



Innovations in Behavioral Design & Delivery Channel for Financial Management Training

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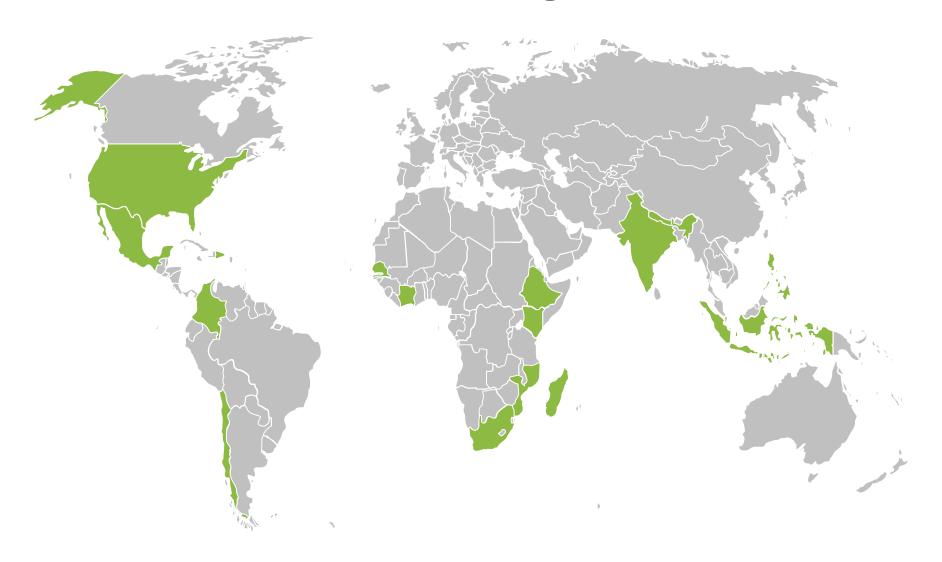




We use the theories of behavioral science to design solutions to some of the world's most persistent social problems.



Across domains, across the globe





Traditional financial products are designed to meet people's expressed needs...

- 1. If you build it, clients will come: J-PAL / IPA meta analysis found lower product take-up rates than anticipated by MFIs, at 13-31%.
- 1. Sign up doesn't automatically mean usage: Our work with CARD Bank found that 58% of newly opened savings accounts are dormant.
- Usage doesn't automatically mean good results: Overindebtedness has become an important issue for the microfinance industry.



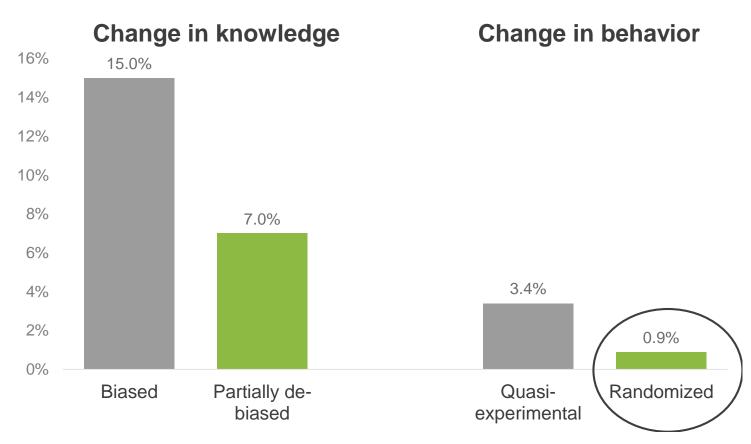
What does this have to do with behavioral science? People are inconsistent





Financial literacy and counseling don't seem to have much effect on behavior

Meta-Analysis of 201 studies



Fernandes, Lynch, and Netemeyer, 2014.



Behavioral principles behind Financial Heuristics: Simplicity

Keep two "drawers" - business and household

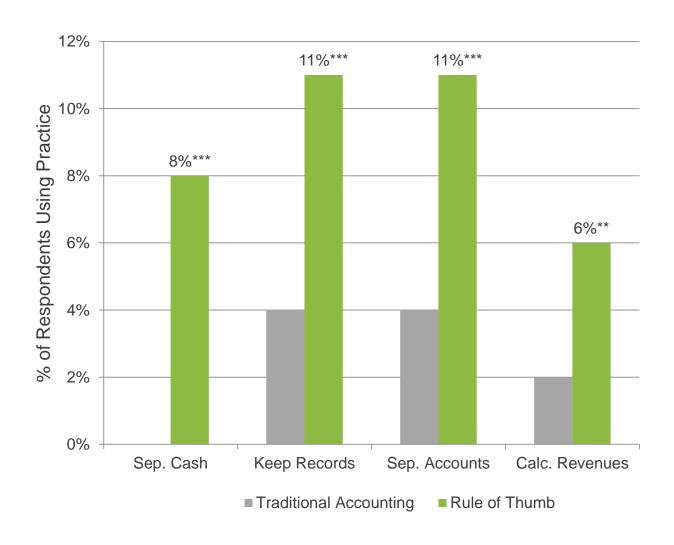
Assign yourself a weekly salary

If you "borrow" from the business, pay it back

Only give credit to customers if prior credit is paid off

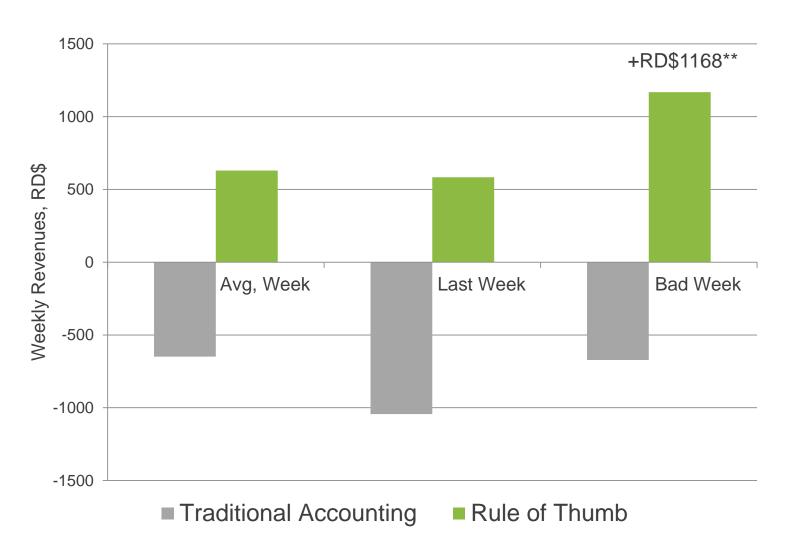


Financial Heuristics affects behavior: It improves business practices...





And more importantly, business revenues





The solution at scale: Financial Heuristics training over mobile

Innovations:

- Content: Create behavioral content that results in changes in business practices
- Delivery channel: Reach clients where they are, with a phone mini series













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