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## *General Useful Resources*

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● [Center for Social Development](http://gwbweb.wustl.edu/csd/) : <http://gwbweb.wustl.edu/csd/>

The Center for Social Development (CSD) is a unit of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work (GWB) at Washington University in St. Louis. CSD has a multipurpose agenda encompassing social theory, research, policy innovation, projects in the community, and teaching. CSD projects connect academic and applied interests and build bridges across public, non-profit, and private sectors.

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● [Rural Finance Group](http://aede.osu.edu/programs/RuralFinance/) <http://aede.osu.edu/programs/RuralFinance/>

The Ohio State University Rural Finance Program is a recognized world leader in the analysis of rural financial markets and other finance and development questions. DevFinance:  
<http://aede.osu.edu/programs/RuralFinance/devfinan.htm>

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● [Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest](http://www.cgap.org/) <http://www.cgap.org/>

CGAP is a consortium of 28 public and private development agencies working together to expand access to financial services for the poor in developing countries.

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● [Development Gateway for Microfinance](http://topics.developmentgateway.org/microfinance) <http://topics.developmentgateway.org/microfinance>

The Development Gateway is an independent not-for-profit organization. It was conceived and initially developed in the World Bank. Operations began in July 2001. The gateway helps improve people's lives in developing countries by building partnerships and information systems that provide access to knowledge for development.

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● [ELDIS Development Reporter](http://www.eldis.org/) <http://www.eldis.org/>

Eldis is a gateway to information sources on development, funded by the **Danish** development agency Danida, and hosted by the **Institute of Development Studies, Sussex**.

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● [Institute of Development Studies](http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/) <http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/>

The Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, UK, is one of the world's leading organisations for research, teaching and communications on international development

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- [ENTERWeb](http://www.enterweb.org/microcre.htm), <http://www.enterweb.org/microcre.htm>

The main focus is on micro, small and medium scale enterprises, cooperatives, community economic development, both in developed and developing countries. ENTERWeb lists and rates Internet resources in these areas, and complements search engines by providing shortcuts in identifying important sources of information.

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- <http://www.microfinance.com/>
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- [Journal of Microfinance](http://www.microjournal.com/) <http://www.microjournal.com/>

The *Journal of Microfinance* is an exciting forum for the sharing of ideas and information pertaining to the practice of microfinance and microenterprise development. The *Journal's* purpose is to influence practice by focusing on experiences and lessons learned from the field.

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- [Virtual Library on Microcredit](http://www.gdrc.org/icm/) <http://www.gdrc.org/icm/>

The Virtual Library on Microcredit is a repository of information on alternative, non-conventional financial systems and microfinance/microcredit issues

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- [IMP-ACT](http://www.imp-act.org/): <http://www.imp-act.org/>

*Imp-Act* supports microfinance institutions (MFIs) in developing their own social performance management (SPM) systems. These systems use a range of tools, including market research and impact assessment, to respond to client needs and the priorities of MFIs.

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- [Finance and Development Research Programme](http://www.devinit.org/findev/) <http://www.devinit.org/findev/>

A DFID-funded research programme to identify effective financial sector policies for promoting poverty-reducing economic growth in low income countries

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- [ID 21](http://www.id21.org/index.html): <http://www.id21.org/index.html>

The free development research reporting service, bringing you the latest and best UK-resourced research on developing countries.

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- [Central Eurasian Studies Worldwide Harvard](http://cesww.fas.harvard.edu/index.html) <http://cesww.fas.harvard.edu/index.html>
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- [Centre for Development Studies-University of Bath](http://www.bath.ac.uk/cds/index.htm) <http://www.bath.ac.uk/cds/index.htm>
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● British Library for Development Studies <http://blds.ids.ac.uk/blds/index.html>

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● Microfinance: <http://www.microfin.com/>

The purpose of this website is to provide support services to users of **CGAP's Business Planning and Financial Modeling Handbook**, including the Microfin projection model.

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● Directory of Development Organizations <http://www.devdir.org/index.html>

The [Directory](#) is a comprehensive **listing of private sector organizations** dedicated to poverty alleviation.

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● Microcredit summit: <http://www.microcreditsummit.org/>

Working to ensure that 100 million of the world's poorest families, especially the women of those families, are receiving credit for self-employment and other financial and business services by the year 2005.

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● Official site YEAR of Micro credit: <http://www.yearofmicrocredit.org/>

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