



### **Corrinne Ngurukie**

Ms. Corrinne Ngurukie is the Africa Regional Technical Advisor for the YouthSave Project. She has over ten years of experience in the financial services sector. Six of those years were focused on providing technical assistance and training to the microfinance sector in the Africa region in the capacity of a financial services consultant. She brings a wealth of experience in youth financial services specifically in market research for product development. In partnership with Population Council, Ms. Ngurukie co-developed and co-managed a Nike Foundation-funded adolescent girls' savings program for three years in East Africa.

### **Rani Deshpande**

Ms. Rani Deshpande is Director of the YouthSave project at Save the Children US. Her professional background includes assisting nonprofit organizations with strategic, financial, and operational planning as a management consultant, as well as researching and building industry knowledge on various microfinance topics, including microsavings, remittances, and gender issues, for CGAP and UNCDF/SUM. She has also worked directly with small and microentrepreneurs in India and West Africa, conducting capacity building on design, production, and financial management issues. Ms. Deshpande earned her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and a dual Masters in international affairs and business from Columbia University.

### **Maria Perdomo**

Ms. Maria Perdomo is currently the Programme Manager of YouthStart, a UNCDF Global Initiative that aims to increase access and use of financial services to young people in Sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to joining UNCDF, she worked for several International NGOs where she developed trainings, capacity building tools and business models to enable Financial Service Providers and Social Enterprises to offer financial and non-financial services to their clients. She holds a masters in International Affairs and Economic Development from Columbia University, a B.A in International Finance from Externado de Colombia University and a Certificate in International Studies from l'Institut de Sciences Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po).

### **Ben Shell**

As a member of Women's World Banking's Microfinance Products team, Mr. Ben Shell provides technical assistance to financial institutions and manages projects to develop adult and youth savings products, branchless banking options and financial education programs. This support spans the complete product development cycle, from initial market research through piloting and roll out. Prior to joining WWB, Mr. Shell lived in Mongolia and worked for XacBank, a leading microfinance bank with a double bottom line, where he worked on a variety of rural

finance initiatives, including provision of technical assistance, wholesale financing and network services to rural savings and credit cooperatives. Mr. Shell holds a B.A. in Philosophy from Princeton University.