

#### Financial Inclusion - Banking the Unbanked

Research Findings & Prospects for Mobile Financial Services

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### Perspectives on the "Unbanked"



- "Unbanked" An individual who does not have access to affordable, convenient, secure financial services.
  - 2.7 billion unbanked adults worldwide CGAP 2009),
- Beyond the developmental impact and social responsibility!)
  for driving financial inclusion, is this a legitimate, sustainable
  growth strategy?
- The microfinance industry has demonstrated that the extreme poor are extremely bankable







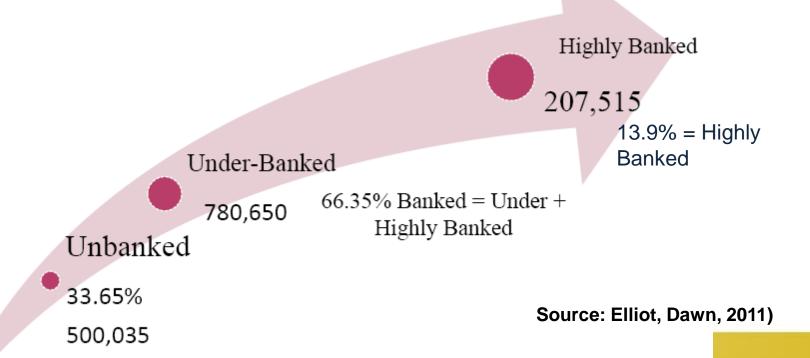




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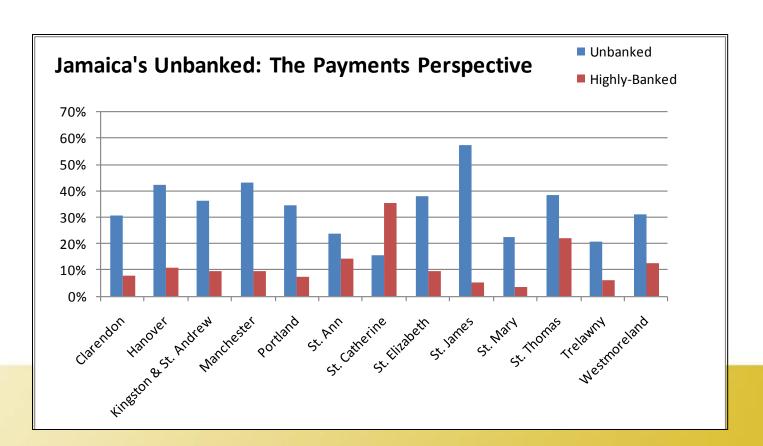
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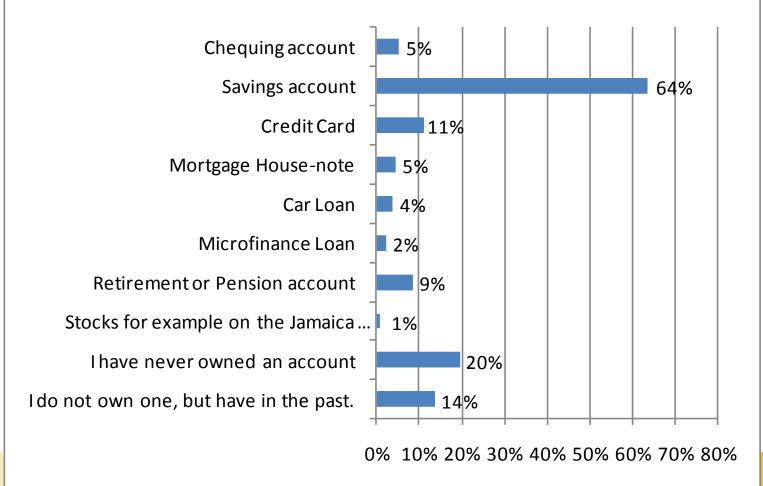
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## Types of Account Ownership



