer outside network
- Experience shows that largely, service providers choose a method of pricing for each type of transaction
- Providers often propose promotion pricing to develop services
 - O Airtime bonus
 - Free deposit or registration



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Global el

M-Paisa (AFG)

- M-PESA (KEN)
- 3. M-PESA (TZN)
- Orange Money (IVC) 4.
- Wing Money (CAM) 5.
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(ZA), ZAP (KEN), Eko (IND) the table indica

Out of the following fourteen models- Ea

	Free	Percentage	Tiered	Flat
Cash – In (Deposit)	7	4	2	1
Cash-Out (withdrawal by registered users)		1	8	4
P2P Transfer (within network)		1	4	9
Bill Payment (Excluding Eko)		0	0	12

- G-Cash (PHP)
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Pricing



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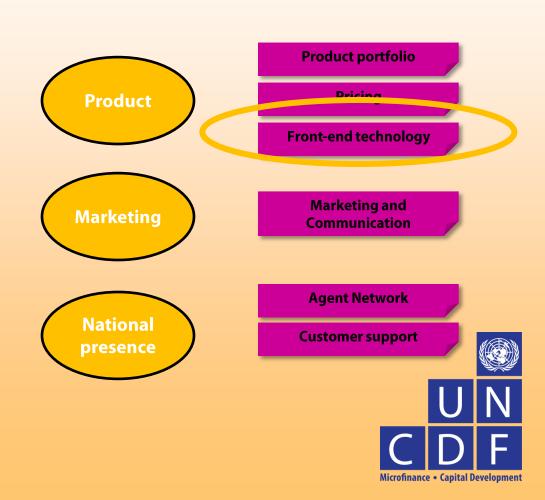
- What is the pricing used for the various products of the portfolio?
- How did they choose the pricing methods?
- Have they adapted the pricing since the launch?
- What type of market research/ customer analysis has been done to define the pricing?
- What types of promotion are used to increase usage?



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Front end technology

Front-end technology for mobile phone

Messagebased interface

Menu / SIM application based interface

Browser-based interface

Smartphone applications

SMS/USSD STK Toolkit Web Browser

Apps





Front end technology

Traditionally Choice was Between Mobile & POS

Parameters	Mobile Based Models	POS Based Models	
Deployment costs	Low	Higher	
Maintenance costs	Very low (property of agent)	High	
Operating costs to the agent/provider	Low	High	
Network dependence	High (app allows offline)	Low (can work offline)	
Transaction evidence	Limited (only SMS confirmations)	Physical receipts issued	
Ease of transaction	Comparatively easier	Depends on validation protocols used	
Dependence on the agent	Moderate	High (users cannot transact without agent)	



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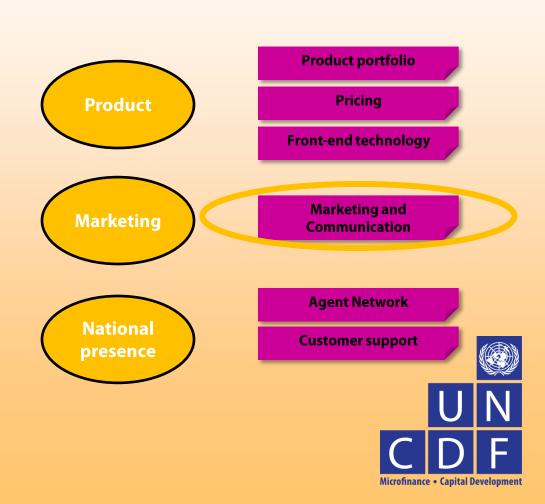
- What is the technology used?
- Why did they choose this technology?
- What is the customer experience about the technology?
- What has been the market research/ customer analysis done to decide about technology?



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Marketing and Communication



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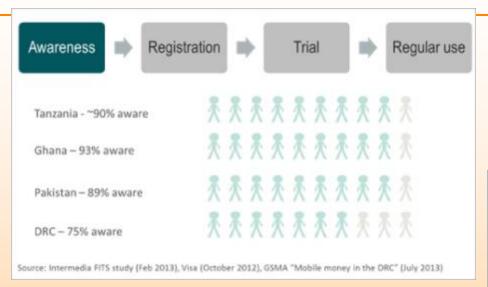








