



# MEMCash

Microloan for Essential Moments

## I. Analysis Interview with "Service M E M - The Miracle of Microcredit"

Text An interview given by the developers to the "Industry Leader" platform in 2016 describes the MEM service as an innovative platform for instant electronic microcredit. At the time, it could have been positioned as a "miracle": a service that allows one to obtain small loans online without lengthy bureaucracy, bank visits, or extensive checks. Key aspects of the startup included:

- **Concept:** A global financial idea focused on accessibility for a wide audience, especially those without access to traditional banking services. The service emphasized speed (instant approval) and an electronic format, likely through a website or simple apps.
- **Features:** Automated lending for small amounts, possibly with payment system integration. This was presented as a breakthrough for financial inclusion, especially in regions with low banking coverage.
- **Advantages:** Simplification of the process, reduced costs for borrowers and lenders, potential for scalability. However, in 2016, the technology was limited: no advanced AI, focusing on basic automation and manual verification elements.
- **Limitations at the time:** Dependence on traditional data (credit history, documents), fraud risks, lack of deep data analysis and personalization. Service focused on the Russian market or the CIS, but with global ambitions.

Overall, the text reflects early enthusiasm for the digitalization of microcredit, but without modern tools like AI, which made it vulnerable to errors and inefficiencies at the time.

## II. Possibilities of creating a similar service in 2026-2027 with AI integration

By 2026-2027, technology will evolve, making the creation of a microfinance model more efficient, scalable, and focused on financial inclusion. Excluding Russia (due to geopolitical factors, sanctions, and a focus on other regions), the focus will be on the Global South (Africa, Latin America, South Asia) and Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, and the Baltic states). These markets are characterized by high demand for microfinance: in the Global South, approximately 1.7 billion people are unbanked, while in Eastern Europe, the fintech sector is growing, with investments of \$70-100 million annually. AI will become key, from automation to predictive analytics, with AI in finance projected to reach 95% of banks by 2026. Key opportunities include:



## 1. AI for alternative credit scoring and risk assessment

- **Description:** Instead of traditional credit history (which many in the Global South lack), use AI to analyze alternative data: mobile transactions, social media, geolocation, and in-app behavior. ML models (like those in Torch or Scikit-learn) can predict creditworthiness with [80-90% accuracy](#). This will revolutionize inclusion, as in Africa (Kenya, Nigeria), where M-Pesa already integrates such data.
- **Regional opportunities:** In Latin America (Brazil, Mexico) and South Asia (India, Indonesia), integrate with local systems like Pix or UPI. In Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Poland), combine with EU GDPR data privacy standards. By 2027, the microfinance market is expected to grow to \$300-400 billion globally, [driven by AI](#).
- **Technical implementation:** Develop a mobile app based on cloud (AWS or Azure), with AI models for real-time approval ( no more than 5 seconds ), focusing on APIs from local data providers.

## 2. Generative AI and Chatbots for Customer Service

- **Description:** AI assistants (like ChatGPT, Grok or similar apps for consultations, loan processing, and payment reminders. Generative AI can generate personalized financial advice and translate it into local languages (Swahili, Hindi, Polish). This will reduce operating costs by 30-50% and increase customer retention.
- **Regional Opportunities:** In the Global South, integrate with WhatsApp or Telegram for low-bandwidth regions (Africa, India). In Eastern Europe, it could be used for multilingual support in countries like Romania or Bulgaria, where fintech investments are growing by [20-30% annually](#). Example: A microcredit analogue of MIKI, [expanded to Viber](#).
- **Technical implementation:** Use open-source models like Llama, with integration into Telegram bots. By 2027, AI in microfinance will become the standard for automation.

## 3. Fraud detection and process automation with AI

- **Description:** ML algorithms for real-time fraud detection (data anomalies, fake accounts). This is critical for microloans, where [risks are high](#). AI also automates compliance with local regulations.
- **Regional opportunities:** In Africa (South Africa, Nigeria), combine with biometrics (fingerprints, Face ID) for unbanked transactions. In Eastern Europe (Ukraine), integrate with [DeFi](#) for transparency, where the sector is growing thanks to [the migration of specialists](#). Expected growth of AI in finance in these regions: investments of \$200-600 million in [Africa by 2027](#).
- **Technical implementation:** Blockchain for transaction auditing, PyTorch-based AI for anomaly detection. Mobile-first approach for low-speed internet.



## 4. Ecosystem integration and scaling

- **Description:** MEM Cash, powered by AI, can integrate with local payment systems (M-Pesa, Pix), [CBDCs](#), or stablecoins for cross-border lending. AI predicts demand and optimizes rates.
- **Regional opportunities:** In the Global South, the focus is on rural areas with AI for financial education. In [Eastern Europe](#), partnerships with EU funds for startups are underway, where the fintech market is expected to exceed \$100 billion by 2027. Excluding Russia allows the company to avoid sanctions by focusing on stable markets.
- **Technical implementation:** API integrations, with AI for A/B testing. Initial investment: \$1-5 million for an MVP, with ROI in 12-18 months thanks to low costs.

## 5. Challenges and Recommendations

- **Risks:** [Data bias in AI](#), regulatory barriers (e.g., strict KYC in India), ethical issues in the Global South. Solution: "Do no harm" approach, model audit.
- **Potential:** The microfinance market will grow to \$122 billion by 2026, with AI as the key to inclusion. Creating such a service is an opportunity for startups with a focus on sustainability and partnerships (for example, with [Mastercard in Africa](#)). The table below summarizes key markets and AI functions:

| Region       | Key markets                   | AI capabilities                                  | Potential growth by 2027                          |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Global South | Nigeria, Kenya, India, Brazil | Alternative scoring, chatbots in local languages | +20-30%<br>in <a href="#">financial inclusion</a> |
| East Europe  | Ukraine, Poland, Romania,     | Fraud detection, DeFi integration                | <a href="#">Investments</a><br>\$70-100 million   |

This opens the door for innovation, making MEM Cash (MEM 2.0 Service ) more accessible and effective.

To create MEM Cash in 2026-2027, which automatically determines the missing amount (with an accuracy of +1%) for electronic payments (debit card, Google Pay, e-wallet) and provides an instant microloan to cover only the missing amount, focused on essential goods and services (food, transport, medicine, culture ), several key technological aspects need to be addressed: there should be a service *a )* accurate, *b )* safe, *c )* scalable, *d )* compliant with ethical standards, especially for low-income users. Approaches to implementing these aspects are described below, focusing on technological infrastructure and AI, without reference to specific regions.