#### **Type of Bank Account**



### **Barriers to Adoption**



I do not have accounts because	Yes	No
I do not have some of the paper work such	25.8%	74.2%
as TRN Number		
I live/work too far from the bank/atm	7.2%	92.8%
of bank fees; atm; overdraft; interest cost;	13.8%	86.2%
check processing		
of the amount of money I have	59.4%	40.6%
I have no need for cheques	3.6%	96.4%
I do not need a bank to save	18.4%	81.7%
It is more work than it is worth to me	5.9%	94.1%
I do not trust banks	17.0%	83%
of record keeping	17.0%	83%
of the need to read and understand bank	7.9%	92.1%
documents		

Unbanked = **f**(Literacy, Fees, Trust, Relevance, Financial Standing, Lack Paper Work)

#### Unbanked Population and Mobile Financial Services **Pakistan Jamaica** Unbanked ~ 35%? Mobile ~ 120% Philippines Mexico Kenya Mobile Money Exchange % unbanked Population Sources: South Africa 20% - 40% 40% - 60 %

60% - 80 %

> 80 %

Alliance for Financial Inclusion

#### MOBILE PAYMENTS AND GDP



- Mobile money is the intersection between mobile telephony and digital currency (electronic payment systems)
- Studies have shown that mobile telephony leads to a rise in GDP. Similarly, digital currency (electronic payments), as a replacement for cash, is recognized to have the same effect
- A number of studies done concluded that a 10% rise in mobile subscribers in emerging markets will lead to a .6% to 1.2% increase in GDP in those markets due to the productivity gains associated with communication as well as new jobs\*

\* International Telecommunications Union (ITU), "Speech by ITU Secretary General", April 6, 2010 and Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER.)





