



Welcome to the October Edition of the GIIF Newsletter. This issue highlights how inclusive insurance is driving impact around the world—from high-level discussions on climate resilience at the Singapore International Reinsurance Conference, to our new podcast exploring innovative risk finance, and the launch of our Country Highlights series starting with Zambia. Across regions, GIIF is advancing capacity, strengthening financial resilience, and empowering smallholder farmers and communities to better manage risks and thrive.

BUILDING STRONGER MARKETS TOGETHER

IFC Hosts High-Level Panel on Resilience at the 21st SIRC in Singapore



On November 4, IFC convened a high-level session on **“Resilience as Strategy”** at the 21st Singapore International Reinsurance Conference. The session opened with remarks from Katia Daude Gonçalves, IFC Country Manager for Singapore & Brunei, and Allen Forlemu, Regional Head of Industry & Director, FIG Asia Pacific & Interim Regional Vice President. Moderated by Florence Boupda, the panel brought together IFC experts Ommid Saberi, James Smouse, and Zeeshan Vazeer, alongside industry leaders Ben Yue Qin (Descartes Underwriting), Brendan Dunlea (QBE), Graeme Riddell (Marsh), and Michael Walz (Swiss Re). They explored how resilience can move from being a safeguard to a strategic driver for markets, institutions, and communities, sharing insights on innovation, partnerships, and tools to tackle evolving risks. Stay tuned—more highlights from the session will be shared soon.—[Read more](#)

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PODCAST SERIES

EP#1 Shifting from Crisis Response to Proactive Resilience with Dr. Astrid Zwick

We are excited to launch the first episode of GIIF’s new podcast series, “Resilience in Action: The Power of Inclusive Insurance Transforming Communities.” In this episode, Dr. Astrid Zwick, Co-Director of the Global Shield Secretariat, shares her insights on how inclusive insurance and innovative risk finance are helping vulnerable communities build resilience against climate shocks.



From real-world examples in countries like Costa Rica, Senegal, and The Gambia, to the critical role of partnerships and gender-responsive solutions, Dr. Zwick responds to questions on why this is a pivotal moment for scaling climate and disaster risk finance, how partners like GIIF can enhance collaboration, and how technical and private sector actors can sustain progress. Tune in to hear Dr. Zwick’s perspectives and learn how inclusive insurance is transforming lives around the world.— [Listen full interview](#)

A NEW SERIES ON COUNTRY PROGRESS

Changing the Insurance Story in Mozambique

We are launching a series of country highlights to showcase the progress and impact initiatives across the globe. Each spotlight showcases how GIIF partners with local insurers, governments, and communities to expand access to inclusive insurance, strengthen financial resilience, and empower vulnerable populations to better manage risks and thrive in the face of climate and economic challenges. These highlights also provide a valuable opportunity to reflect on lessons learned and identify areas to improve our work and maximize impact.



The first highlight features Zambia, where GIIF has been strengthening the agricultural insurance sector since 2016. By supporting private insurers, building capacity for regulators, and integrating digital solutions, GIIF has helped provide weather-index insurance to nearly 20 million people, including smallholder farmers and women who face persistent barriers to financial inclusion. These initiatives have enabled farmers to protect their livelihoods, increase productivity, and access critical resources under programs like the government’s Farmer Input Support Program (FISP). Highlights from other countries—including Kenya, the Philippines, Senegal, Nigeria, Indonesia, and more—will follow, offering further insights into how GIIF is transforming local markets, driving inclusive growth, and continuously learning to improve outcomes worldwide.—[Read the full Zambia Country Highlights](#)

CAPACITY BUILDING ACROSS REGIONS

Knowledge and technical capacity are at the heart of GIIF's work. This section highlights recent training sessions and workshops across regions, from Ethiopia and South Africa to Asia, aimed at strengthening expertise in area-yield index insurance, insurtech solutions, and innovative approaches for smallholder farmers. By building skills and sharing insights, GIIF empowers partners and stakeholders to design, deliver, and scale inclusive insurance solutions that make a real impact on communities.

ETHIOPIA: Multi-Stakeholder Push for Smarter Insurance

IFC recently hosted a hands-on capacity-building workshop in Addis Ababa on Agricultural and Area Yield Index Insurance (AYII), bringing together insurers, government agencies, and farmer platforms. Facilitated with KM Dastur and co-organized with Lersha, the sessions focused on product design, implementation, and claims management, highlighting how index-based solutions can reduce climate risks, expand financial inclusion, and strengthen resilience for smallholder farmers—[Read more](#)



SOUTH AFRICA: Advancing Technical Skills for Farmer Protection

In Johannesburg, Land Bank Insurance Company (LBIC), in partnership with ACRE Africa, participated in training to strengthen technical capacity in crop and livestock index insurance. The sessions covered product design, underwriting, monitoring, claims processes, and international best practices, equipping LBIC to deliver climate-smart, accessible solutions that protect farmers' livelihoods. Part of IFC's Africa Inclusive Insurance Program and supported by GIIF and international partners, the training advances resilience, financial inclusion, and food security across South Africa—[Read more](#)



INDIA: Smallholder Farmers Benefit from Insurtech and SME Finance

The SME Finance Forum hosted a Marketplace session on Insurtech for Smallholder Farmers, featuring leading innovators using technology to expand access to climate and agricultural insurance. During the session, GIIF highlighted learnings from India—showing how farmer-centric product design, faster and more transparent claims, lower delivery costs, and integrated data systems using remote sensing and drones can significantly strengthen agricultural insurance solutions—[Read more](#)



LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION FOR RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE ECONOMIES

COP30 in Belém: How the World Bank is Advancing Jobs, Nature, and Resilience

From November 10–21, 2025, the World Bank Group participated in COP30 in Belém, Brazil, showcasing its work on jobs, growth, climate resilience, and nature-based solutions. Key topics included mobilizing private capital, health sector adaptation, energy efficiency, forests and land, water security, and multilateral collaboration—[Explore the full program of events and recorded sessions](#)



PIA's Namakau Ntini Joined AFIS 2025 to Advance Africa's Insurance Agenda



Over 1,250 leaders from Africa's financial sector convened in Casablanca for the 5th Africa Financial Industry Summit (AFIS), reaffirming its role as a key platform shaping the continent's financial future. Against a backdrop of urgent needs to mobilize domestic capital for sustainable growth, the summit spotlighted the role of pensions, insurance, and financial regulation in closing protection gaps, particularly in agriculture and the informal sector. The Pensions and Insurance Authority (PIA) was represented by Registrar and CEO Namakau Ntini, who joined senior regulators to discuss pathways to scale insurance penetration and build a more inclusive and resilient financial ecosystem across Africa—[Read more](#)

ABOUT GIIF

The Global Inclusive Insurance Facility (GIIF) – formerly known as the Global Index Insurance Facility – aims to strengthen the resilience of farmers and micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in developing countries, with a primary focus on Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, and the Asia-Pacific region. Funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the program supports access to inclusive climate risk insurance products designed to protect livelihoods from disruptions and losses in agricultural production.

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