## 6. Key technological aspects and their solutions

### 6. 1. Accurate determination of the missing amount (accuracy up to +1%)

#### Problem:

The service must accurately determine the difference between the user's available balance and the transaction amount in real time, whether it's a payment in a store, at a gas station, or online. This requires instant access to account data and accurate calculations.

#### Solution:

- **Payment system integration:** Develop API integrations with major payment providers (Visa, Mastercard, Google Pay, Apple Pay, PayPal, and local wallets) to retrieve transaction data at the time of request. Use Open Banking standards (e.g., PSD2) for secure access to account balances if the user has provided consent.
- **AI for transaction processing:** Use machine learning (ML) to analyze transaction data in real time. A model (e.g., based on TensorFlow or PyTorch) can predict the exact amount of the shortfall, taking into account taxes, fees, and currency conversions, achieving an accuracy of up to +1%. The model is trained on historical transaction data, including user spending patterns.
- **Technologies:** RESTful API for interaction with payment systems, WebSocket for real-time transactions. Data storage (MongoDB or PostgreSQL) for transaction caching and analysis.
- **Example:** When trying to pay \$10.50 with a balance of \$8.00, the service instantly determines a shortage of \$2.50, taking into account possible fees (for example, \$0.02), for a total of \$2.52.

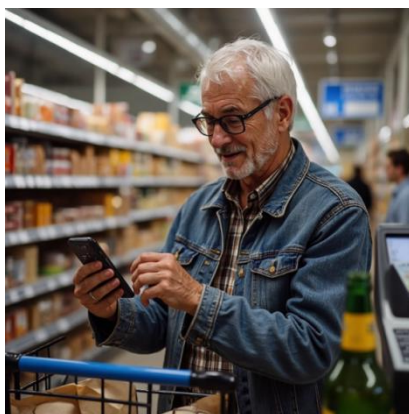
### 6. 2. Secure access to user account data

#### Problem:

The user must grant MEM Cash the right to request balances on linked accounts (cards, wallets). This requires strict compliance with security and data privacy standards.

#### Solution:

- **OAuth 2.0 and Open Banking:** Use OAuth 2.0 to authorize account access through tokens that the user confirms when linking an account. Open Banking APIs (e.g., Plaid, Yodlee) provide secure access to balance data without storing sensitive data (logins, passwords).
- **Encryption and Security:** Use end-to-end encryption (AES-256) for all requests and responses. Store access tokens encrypted (HashiCorp Vault). Implement two-factor authentication (2FA) for account linking.
- **GDPR and local standards:** Comply with international privacy standards (GDPR, CCPA), providing the user with the ability to revoke access at any time. Regular security audits (e.g., using OWASP ZAP).
- **Technologies:** AWS KMS for key management, Kubernetes for orchestrating secure microservices.



### 6.3. Classification of expenses on essential goods and services

#### Problem:

The service must automatically determine whether a transaction falls into the essential category (food, transportation, medicine), excluding unnecessary expenses (such as entertainment). This requires precise transaction categorization.

#### Solution:

- **AI for Categorization:** Use natural language processing (NLP) models to analyze transaction descriptions (e.g., "supermarket purchase" or "pharmacy payment"). Models based on BERT or RoBERTa can classify transactions with 95%+ accuracy when trained on datasets with category labels.
- **Merchant Category Codes (MCC):** Use Merchant Category Codes to pre-filter transactions. For example, MCC 5411 (supermarkets) or 5912 (pharmacies) are automatically flagged as acceptable.
- **User Control:** Allow the user to confirm the category for questionable transactions via push notifications.
- **Technologies:** Hugging Face Transformers for NLP, Redis for MCC caching, PostgreSQL for category storage.

### 6.4. Instant provision of a microloan

Problem: The service should issue a loan for the missing amount (e.g. \$2.52) in real time, minimizing risks and ensuring repayment.

#### Solution:

- **AI for risk assessment:** Use ML models for alternative scoring based on user behavior (transaction frequency, income regularity, geolocation). For example, the XGBoost model can predict the probability of default with 85-90% accuracy.
- **Microcredit engine:** Develop an engine based on Node.js or Python (FastAPI) for instant loan issuance. Integration with payment systems for automatic transfer of funds to the user's account or directly to the merchant.



- **Limits and repayments:** Set minimum limits (e.g., \$0.50-\$50) and short repayment periods (7-30 days). Automatic debit from the linked account (s) when funds are received (e.g., salary).
- **Technologies:** FastAPI for backend, Stripe or Adyen for payment processing, DynamoDB for storing credit transactions.

## 6. 5. Ethics and accessibility for low-income users

### Problem:

The service must be transparent, avoid debt traps and support financial inclusion.

### Solution:

- **Transparent terms:** Use AI chatbots (powered by Llama or Grok) to explain loan terms in plain language, with translation into local languages. Payment notifications via SMS or messengers (WhatsApp, Telegram).
- **Low Interest Rates:** Set minimal or zero interest rates for essential loans, subsidizing them through partnerships with non-profits or fintech companies. For example, a "buy now, pay later" model with 0% interest for pharmacies.
- **Financial Literacy:** Implement an AI -powered financial management recommendation engine that teaches users how to avoid debt.
- **Technologies:** Dialogflow for chatbots, Twilio for SMS, AWS Lambda for serverless notifications.

## 6. 6. Scalability and fault tolerance

### Problem:

The service must process millions of transactions in real time, especially during peak periods (e.g. end of month).

### Solution:

- **Cloud infrastructure:** Use AWS, Azure, or Google Cloud for scalability. Kubernetes for container orchestration, ensuring fault tolerance.
- **Caching and optimization:** Redis for caching frequent queries (balances, transactions). Apache Kafka for processing transaction data streams.
- **Monitoring:** Prometheus and Grafana for performance tracking, with automatic scaling under load.
- **Technologies:** AWS ECS, Kafka, Redis.

## 6.7 Interface and accessibility

### Problem:

Low-income users often have limited access to technology (outdated smartphones, weak internet).



### **Solution:**

- **Lightweight app:** Develop a Progressive Web App (PWA) in React with Tailwind CSS that works on low-end devices and offline. USSD support for regions with poor internet connection.
- **Multilingualism:** AI translation (Google Translate API or DeepL) for interface localization.
- **Technologies:** React, Workbox for PWA, Firebase for push notifications.