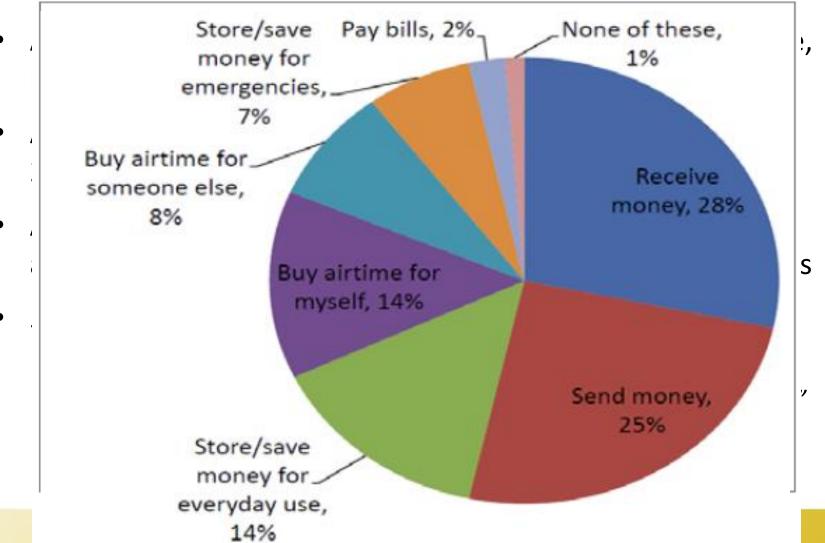






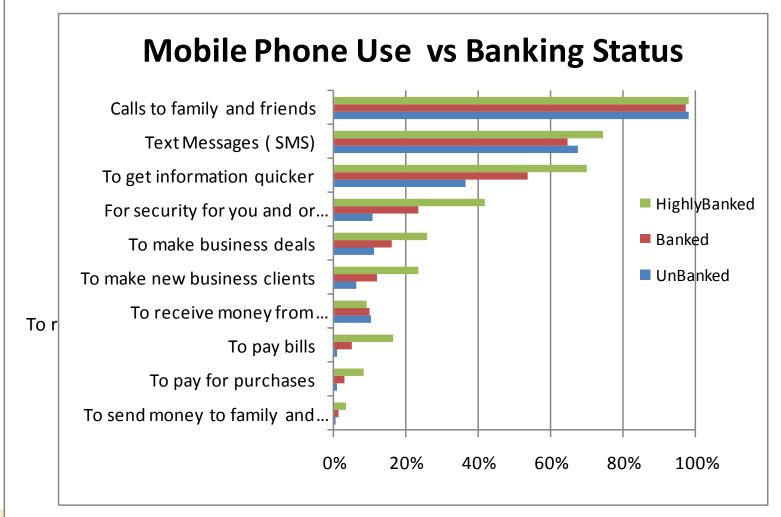
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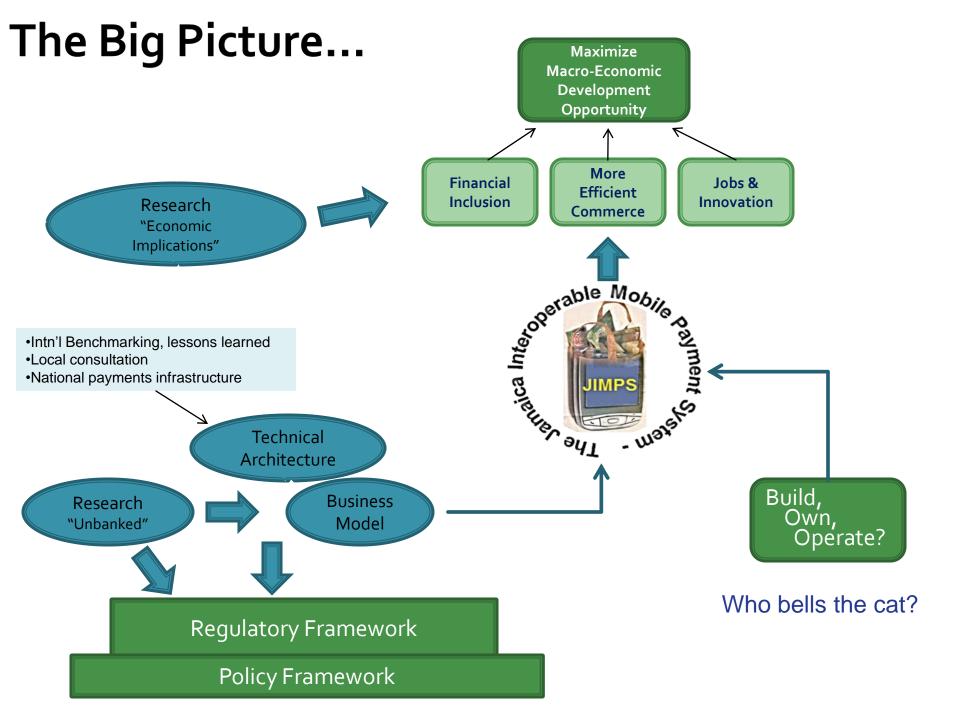




# Prospects for Mobile Financial Services



Barriers to Adoption	Impact of Mobile Financial Services Delivery Channel	
Financial/Educational Literacy	Program of building consumer awareness and confidence; Using the mobile phone as an informational channel	
Fees	Significantly lower transaction fees order of magnitude)	
Trust	Engagement, security, low transaction fees	
Relevance	Financial service offerings tailored to low-	
Financial Standing	income clients	
Paper Work enrollment requirements	Over the air enrollment conditional); Proportional KYC	



#### Alternative PATH to Financial Inclusion?



#### **About PATH**

- A Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Program
- Payments to the poor on the condition that recipients make social investments in health and education
- Bi-monthly disbursements to 377,709 beneficiaries using cheques (91%) and magnetic Debit cards (9%)
- Intuition/Evidence suggests high volume G2P micro-payments
  - significantly reduce Government operational costs
  - provide a catalyst for extending banking services to the poor (financial) inclusion)











