MSC (MicroSave Consulting)
The world’s local expert in financial, economic, and social inclusion in the digital age
We are MSC
The world’s local expert in social, financial, and economic inclusion

MSC is a boutique consulting company that drives financial, economic, and social inclusion by partnering with participants in digital ecosystems.

We work with our clients and partners across the globe to achieve sustainable performance improvements and unlock enduring value.

With our support, you can seize the digital opportunity, address the mass market, and future-proof your operations.

- International consulting firm with 20+ years of experience
- 180+ multilingual staff in 11 offices around the world
- Projects in ~50 developing countries

- 300+ clients
- Over 750 publications
- Helped develop digital G2P services used by 700 million+ people
- Implemented 750+ DFS projects
- 250+ financial inclusion products and channels that 50 million+ people now use
- Trained 8,700+ leading financial inclusion specialists globally

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Sectors we work in

Providing impact-oriented business consulting services

MSC has a strong reputation for high-quality work with a wide range of institutions. Over the past 20 years, we managed over 3,500 projects in over 50 developing countries. Our experts come from a variety of fields and can help you gain the critical edge in a competitive market.

Banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI)
Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)
Government and regulators
Micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME)
Social payments and refugees

Gender and youth
Education and skills
Digital and FinTech
Agriculture
Multi-faceted expertise
Advisory that helps you succeed in a rapidly evolving market

MSC helps you gain a deep understanding of your clients, their needs, aspirations, perceptions, and behavior. We leverage the opportunities of the digital age to help you create a better, more efficient, and profitable business that focuses on your customers and markets.
Our clients and partners
We work with a range of organizations to build enduring change

Our clients and partners include influencers and decision-makers among financial service providers. We also work with governments and other groups that contribute to financial inclusion.
Our flagship projects

Agent Network Accelerator (ANA) program across 11 countries

MSC designed Agent Network Accelerator (ANA) studies to help leading providers overcome the cost and complexity of building sustainable cash-in/cash-out (CICO) networks. Under ANA, we analyzed 81 providers in 14 countries to cover 31,500+ agents. This dataset provides cutting-edge knowledge and data on agent network management.

National Financial Inclusion Strategy with Qatar Central Bank

MSC supported Qatar Central Bank to develop a National Financial Inclusion and Financial Literacy Strategy. The strategy aims to enable easier, faster and secure payments, improve access to credit for individuals and SMEs, and achieve sound financial health. The initiative will have an impact on the lives of about 2.26 million people living in Qatar.

Helix Institute of Digital Finance

Helix Institute of Digital Finance is MSC’s training arm, which provides online training courses and tailored institutional training. The Helix also conduct workshops and seminars targeted to directors and top-level executives in leading organizations. We have trained over 7,700 people from 350 organizations that serve over 1 billion customers in over 50 countries.
Our flagship projects

Catalytic change for mass market clients across Bangladesh and Vietnam

The Innovate, Implement, Impact (i3) Program utilizes technology for meaningful financial inclusion in Bangladesh and Vietnam. MSC fosters partnerships, develops sustainable and scalable business models, and innovates products, services, and channels for digital and physical distribution to the mass market. Supported by MetLife Foundation, the program works with bKash and other market leaders to serve more than 400,000 households.

Two decades of partnership and transformation with Equity Bank

MSC has been a provider of choice for technical assistance and advisory services to Equity Bank since 2001. We helped Equity transform from a building society to a bank and then to a full fledged digital bank. Our work has enhanced Equity’s customer base from 109,000 to 12 million by 2017.

Design and establishment of the Financial Inclusion Lab in India

MSC launched the Financial Inclusion Lab—a one-of-its-kind incubation lab that addresses financial exclusion in India. The lab will provide intensive consulting, catalytic support, prototyping capital, and customized services to early-stage fintech start-ups that focus on the low- and middle-income segments. The USD-9.5-million initiative will identify, support, and scale start-ups with high potential. Led by J.P. Morgan, the intervention receives support from IIM Ahmedabad’s Centre for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE).
Our flagship projects

Strategy and public policy design

MSC’s Government and Social Impact team has two decades of experience in strategy and public policy design. We work with governments across Asia and Africa to evaluate, design, and optimize public policy choices. We help governments implement large-scale programs. We lend ground-level support to provide an initial momentum and establish the governance structure for the respective programs. Our work has had an impact on over 850 million people in India alone.

Support for the development of M-PESA

MSC sat on the initial steering committee that oversaw the development of M-PESA. We provided market research to help with the design of the final offering. This helped define and then refine the use-case, as well as develop, test, and deploy the initial marketing and training material for M-PESA—now the leading mobile money platform in the world, used regularly by 20 million customers in Kenya.

Pathways to Enhancing Financial Inclusion (PEFI)

Under the USD-3.2-million PEFI project, MSC has been enhancing financial inclusion across eight states in India. We have worked on agent networks, digital and financial education, self-help groups, and issues around gender. The project involves stationing financial inclusion coordinators in each district, who work alongside the existing government and banking machinery to support, develop, and customize models of financial inclusion.