## **III. Architecture of MEM Cash**

### **1. Frontend**

- **PWA:** React + Tailwind CSS, caching via Workbox for offline access.
- **Notifications:** Firebase Cloud Messaging (free), WhatsApp Business API (\$0.005/message), Twilio SMS (\$0.01 for 10% of transactions).

### **2. Backend**

- **API:** FastAPI in Python, deployed on AWS Lambda (serverless, \$0.0000002/call).
- **Integrations:** Plaid (\$0.001/balance request), Stripe (\$0.002/transaction).
- **Data flow:** Apache Kafka on AWS MSK (micro instance, \$50/month).

### **3. Storage**

- **Dynamic data:** DynamoDB (1 million operations = \$1.25/month).
- **Cache:** AWS ElastiCache (Redis, \$15/month).
- **Logs:** S3 (minimal costs, ~\$0.5/GB).

### **4. AI modules**

- **Scoring:** XGBoost, upgrade on spot instances (\$10/month).
- **Categorization:** BERT, hosted on AWS SageMaker (spot, \$40/month).
- **Chatbot:** Dialogflow, free tier up to 1 million requests.

### **5. Infrastructure**

- **Cloud:** AWS (Frankfurt, Mumbai regions for low rates).
- **Scaling:** Kubernetes for auto-scaling.
- **Monitoring:** Prometheus + Grafana (free on AWS).



## 6. Safety

- **Encryption:** AWS KMS (\$0.01/10,000 operations).
- **Authorization:** OAuth 2.0 via AWS Cognito.
- **Audit:** OWASP ZAP (free).

## 7. Transaction costs

- Data Center: \$ 0,000016.
- Notifications: \$ 0,006.
- API and other: \$ 0,004.
- **Total:** \$ 0.010016 /transaction (~5% of \$ 0.20).

MEM Cash could become an emergency service for low-income users in 2026-2027, leveraging AI to accurately identify missing balances, securely access accounts, and categorize expenses. Key technologies (Open Banking, ML, and PWA) ensure scalability and inclusion, while minimizing risk and maintaining ethical practices.



## IV. MEM Cash Business Model as an innovative microcredit ecosystem

The MEM Cash platform's business model is based on contractual partnerships between the technology company MEM Cash and local credit institutions, funds (including pension funds), and other financial institutions, focusing on the markets of the Global South and Eastern Europe (excluding Russia). This model combines technological efficiency with financial stability, ensuring accessibility for low-income users and minimizing debt risks for the technology company MEM Cash. Rather than forming holding companies or joint ventures, MEM Cash enters into long-term agreements (3-5 years) with local partners that



define the distribution of roles: the technology company provides the platform, AI tools, and integrations, while the credit institutions provide capital and local expertise. This allows for scalability without losing control, with an emphasis on transparency, compliance, and high loan repayment rates (expected to be >95% thanks to AI scoring and short terms). Below is a detailed analysis, including the partnership structure, monetization mechanism, technological and financial aspects, and an implementation example.

## 1. Partnership structure in the ecosystem

### Ecosystem composition:

**MEM Cash technology company:** Develops and maintains the MEM Cash platform, including a mobile app (PWA), API integrations, AI modules for scoring, transaction categorization, and customer support. Responsible for security, scalability, and user experience. Concludes agreements with partners, providing access to the platform for a fixed subscription (e.g., \$10,000-\$50,000 per year per region).

**Local credit institutions ( credit institutions and funds, banks, and funds):** Provide capital for microloans by integrating funds from investors, shareholders, or pension funds (e.g., through a microfinance subfund). Two to three partners are selected in each region, each compliant with local regulations (e.g., the RBI in India, the CBN in Nigeria, and the NBP in Poland). Pension funds can participate as investors with low-risk assets, providing stable capital.

**Contractual partnership:** Agreements define exclusive zones (by region), revenue sharing (see below), SLAs (service level agreements), and auditing. There is no holding company—it's a decentralized ecosystem where the tech company coordinates and partners operate locally.

### Advantages:

- MEM Cash, a technology company, focuses on innovation while avoiding financial risks.
- Credit institutions use their expertise in lending and capital management to minimize defaults.
- The ecosystem optimizes costs (marketing separation, compliance), scales through new contracts, and increases return on investment (up to 98%) through AI.
- Implementation: Agreements through NDAs and MoUs; example: partnerships with TBC Bank (Georgia) or Ameriabank (Armenia) as credit institutions, with pension funds (e.g., the State Pension Fund in Georgia) for capital.





## 2. Monetization mechanism

### Cash technology company revenue:

**Fixed transaction fee:** A fee is charged for each microloan, regardless of the amount (for tech companies). Examples (equivalent to ~\$ 0.20 ):

- Georgia: 0.50 GEL
- Armenia: 100 AMD
- India: 5 INR
- Nigeria: 50 NGN
- Brazil: 1 BRL
- Poland: 0.80 PLN

The fee covers AI analysis, integrations, and infrastructure. This makes the service affordable for microtransactions ( ≤ \$5 equivalent).

### Income of credit institutions:

For amounts ≤ \$7 equivalent: A fixed issuance fee (\$ 0.15- \$0.25 equivalent, depending on region and operating costs; covers risk and compliance). This incentivizes the issuance of small loans without an interest burden for vulnerable users. (Adjusted amounts for exact equivalents ~\$ 0.15- \$0.20 ).

- Georgia: 0.65 GEL (~\$ 0.24 )
- Armenia: 60 AMD (~\$ 0.16 )
- India: 13 INR (~\$ 0.15 )
- Nigeria: 220 NGN (~\$ 0.15 )
- Brazil: 0.80 BRL (~\$ 0.15 )
- Poland: 0.60 PLN (~\$ 0.16 )

For amounts > the equivalent of \$7: Interest rates in line with local microloan standards (7-30 days), with a 20% discount off average market rates thanks to high repayment rates (AI scoring and short terms reduce default rates to < 2%). The rate is low ( 0.4-1.4 % per period) to avoid debt traps.

**Calculation examples** (for a 14-day loan for \$10, APR after discount; % for the period =  $\$10 \times (\text{APR} / 100) \times (14 / 365)$ ; the organization receives 80% of the %):

- **India** (average 22% APR): Discount → 17.6% APR ( 0.68 % over 14 days). For a \$10 loan: interest ~\$ 0.07 (lending organization gets ~\$ 0.06 after division).
- **Brazil** (average 45% APR): Discount → 36% APR (1.38% over 14 days). For \$10: ~\$ 0.14 (~\$ 0.11 for credit org.).
- **Nigeria** (average 36% APR): Discount → 28.8% APR (1.11% over 14 days). For \$10: ~\$ 0.11 (~\$ 0.09 for credit org.).