## Imperative of Consumer Readiness



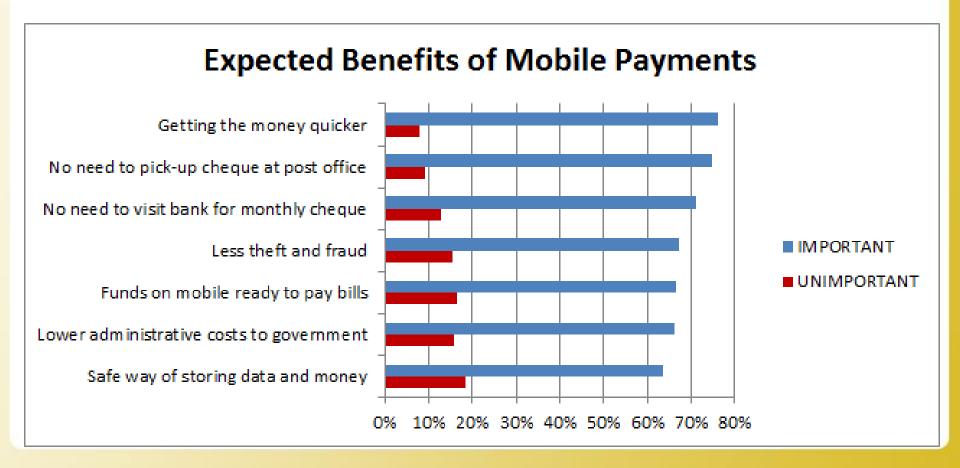
Consumer readiness is a critical success factor. The most advanced infrastructures in the world, with responsive legal systems, mature economies, and sophisticated technology networks, may be fertile ground, but until consumers embrace mobile payments, that ground will remain fallow.

Consumer familiarity, willingness, and actual usage are necessary conditions for mobile payments to take off.

(Mastercard Worldwide; 2012)

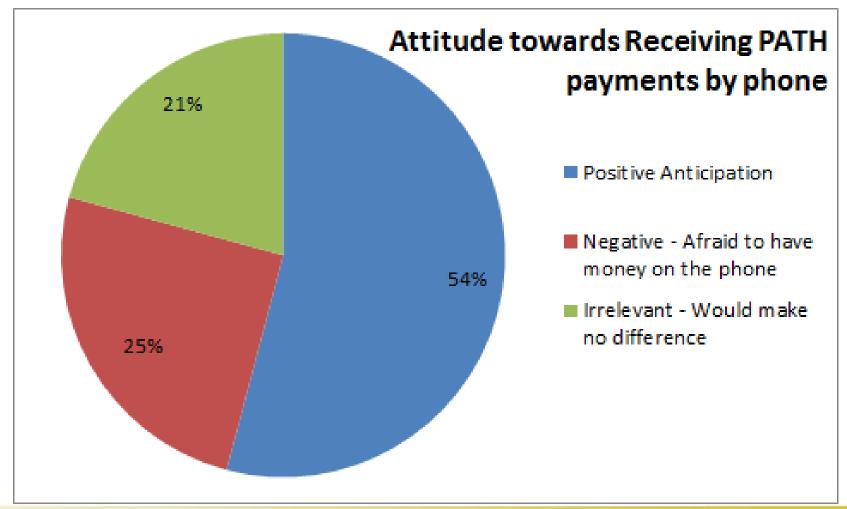
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### Research Insights – Mobile PATH



- The current process of receipt of payments via check is a tedious process and one that often negatively impacts the self-esteem of beneficiaries;
- With respect to the electronic card method of payment, the adoption rate was 9% in the five years since its introduction. Poor communications and lack of awareness and understanding of the merits have impeded adoption
- The mobile phone is an essential, versatile and highly regarded tool by most respondents. The average user is very comfortable and proficient with the use of SMS text, which suggests that the learning curve to accessing financial transactions using SMS would not be a difficult barrier
- Most respondents were very responsive to the idea of using the mobile phone for the receipt of payments, once the options and the instructions for use were clear and not complex























