



The Major Role of SME

Building and Managing Bank Relationships with SMEs

Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) play a major role in most economies, particularly in developing countries. Formal SMEs contribute up to 45 percent of total employment and up to 33 percent of national income (GDP) in emerging economies. These numbers are significantly higher when informal SMEs are included. According to estimates, 600 million jobs will be needed in the next 15 years to absorb the growing global workforce, mainly in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. In emerging markets, most formal jobs are with SMEs, which also create 4 out of 5 new positions. However, access to finance is a key constraint to SME growth; without it, many SMEs languish and stagnate.

SMEs are less likely to be able to secure bank loans than large firms; instead, they rely on internal or "personal" funds to launch and initially run their enterprises. Fifty percent of formal SMEs don't have access to formal credit. The financing gap is even larger when micro and informal enterprises are taken into account. Overall, approximately 70 percent of all MSMEs in emerging markets lack access to credit. While the gap varies considerably between regions, it's particularly wide in Africa and Asia. The current credit gap for formal SMEs is estimated to be US\$1.2 trillion; the total credit gap for both formal and informal SMEs is as high as US\$2.6 trillion.

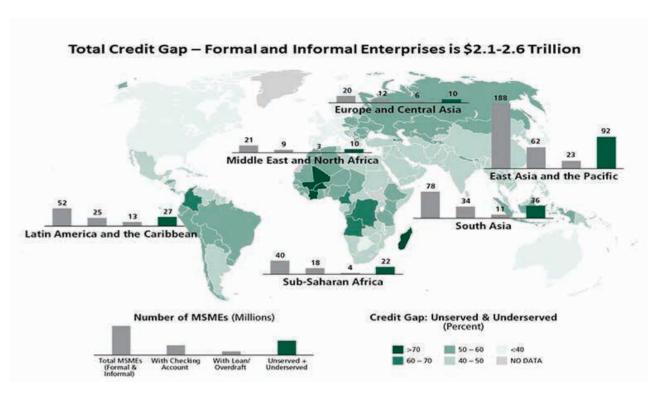
A World Bank Group study suggests there are between 365-445 million micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in emerging markets: 25-30 million are formal SMEs; 55-70 million are formal micro enterprises; and 285-345 million are informal enterprises. Moving informal SMEs into the formal sector can have considerable advantages for the SME (for example, better access to credit and government services) and to the overall economy (for example, higher tax revenues, better regulation). Also, improving SMEs' access to finance and finding solutions to unlock sources of capital is crucial to enable this potentially dynamic sector to grow and provide the needed jobs.

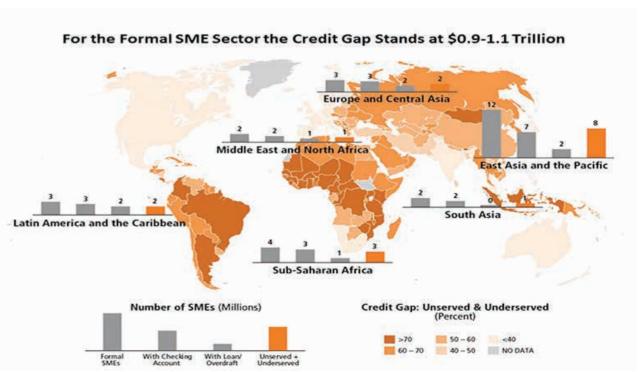
Key Messages

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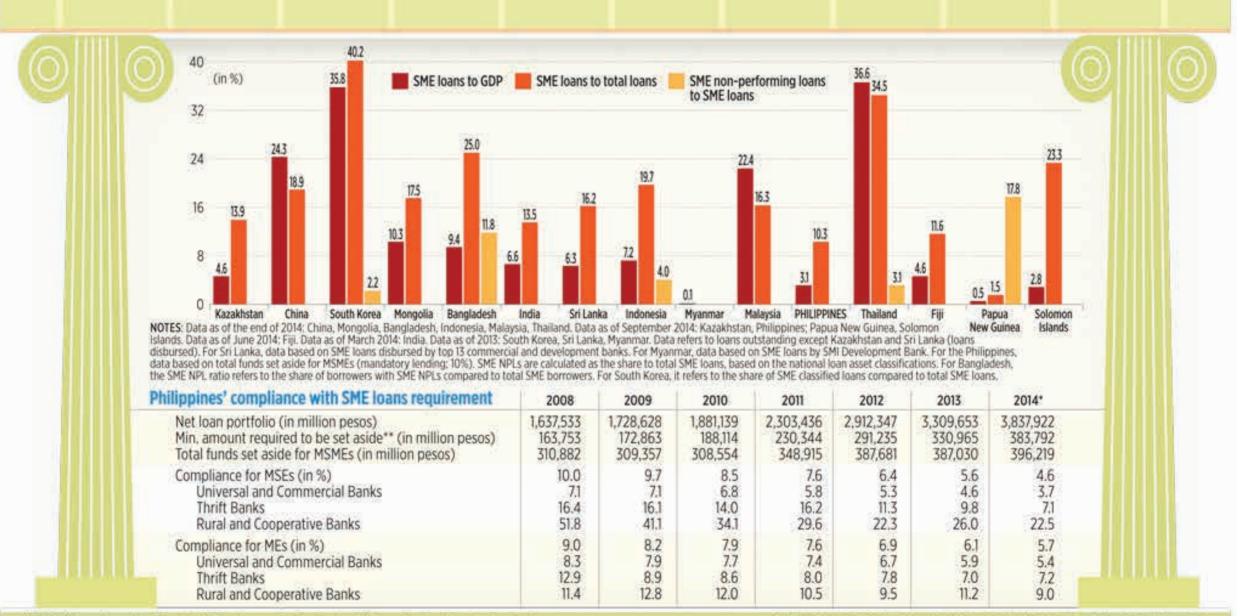
Yet more than 50% of SMEs lack access to finance, which hinders their growth. A key area of our work is improving SMEs' access to finance and finding innovative solutions to unlock sources of capital.







BANK LOANS TO SMES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



NOTES: ME = medium-sized enterprise, MSE = micro and small enterprise, SME = small and medium-sized enterprise

"Data as of September 2014 **8% of net loan portfolio to micro and small enterprises and 2% to medium-sized enterprises

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OVERVIEW

With more than half of the world's people and businesses, Asia's prospects are bright if it can harness the energy and ideas of its SME sector. This requires an orientation for banks towards the scale and approaches of SMEs that differ from the traditional corporate sector. These new approaches require that banks establish proper strategies, oversight mechanisms and analytics, while also introducing new products, services and processes to capture this business.

This course will provide an overview of SME strategy development, bank governance and management requirements, customer relationship management and SME-oriented products, financing methods and impact on bank ratios, and credit risk management and scoring systems.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Be able to establish an active and dynamic SME Banking business within their bank.

Be able to identify loan, deposit and fee based products most suited to their respective markets.

Identify, within their own markets the SME business segments to focus their marketing efforts.

Establish policies, procedures and approaches for gathering industry, business and financial information that streamlines and supports the SME credit applications process.

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