

## **MicroVest Crosses \$100 Million Mark**

BETHESDA, MD- January 30, 2009- MicroVest announced today that it has surpassed the milestone of \$100 million in assets and commitments. In just five years since the launch of its first fund, MicroVest I, LP, MicroVest has expanded and grown its lines of business, in spite of the past year's economic turmoil. "This is a continuing vote of confidence for MicroVest and for the commercial microfinance industry worldwide", says Chairman W. Bowman Cutter.

CEO and Co-Founder, Gil Crawford, believes that individual and institutional investors remain focused on creating a greater impact through responsible investing. "MicroVest's solid growth", said Crawford, "would not be possible without the solid returns we've achieved for our investors in our earlier facilities. By making the developing markets more efficient, competitive and inclusive, we are creating strong developmental impact. By providing commercial investment returns, we are scaling that developmental impact."

### About MicroVest:

The MicroVest family of funds, comprised of MicroVest I, LP, MicroVest II, LP, MicroVest II-A, LP, and MicroAccess Trust 2007, link capital markets to the entrepreneurial poor by funding select microfinance institutions (MFIs) in emerging markets. MicroVest has made loans to and investments with 31 institutions in 15 countries. MicroVest is increasingly becoming a global financial intermediary that provides financial capital to institutions serving the population at the base of the economic pyramid beyond microfinance. MicroVest embraces a market-oriented approach to development, focusing on the bottom 4 billion people living in poverty as producers and consumers. MicroVest is headquartered in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and was founded by CARE, MEDA, and the Seed Capital Development Fund, three non-profit organizations with longstanding reputation in the microfinance industry.

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