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### **Jared Penner**

Mr. Jared Penner has been working with youth financial services, workforce development projects and integrated health and financial services programs for the past five years. He has experience working in Zambia, Mozambique, Egypt and Afghanistan on both programming and research initiatives. Mr. Penner is currently managing the Education workstream at ChildFinance, where he is helping to build a global multi-stakeholder movement around financial inclusion as well as social and financial education for children and youth under the age of 18.

### **Tanaya Kilara**

Ms. Tanaya Kilara is an Associate Microfinance Analyst at CGAP, studying the business case for Youth Savings. Ms. Kilara has rich operational experience as part of the start-up team of an urban microfinance institution in India. In her four years there, Tanaya was instrumental in building the business plan, bringing in equity investors, designing financial products, and managing sales and operations. She holds an MBA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and an Honors Degree in Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

### **Sarah Myers**

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