- **Poland (Eastern Europe)** (average 18% APR): Discount → 14.4% APR ( 0.55 % over 14 days). For \$10: ~\$ 0.06 (~\$ 0.05 for credit org.).
- **Armenia (South Caucasus)** (average 14% APR): Discount → 11.2% APR ( 0.43 % over 14 days). For \$10: ~\$ 0.04 (~\$ 0.03 for credit org.).
- **Georgia (South Caucasus)** (average 18% APR): Discount → 14.4% APR ( 0.55 % over 14 days). For \$10: ~\$ 0.06 (~\$ 0.05 for credit org.).

**Investors and funds:** Credit institutions share income (50/50) with investors/pension funds, providing liquidity.

### Additional sources of income:

- **Merchants' partnerships:** Supermarkets, pharmacies, and gas stations can subsidize customer acquisition fees. For example, a pharmacy pays 50% of the user's commission.
- **Financial Education:** Paid AI -powered financial management courses integrated into the app with micropayments (\$0.10-\$0.50).
- **Partner Data:** Anonymized transaction analytics for banks or retailers (GDPR/CCPA compliant).

## 3. Key features of the ecosystem business model

- **Focus on essentials:** AI categorization (food, transportation, etc.) increases social responsibility.
- **Microcredit as an “emergency aid”:** Amounts from 1 unit of currency, terms of 7-14 days, repayment rate >95%.
- **Scalability:** Contracts allow you to add regions without holdings.
- **Ethical:** Transparency, discount rates, notifications in local languages.

## 4. Technological aspects of support

- **API for partners:** Integration with Visa/Mastercard/Google Pay for instant transfers.
- **AI optimization:** Demand forecasting, commission personalization.
- **Blockchain:** Smart contracts for income auditing.
- **Infrastructure:** AWS/Kubernetes/Kafka for real-time.

## 5. Financial calculations (example for Georgia, adapted to the ecosystem)

**Scenario:** Shortage of 2 GEL ( $\leq \$ 7$ ) - tech.: 0.50 GEL, cred. org.: 0.23 GEL. Shortage: 2 0 GEL ( $> \$ 7$ ), 14 days - tech.: 0, 50 GEL, org. cred.: 0,24 GEL.



## 6. Risks and minimization

- **Default:** AI scoring + short terms (<2%).
- **Regulatory:** Local partners provide KYC/AML.
- **Reputational:** Transparency + partnerships with NGOs.
- **Technical:** Cloud monitoring (Prometheus).

**Note:** In the final calculations of current rates, the model provides for annual indexation for inflation (4-6% in 2025).

***This ecosystem makes MEM Cash sustainable, inclusive, and profitable, with ROI in 12-18 months.***

## 7. Examples of partnerships with pension funds in the MEM Cash ecosystem

As part of the MEM Cash innovative microcredit ecosystem, partnerships with pension funds (PFs) enable the attraction of stable long-term capital to finance microloans, particularly for vulnerable groups (informal sector, low-income). PFs act as investors through credit institutions, receiving income from fixed fees and discount rates (see previous section). Below are real-world examples of such partnerships in target regions (based on 2023-2025 data), adapted to the MEM Cash model. These cases demonstrate high repayment rates (95-98%) and social impact, with an ROI of 8-12% for the PF. For MEM Cash, such agreements can include a microloan subfund (1-5% of PF assets), audited through an AI platform.

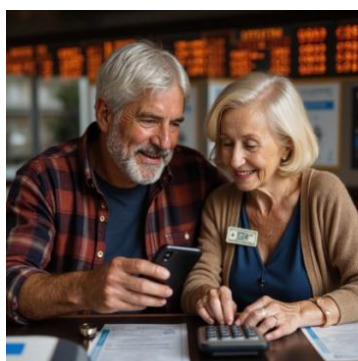
| Region/Country | Example of partnership                                                              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Scale and Impact                                    | Adaptation for MEM Cash                                                                                                                  |
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| India          | Lok Capital and Arohan Financial Services (with pension funds participating as LPs) | Pension funds (including international ones like TIAA-CREF) invest in Indian credit institutions and funds through Lok Capital. In 2023, DKK 166 million (~\$24 million) was invested in Arohan, which serves 2 million clients. The focus is on microloans for women in rural areas. | 2 million borrowers; 97% repayment rate; ROI ~10%.  | Pension funds are investing<br>2-3% of assets in the MEM Cash sub-fund for loans ≤\$5; fixed fee of \$ 0.15 + 20% discount from 22% APR. |
|                | UTI AMC and micro-pension scheme with cooperative banks                             | UTI (pension asset manager) partners with urban cooperative banks for micropensions, integrating with credit institutions and funds (since 2009, updated in 2025). MFIN is discussing the sale of the Atal Pension Yojana through credit institutions and funds.                      | 1.5 million accounts; informal sector coverage 20%. | Integration with MEM Cash: Pension funds distribute microloans for "essential needs" (food, medicine); income from 17.6% APR (discount). |
| Brazil         | Previ (Brazil's first pension fund) and the micro-pension                           | Previ (\$50 billion in assets) is expanding access to pensions through credit institutions and                                                                                                                                                                                        | Potential for \$22 billion in PF investment in      | MEM Cash: Previ contracts for capital; fixed \$ 0.15 for ≤\$5,                                                                           |