Customer journey



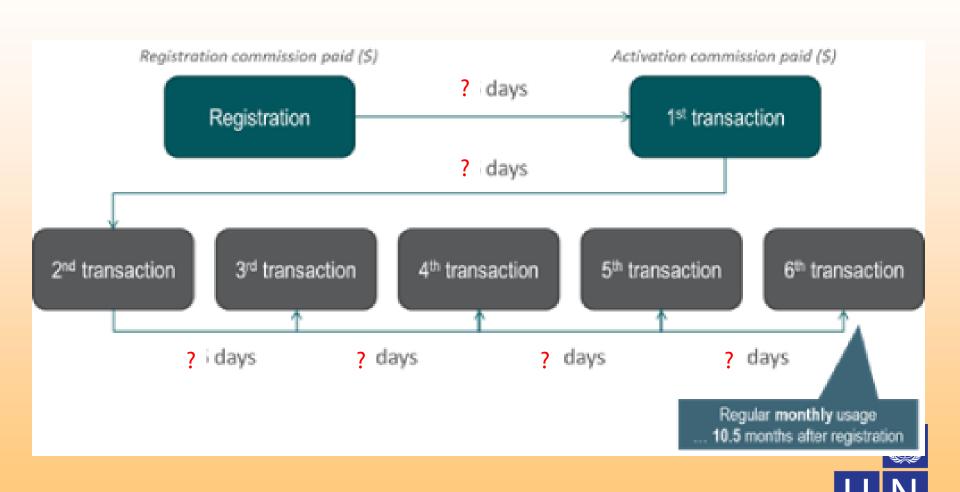






Source: GSMA

Customer journey



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M-PESA Kenya started with a very simple proposition – Send money by phone – and included clear branding



"M-PESA is the new, easy and affordable way to send money home"



Financial Education Campaigns







Marketing and communication



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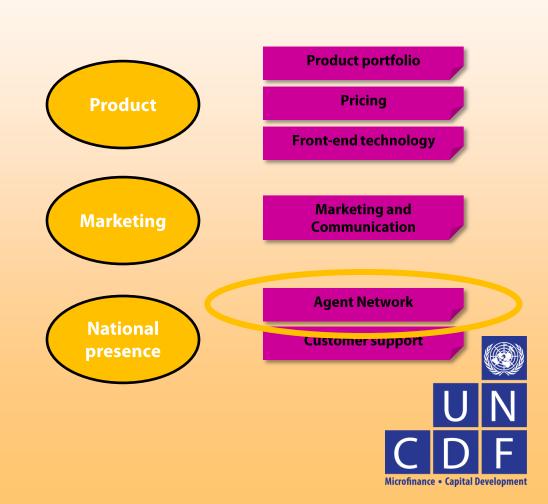
- What has been the providers' marketing & communications approach?
- What were the key messages?
- How have the providers adapted their marketing campaigns according to the development of the market?
- What are the lessons learned?



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Operates the cash service point where the customer does cash-in and cash-out transactions. Typically registers new clients as well.



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Agents fulfill 3 important functions in a branchless banking service

Verify client identity

- Comply with KYC standards
- Guard against fraud

Make cash available

 Enable clients to withdrawal and deposit on demand

Act as face of the service

- Educate clients about the service
- Troubleshoot clients' problems



Agent network

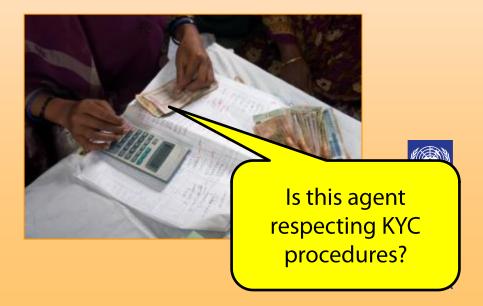
Quality is key





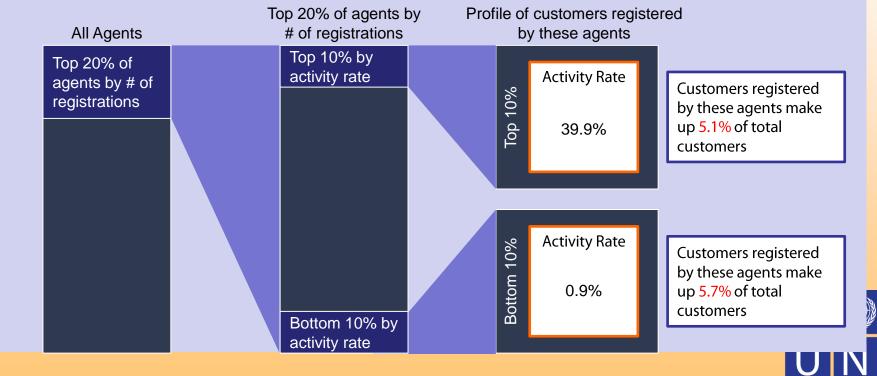






The importance of agents should not be underestimated, and has a direct impact on profitability

