



## MICROCREDIT SUMMIT CAMPAIGN

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Dear Friends of the Campaign,

We invite you to join Her Majesty Queen Sofia of Spain, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Muhammad Yunus of Grameen Bank, Sir Fazle Abed of BRAC, and thousands of delegates from more than 100 countries at the Global Microcredit Summit to be held November 14-17, 2011 in Valladolid, Spain.

The current moment we are facing in microfinance reflects the opening lines from Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness..." Never before has there been such inspiring innovation in the field of microfinance, nor such cause for concern. The Valladolid Summit will set the back drop for substantive discussions on the state of the field. It will also provide opportunities to discuss our hopes and visions for the field's future.

The Microcredit Summit Campaign is committed to highlighting and fostering microfinance that brings positive transformation into the lives of clients and their families. With close to one-fifth of the world's population still living on less than US\$1.25 a day, some 72 million children of primary school age still not in school, and some 22,000 children under the age of five dying each day from largely preventable malnutrition and disease, these kinds of microfinance programs are more essential than ever.

Join this army of activists and unconventional bankers who are working to overcome the hard core poverty that is a scandal we can no longer allow. Join this army of visionaries as we share best practices and work to accelerate innovation. Come to Valladolid and join the leaders in the field in their work to put poverty in the museums.

Sincerely,

*Sam Daley-Harris*

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Director, Microcredit Summit Campaign

### *Goals for 2015:*

REACHING 175 MILLION OF THE WORLD'S POOREST FAMILIES WITH CREDIT FOR SELF-EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES AND; ENSURING THAT 100 MILLION FAMILIES RISE ABOVE THE US \$1 A DAY THRESHOLD.

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