

Principles of successful digitization

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MFI Digitization pilots: what CGAP tested

How to implement an incremental, value-based approach?

Testing a structured approach to loan renewals: First cohort on digitizing credit renewals

5 MFIs already with digital customer relationships

High TA provided by CGAP to test a credit scoring solution using a SaaS provider

Can MFIs digitalize on their own, following guide?

Testing a standardized data analytics practice approach: Second cohort on implementing business intelligence dashboards

23 MFIs with a mix of previous digitization

Document-based Guidance; Low-touch TA provided through data bootcamp and CoP





MFI Digitization pilots: what we learned

- Business intelligence is the bedrock to successful MFI digitization
- Five core principles drive success

Core Principles of Successful Digitization

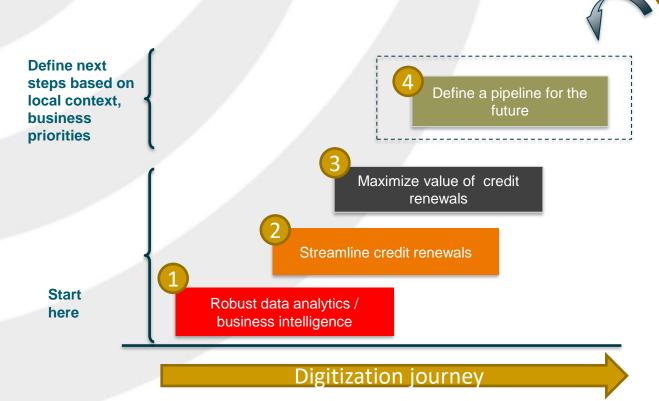
- 1. Deploy agile product development teams to drive the digital implementation.
- 2. **Define and measure** the expected value to be generated from the digital implementation.
- 3. Prioritize the product features that create value.
- 4. Prototype and test solutions with **simple technology**.
- 5. Design for a good user experience for staff and customers.



We can drive more value with MFI Digitization



We can drive more value with digitization



Sample steps depending on strategic goals

- >>Deepen current customer relationship
- Add features to existing products

 Expand/Diversify product offering
- Reduce gender gap through analytics

>>Grow customer base

- Remote account opening
- Add customer segmentation through data analytics

>>Develop new business lines

- Distribute more complex products from other FSPs
- Develop new products for new customer segments