

#### FIRST SESSION:

# Expanded access to digital remittances and financial inclusion

Data, market conditions and enabling environment



#### Maximizing the development impact of remittances

Market intervention and financial inclusion

Investment in place of origin

...Promote access to remittances

Inclusive growth and resilience in rural communities of orgin

2 ... Expand financial options





#### Engage discussions on

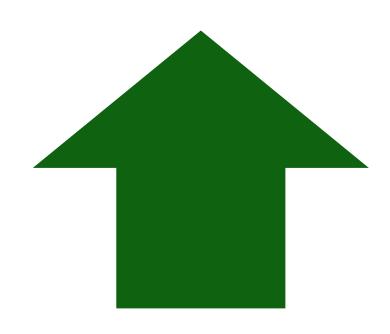
The importance of data to make informed decisions

Expanding access to digital remittances and financial inclusion



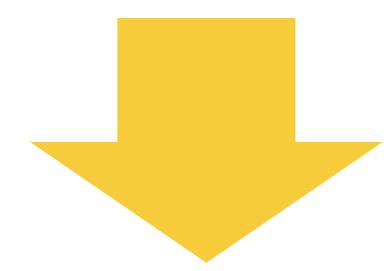
### Expanding access to digital remittances and financial inclusion





#### **Positive triggers**

- A significant part of the population receive remittances
- o Increased usage of bank accounts with cards or wallets linked
- Digital payments grow exponentially and drive usage of non-cash payment instrument



#### Challenges

- Outside main cities, lack of access points for account-based remittances
- Most of remittances received into accounts, cards or wallets are cashed-out
- Lack of awareness, trust and usage of digital methods
- Limited use cases to trigger the use of digital payments

#### **Discussion points**

- What prevents the usage of digital methods to receive remittances?
- How do we increase number of access points in the last mile?
  - What is the role of agency banking and agents
- How to trigger usage in the last mile?
  - How to empower customers to use more digital payments?
  - Cross-selling digital payment / financial services

## Malaysia and Pakistan





- Improve migrants and their families' livelihoods through faster, cheaper remittances and additional financial services.
- Scale-up the impact of remittances to rural areas in Pakistan towards deeper financial inclusion by (i) converting over-the-counter remittance users to e-wallets, and (ii) providing additional services to senders and the new rural e-wallet-based receivers.
- Enrol senders and receivers to use the new e-wallet-based remittance system in Pakistan.



#### **Impact**



63,000

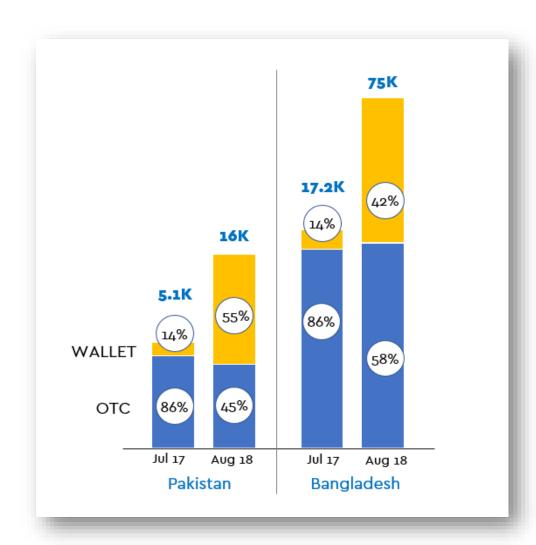
Pakistani and Bangladeshi wallets registered in Malaysia

**79,000**wallets receive

wallets received money in Pakistan and Bangladesh.



### 3 financial products for migrants and their family



**PRIME** 

CENTRAL ASIA





## APS in The Gambia converting cash recipients to wallet users







Impact (ongoing project)



Access

260 new agents in rural areas



**Digitalisation** 

100,000 new active wallets receiving remittances (30% in rural areas)



**Financial inclusion** 

10,000 new MFI accounts opened (52% women and 19% in rural areas)

400 diaspora accounts opened