| Region/Country                   | Example of partnership                                 | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Scale and Impact                                                            | Adaptation for MEM Cash                                                                                                                  |
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|                                  | initiative (inspired by India)                         | funds, testing micro-pensions for the informal sector (2025). Partnership with Banco BV for a BaaS model.                                                                                                                                | agro/micro; coverage of 30% of the informal sector.                         | 36% APR (discount from 45%) for more; focus on Pix integration.                                                                          |
| Nigeria                          | CrusaderSterling Pensions and Micro Pension Plan (MPP) | Pension fund administrators (PFAs) like CrusaderSterling partner with credit institutions and funds for MPP (since 2018), offering micropensions with deposits starting from \$1. Integration with digital apps for the informal sector. | 500 thousand participants; 95% return; coverage 10% artisans.               | For MEM Cash: Pension funds provide capital through FCMB Pensions; fixed \$ 0.20 + 28.8% APR (discount); AI scoring for fraud detection. |
| Poland (Eastern Europe)          | PZU (PF) and Polish Growth Fund of Funds (PGFF)        | PZU (Poland's largest pension fund) is investing through the EIF in the PGFF (€90 million, 2023-2025), including fintech/micro for SMEs. Regulations allow 20% of the investment to go to alternatives.                                  | €200 million in growth; 15% in fintech; ROI 9%.                             | MEM Cash: PF as PZU in a subfund; fixed \$ 0.15 + 14.4% APR (discount from 18%); partnership with KNF for compliance.                    |
| Armenia/Georgia (South Caucasus) | Amundi-Akba and Pension Agency of Georgia (RAMP)       | Amundi-Akba (assets \$1.28 billion in Armenia) partners with World Bank RAMP (2024); in Georgia, the Pension Agency (assets ₾7.4 billion) invests in SMEs/micros through BlueOrchard (Tbilisi office, 2025).                             | \$2.6 billion in assets in Armenia; 23,000 payments in Georgia; 20% growth. | MEM Cash: Amundi contracts for capital; fixed \$ 0.15 + 11.2% APR (Armenia) / 14.4% (Georgia); blockchain audit for transparency.        |

## Recommendations for implementing a business model MEM Cash:

- **Legal basis:** 3-5 year contracts with NDA; compliance with RBI (India), CBN (Nigeria), CBA (Armenia).
- **Risks and mitigation:** Low defaults (<2%) due to AI; diversification (1-5% of the pension fund portfolio in MEM Cash ).
- **Potential:** By 2027, attract \$50-100 million from pension funds, with inclusion increasing by 20-30% in the regions. A pilot project in India/Nigeria with 2-3 pension funds is planned for launch.

***These examples confirm the feasibility of the model, increasing the sustainability of the ecosystem.***





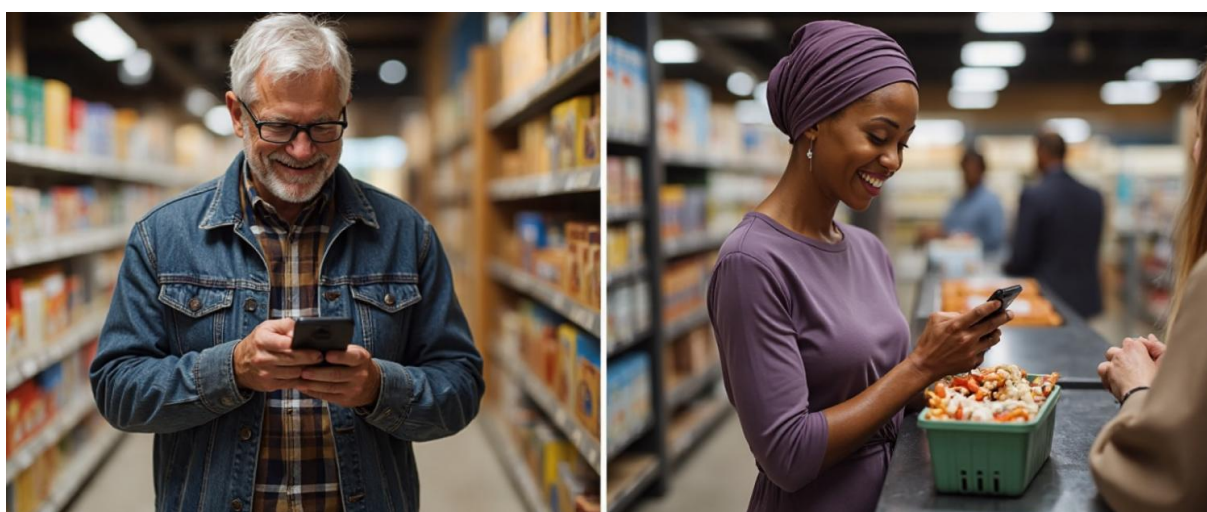
## 8. Simulation visualization table

### Simulation parameters:

- Total number of loans per month: 10. 00 0.
- Share of small loans ( $\leq \$7$ ): 60% (average amount \$4).
- Share of large loans ( $> \$7$ ): 40% (average amount \$20, term 14 days).
- For small: fixed fee (corrected values).
- For large: 80% of interest (20% discount from average rates, calculated based on APR with simple interest).
- Currency: USD.

| Region  | Small Loans | Large Loans | Income from Small (USD) | Income from Large (USD) | Total Monthly Income (USD) | Avg per Loan (USD) |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| India   | 600 0       | 400 0       | 90 0.00                 | 432, 0                  | 1332.0                     | 1.3                |
| Brazil  | 600 0       | 400 0       | 90 0.00                 | 883, 7                  | 1783.7                     | 1.8                |
| Nigeria | 600 0       | 400 0       | 90 0.00                 | 707, 0                  | 1607.0                     | 1.6                |
| Poland  | 600 0       | 400 0       | 96 0.00                 | 353, 5                  | 1313.5                     | 1.3                |
| Armenia | 600 0       | 400 0       | 96 0.00                 | 274, 9                  | 1234.9                     | 1.2                |
| Georgia | 600 0       | 400 0       | 144 0.00                | 353, 5                  | 1793.5                     | 1.8                |

This table shows how revenue varies by region: Brazil and Georgia are higher due to higher rates, but the overall average interest rate per loan is low (~\$ 0.12- \$ 0.18 ), making the model robust for scaling.





## 9. Technological aspects of business model support

- **API for partners:** The technology company provides credit institutions and funds with an API for integration with the MEM Cash platform, including access to transaction data, scoring, and categorization. The API also integrates with payment systems (Visa, MasterCard, Google Pay) for instant transfers.

