

The remoteness of mountain areas make livelihood activities particularly difficult, leading some people to adopt unsustainable practices simply to make ends meet. That same remoteness also poses difficulty for microfinance institutions (MFIs) to provide viable services. PlaNet Finance is working to build the capacity of MFIs deliver their services in mountain areas while assisting their clients to develop sustainable economic activities. In the Yungus region of **Argentina** PlaNet Finance has conducted a feasibility study for eco-tourism activities, while in the Asuogyaman district of **Ghana** PlaNet Finance is helping an MFI support sustainable aquaculture. In **Nepal**, PlaNet Finance is proposing to help micro-entrepreneurs switch to sustainable business practices, while among the Karen people in northeast **Thailand** and on the foothills of the sacred Mt. Banahaw in the **Philippines**, cultural tourism programs are being developed.