

## **Microfinance Roundtable – Selected Quotes**

*“Women are treated very poorly in society, and family members often prey on them.”*  
-Sharon Garth (United States)

*“Traditional banking is very difficult in Togo because people do not have identification or birth certificates with which to open an account or prove their identity.”*  
-Yao Adabra (Togo)

*“I was struck by the terrible treatment of the lower class by those who are better off.”*  
Ann Nemitz Gooijer (United States)

*“Just to be able to eat and have clothes was a great feeling.”*  
-Awa Saidy (Gambia)

*“Once empowered, women can achieve anything.”*  
-Awa Saidy (Gambia)

*“Lack of pride can destroy a human being, and microfinance can help give people pride.”*  
-Adel El-Huni (Libya)

*“People need love.”*  
-Paul Bochan (United States)

*“People are capable of achieving great things, but sometimes they do not have the means or support to achieve them.”*  
-Paul Bochan (United States)

*“Even those in horrible situations can make it if given the opportunity.”*  
-Andrea Calvert (United States)

*“Charity won’t help in the long run. It only gets people out of their current situation.”*  
-Syeda Tarannum (India)

*“Wells Fargo has a real opportunity in microfinance.”*  
-Wayne Doe (Liberia)

*“People will do anything to feed their family, even get involved in crime.”*  
-Tami Zaragoza (United States)

*“People ask ‘How will I eat?’ rather than ‘How will I save?’”*  
-Tami Zaragoza (United States)

*“People don’t know what opportunities are there until given a chance to save or invest or run a business.”*  
-Giri Gowdar (India)

*“Education can break the trend of kids getting involved in crime.”*  
-Luz Angela Fethers (Colombia)

*“People need to know how to live rather than just survive.”*  
-Ray Williams (United States)

*“Poor is poor... race, color, Africa, America, it doesn’t matter.”*  
-Ray Williams (United States)