Risk Management and clients' loyalty in Microfinance Organisations: Patronage, Brokerage and resistance Case Study in South India

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• Patronage and brokerage

• The Indian microfinance landscape

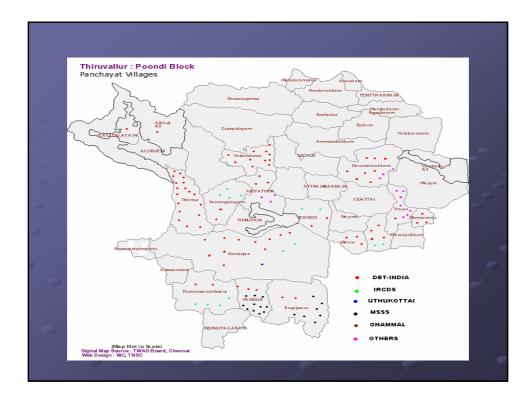
- Patronage from the MFI's side
- Patronage from the client's side



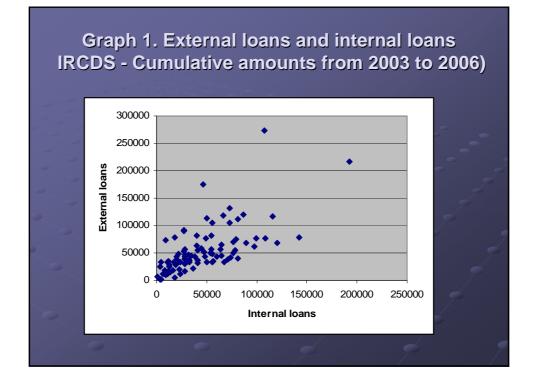
2. The microfinance landscape in South-India: a constant quest for territorial control

The supply: standardized and competitive

 Competition between MFIs: market shares but also reputation and mass events







4. Borrowers' expectations: quick and plentiful financing, but also support and protection

- Financial intermediation: thailivars as « cash reserve » or "small banks"
 - Health advisers and health facilitators: "they understand our pain"
- Bureaucratic and administrative hassles: thailivars as facilitators
- Bias and arbitrariness of the legal system: thailivars as protectors
- Privacy and intimacy: thailivars as confidents