Across 2 providers, the activity rate of customers registered by the best agents was over 40 times higher than those registered by the worst agents



Agent network



Key questions for the field visit

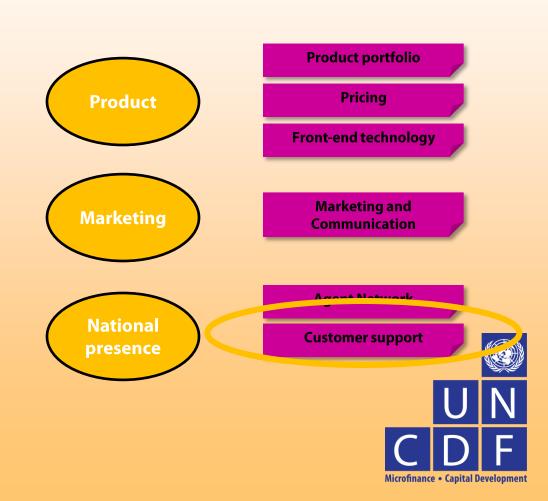
- How did providers built their agent networks?
- What is providers' agent network structure?
- How are agents remunerated?
- How do they manage liquidity?
- How do they insure same level of quality in their network?



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How to transfer money?

I lost my PIN? Where can I fin d an agent?



My phone has been stolen!

What is the fee!

I did not receive a confirmation sms



Customer support

- Agent plays a key role in supporting customers
 - Face-to-face contact
 - Brochure at agent location
 - Explanation of the service
 - Troubleshooting
 - FAQ and responses to agents



- Customer call center is a key element
 - Free number
 - Well trained personnel on financial services to answe customer request
 - Detailed procedures and scripts to respond to customers requests
 - Dedicated number for agents





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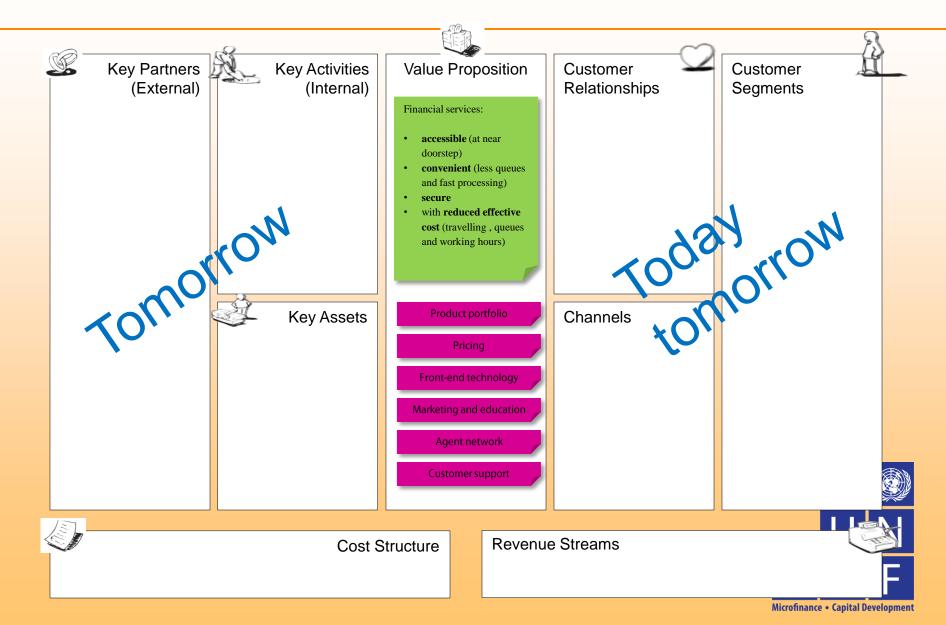


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- How do providers manage customer support?
- What is the role of agent to support customer?
- How is providers' call centers organized?
- What are the main issues raised by customers?



How to design a client-centric strategy?



Think out of the box!



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