- **AI for revenue optimization:** Machine learning predicts loan demand and optimizes fees (e.g. 50 tetri in Georgia vs. 100 drams) in Armenia) and analyzes user behavior to personalize offers.
- **Blockchain for transparency:** Using smart contracts (on Ethereum or Polygon) to account for fees and interest between tech companies and lending institutions and funds. This reduces audit costs and increases investor confidence.
- **Cloud Infrastructure:** AWS or Google Cloud for Scalability with Kubernetes for load management and Kafka for transaction processing in real time.
- **Scale:**

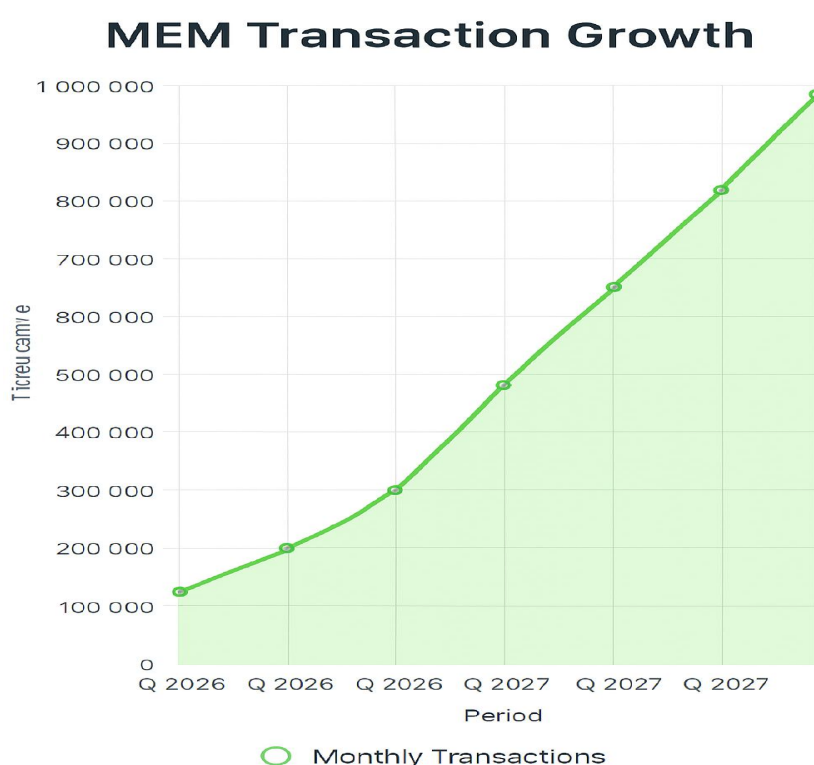
Smooth growth of transactions over 2 years, 2026-2027:

- **Year I (2026):**
  - ♦ Q1: 10,000 transactions/month in Georgia = 5,000 GEL (\$1,852) for tech companies, 600 GEL (\$222) for credit institutions and funds (400 GEL for investors, 200 GEL for credit institutions and funds )
  - ♦ Q2: 50,000 transactions/month (2 regions, including Armenia) = 25,000 GEL (\$9,259) for tech company, 3,000 GEL (\$1,111) for credit institutions and funds
  - ♦ Q3: 100,000 transactions/month (4 regions, including India, Uzbekistan ) = \$20,000 for a tech company (with an average commission of \$0.20), \$2,400 for credit institutions and funds
  - ♦ Q4: 200,000 transactions/month (6 regions) = \$40,000 for tech company, \$4,800 for credit institutions and funds
- **Year II (2027):**
  - ♦ Q1: 400,000 transactions/month (10 regions) = \$80,000 for tech company, \$9,600 for credit institutions and funds
  - ♦ Q2: 600,000 transactions/month (15 regions) = \$120,000 for tech company, \$14,400 for credit institutions and funds
  - ♦ Q3: 800,000 transactions/month (20 regions) = \$160,000 for a tech company, \$19,200 for credit institutions and funds
  - ♦ Q4: 1,000,000 transactions/month (25 regions, Global South + Eastern Europe) = \$200,000 for a tech company, \$24,000 for lending institutions and funds



## Payback:

- MVP Cost: \$185,600
- Cumulative tech company revenue (\$0.1895 margin/transaction after \$0.0105 operating expenses):
  - Year I: \$204,660 (Q1: \$1,895, Q2: \$9,475, Q3: \$18,950, Q4: \$37,900 × 3 months)
  - Payback: ~12 months (Q4 2026)
  - With affiliate subsidies (50% commission, margin \$0.2395): ~10 months (Q3 2026).



## 6. Risks and their minimization

- **Default risk:** Low loan amounts and short terms (7-14 days) reduce the likelihood of default. AI scoring eliminates unreliable borrowers.
- **Regulatory risks:** Local credit institutions and funds ensure compliance with local laws. The technology company focuses on GDPR/CCPA.
- **Reputational risks:** Transparent terms and low rates minimize accusations of predatory lending. Partnerships with NGOs strengthen the social mission.
- **Technical risks:** Fault tolerance through cloud infrastructure and monitoring (Prometheus/Grafana).
- **Target audience:** 1.7 billion unbanked people in the Global South, 50 million in Eastern Europe.



## 2. Technologies

- **Frontend:** PWA on React + Tailwind CSS.
- **Backend:** FastAPI, API with Plaid/Stripe.
- **AI:** XGBoost for scoring, BERT for categorization, Dialogflow for chatbots.
- **Infrastructure:** AWS, Kubernetes, Kafka.

## 3. Finance

- **Investments:** \$ 185,600 for MVP (development, marketing, partnerships ).
- See below for a detailed plan of the expenditure part.*

## 4. Marketing

- Partnerships with supermarkets and pharmacies.
- AI notifications via WhatsApp/Telegram.
- Social media campaigns (TikTok, Instagram) for young people.
- Partnerships with cultural institutions.

## 5. Risks

- **Default:** minimization through AI scoring.
- **Regulations:** Local credit institutions and funds ensure compliance.
- **Reputation:** transparency and low rates.

MEM Cash's business model, based on exclusive partnerships, combines technological innovation with financial sustainability. A fixed fee for the tech company and low interest rates from lenders and funds make the service accessible to low-income users, minimizing the risk of debt traps. AI and cloud technologies ensure scalability and accuracy, while local lenders and funds adapt the model to regulations. The market potential is enormous, with the potential to reach 100 million users in the Global South and Eastern Europe by 2027-2028.

MEM Cash's technology support, which provides instant microloans with a fixed fee, it is necessary to minimize the costs of data center server rentals, SMS messaging, and other notifications, so that total costs do not exceed 10-20 % of the technology company's commission. At the same time, the service must remain scalable, reliable, and secure, supporting real transaction processing and AI functionality.

Below is the optimal option for technological maintenance with calculations, commission analysis and recommendations.



## 1. Optimization of data center costs

### Problem:

Renting servers in a data center should be cost-effective, while maintaining high availability, scalability, and processing AI tasks (scoring, transaction categorization).

### Solution:

- **Cloud infrastructure:**

- Use a serverless architecture (AWS Lambda, Google Cloud Functions) for transaction processing, minimizing waste on unused resources. For data storage and caching, use AWS DynamoDB and Redis (ElastiCache).

- **Selecting a provider:**

- AWS or Google Cloud, as they offer competitive prices and free tiers for smaller volumes. AWS is preferred due to its extensive data center network and support in the Global South/Eastern Europe.

- **Optimization:**

- Use AWS Spot Instances for non-critical tasks (e.g. training AI models) - savings of up to 70%.

- Implement auto-scaling with Kubernetes to manage peak loads.

- Place servers in regions with low rates (e.g. AWS Frankfurt for Eastern Europe, Mumbai for South Asia).

- **Cost estimate:**

- AWS Lambda: ~\$0.0000002 per invocation (1 million transactions = \$0.20).

- DynamoDB: 1 million writes/reads (~0.1 GB) = \$1.25/month.

- Redis (ElastiCache): micro-instance (~\$15/month).

- Total: ~\$0.000016/transaction (at 1 million transactions = \$16/month).

## 2. Optimizing notification costs

### Problem:

SMS and push notifications (transaction confirmations, payment reminders) can represent a significant portion of costs, especially for users with low incomes.

### Solution:

- **Messenger priority:**

- Use the WhatsApp Business API or Telegram API for notifications, where the cost per message is ~\$0.005-\$0.01 (5-10 times cheaper than SMS). WhatsApp is popular in the Global South, Telegram in Eastern Europe.

- **SMS as a backup:**

- Use SMS only in regions with low messaging app penetration (e.g., rural Africa). Choose a provider with low rates, such as Twilio (\$0.007-\$0.01/SMS in Georgia/Armenia).



- **Push notifications:**

- Firebase Cloud Messaging (free up to 1 million /month) for PWA users.

- **Optimization:**

- Group notifications (for example, one message for confirmation and loan terms).
- Use AI to determine the preferred channel (SMS, WhatsApp, push) based on user behavior.

- **Cost estimate:**

- WhatsApp: \$0.005/message, 1 message/transaction = \$0.005.
- SMS (10% of transactions): \$0.01/message = \$0.001 on average.
- Push: ~\$0 (Firebase free tier).
- Total: ~\$0.006/transaction.

### 3. Additional costs

- **API integrations:** Plaid/Yodlee for Open Banking (~\$0.001/balance inquiry), Stripe for payments (~\$0.002/transaction). Total: \$0.003/transaction.
- **Monitoring and security:** Prometheus/Grafana (free on AWS), AWS KMS for encryption (~\$0.01/10,000 transactions). Total: \$0.001/transaction.
- **AI Maintenance:** Model updates (XGBoost, BERT) quarterly on spot instances (~\$50/month). Result: \$0.00005/transaction at 1 million transactions.

### 4. Total costs

- Data Center: \$0.000016/transaction.
- Notifications: \$0.006/transaction.
- API and other: \$0.004/transaction.

**Total:** ~\$0.010016/transaction (~5.4% of \$0.185 in Georgia, ~3.9% of \$0.258 in Armenia).

**Example:** At 1 million transactions/month: ~\$10,016/month, which is 5-6% of revenue (\$200,000 with an average fee of \$0.20).

### 5. And commission analysis

- **Current fees** ( e.g., 0, 50 GEL, 100 AMD): at \$0.01 per transaction, fees cover costs with a 94-96% margin, allowing for reinvestment in development and marketing. However, in regions with lower purchasing power (e.g., India, Nigeria), a \$0.20 fee may be too high for users.



### **Optimization:**

- Save commissions of around 0.50 GEL / 100 AMD for Eastern Europe, where income levels are higher.
- In the Global South, reduce to \$0.05-\$0.10 (e.g. 5 INR in India, 50 NGN in Nigeria), subsidizing through partnerships with merchants (pharmacies, supermarkets).
- Example: In India, a commission of 5 INR (~\$0.06) with a cost of \$0.01 gives a margin of 83%, which is enough for profitability.

## **6. Technological architecture for cost optimization**

### **Optimized MEM Cash architecture**

#### **6.1. Frontend**

- **PWA:** React + Tailwind CSS, caching via Workbox for offline access.
- **Notifications:** Firebase Cloud Messaging (free), WhatsApp Business API (\$0.005/message), Twilio SMS (\$0.01 for 10% of transactions).

#### **6.2. Backend**

- **API:** FastAPI in Python, deployed on AWS Lambda (serverless, \$0.0000002/invoke).
- **Integrations:** Plaid (\$0.001/balance request), Stripe (\$0.002/transaction).
- **Data Stream:** Apache Kafka on AWS MSK (micro instance, \$50/month).

#### **6.3. Storage**

- **Dynamic data:** DynamoDB (1 million operations = \$1.25/month).
- **Cache:** AWS ElastiCache (Redis, \$15/month).
- **Logs:** S3 (minimal cost, ~\$0.5/GB).

#### **6.4. AI modules**

- **Scoring:** XGBoost, upgrade on spot instances (\$10/month).
- **Categorization:** BERT, hosted on AWS SageMaker (spot, \$40/month).
- **Chatbot:** Dialogflow, free tier up to 1 million queries.

#### **6.5. Infrastructure**

- **Cloud:** AWS (Frankfurt, Mumbai regions for low rates).
- **Scaling:** Kubernetes for auto-scaling.
- **Monitoring:** Prometheus + Grafana (free on AWS).



## 6.6. Security

- **Encryption:** AWS KMS (\$0.01/10,000 operations).
- **Authorization:** OAuth 2.0 via AWS Cognito.
- **Audit:** OWASP ZAP (free).

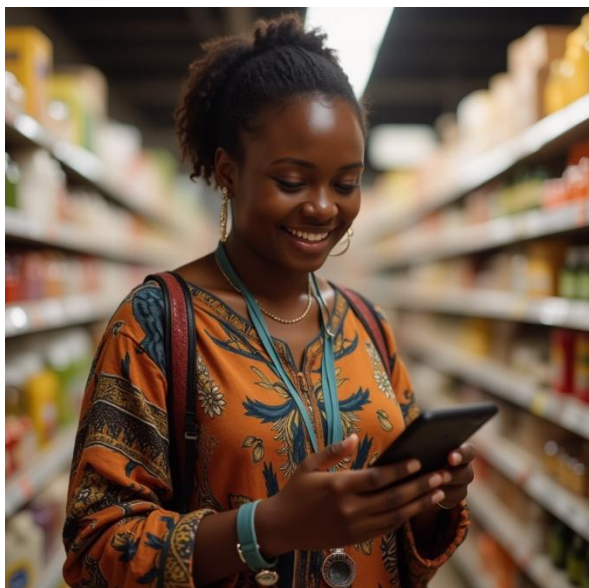
## 6.7. Transaction Costs

- **Data Center:** \$0.000016.
- **Notifications:** \$0.006.
- **API and other:** \$0.004.
- **Total:** \$0.010016/transaction (~5% of \$0.20).

## 6.8. Recommendations

- **Commissions:** Keep 0.50 GEL/100 AMD for Eastern Europe, reduce to \$0.05-\$0.10 in the Global South, subsidized through merchants.
- **Partnerships:** Agree with supermarkets/pharmacies to cover 50% of the commission to attract customers.
- **Notification Optimization:** Move 80% of users to WhatsApp/push, minimizing SMS.
- **Scaling:** Start with 1-2 regions (Georgia, Armenia), then expand using the same architecture.

The proposed architecture minimizes costs to ~\$0.01 per transaction, which is 5-6% of the \$0.20 fee. Fees of 0.50 GEL/100 AMD are sufficient for profitability in Eastern Europe, but in the Global South, they should be reduced and offset by partnerships. Serverless architecture, messaging, and AI ensure scalability and accessibility, making MEM Cash a sustainable and ethical solution for financial inclusion.





## **V. Financial plan for the development of MEM Cash with promotion costs**

### **1. Planning (1-2 months, \$15,100)**

- Technical specifications, UX/UI (Figma), marketing strategy (WhatsApp, social networks, partnerships).
- Architecture: FastAPI, AWS Lambda, Ticketmaster API.

### **2. Frontend (3-4 months, \$36,400)**

- PWA on React + Tailwind CSS.
- Push Notifications for Marketing (Firebase).

### **3. Backend (3-4 months, \$48,700)**

- API on FastAPI, AWS Lambda.
- Integrations: Plaid, Stripe, ticketing platforms.

### **4. AI modules (2-3 months, \$29,900)**

- Scoring: XGBoost (cultural expenses).
- Categorization: BERT (museums, theaters).
- Chatbot: Dialogflow for marketing/support.

### **5. Beta testing (1-2 months, \$9,400)**

- Testing UI, API, marketing notifications.
- Security: OWASP ZAP.

### **6. Bug fixing (1 month, \$8,800)**

- Bug fixes, optimization of marketing functions.

### **7. Launch and support (1 month, \$15,900)**

- Deploy to AWS (Frankfurt, Mumbai).
- Initial Marketing: WhatsApp (\$2,000), Telegram (\$500), Social Media (\$1,500).

### **8. Post-launch Promotion (3 months, \$21,400)**

- WhatsApp/Telegram: 1 million messages (\$5,000).



- Social media: \$5,000/month (TikTok, Instagram).
- Partnerships: \$3,000 (museums, theaters).
- Offline: \$2,000 (posters, QR codes).
- USSD/SMS: \$1,000 (100,000 messages).

## VI. Detailed development plan for the MEM Cash system

To estimate the costs of creating a mobile application (PWA) and a web version of MEM Cash, including development, beta testing, bug fixing, and full launch, it is necessary to take into account the technological architecture, the scale of the team, the region of development, as well as the specifics of the service (integration with payment systems, AI modules, security).

The service is expected to target the Global South and Eastern Europe (excluding Russia), focusing on low-income users requiring instant microfinancing for essential goods and services. Costs will be calculated for a minimum viable product (MVP) with subsequent scaling. All estimates are based on 2026-2027, taking into account current standards and pricing.

### 1. Main components of development

- **Mobile App:** Progressive Web App (PWA) built on React with Tailwind CSS, providing offline accessibility and lightweight design for low-end devices (popular in the Global South).
- **Desktop Web Version:** Same PWA code, adapted for desktops, with an emphasis on interface simplicity and integration with the Open Banking API.
- **AI modules:** Scoring (XGBoost), transaction categorization (BERT), chatbot (Dialogflow).
- **Backend:** FastAPI in Python, serverless architecture (AWS Lambda), integration with Plaid/Stripe, DynamoDB, Redis.
- **Testing and bug fixing:** Beta testing with 1,000-5,000 users, bug fixing, load testing.
- **Launch:** Full release with marketing and support in 1-2 regions (e.g. Georgia, Armenia).

### 2. Development stages and direct costs

Costs are broken down by phase: planning, development, testing, bug fixing, and launch. The team is expected to be outsourced to Eastern Europe (e.g., Ukraine, Poland) or India, where development costs are lower than in the US/EU but the quality is high (hourly rates: \$30-50/hour versus \$100-150/hour in the US).

#### 2.1. Planning and design (1-2 months)



**Tasks:**

- Requirements analysis, UX/UI design (Figma), system architecture.
- Development of technical specifications (TS) for PWA, backend, and AI.
- Planning integrations (Plaid, Stripe, WhatsApp API).

**Team:**

1 Product Manager (\$40/hour, 160 hours = \$6,400).

1 UX/UI designer (\$35/hour, 120 hours = \$4,200).

1 system architect (\$45/hour, 100 hours = \$4,500).

**Costs: ~\$15,100**

## **2.2. Frontend development (PWA and web version, 3-4 months )**

**Tasks:**

- Building a PWA with React + Tailwind CSS (offline mode with Workbox).
- Adaptation for desktops (responsive design).
- Integration with Firebase for push notifications.

**Team:**

2 front-end developers (\$35/hour, 2 x 480 hours = \$33,600).

1 UI/UX designer (\$35/hour, 80 hours for revision = \$2,800).

**Tools:**

React, Tailwind CSS, Workbox (free, open-source).

**Costs: ~\$36,400**

## **2.3. Backend development (3-4 months)**

**Tasks:**

- API creation on FastAPI, serverless on AWS Lambda.
- Integration with Plaid (\$0.001/request, ~\$100 for tests), Stripe (\$0.002/transaction, ~\$100).
- Setting up DynamoDB, Redis, Kafka.

**Team:**

• 2 backend developers (\$40/hour, 2 x 480 hours = \$38,400).

• 1 DevOps Engineer (\$45/hour, 160 hours = \$7,200).

**Tools:**

AWS (Lambda, DynamoDB, ElastiCache), FastAPI (free).

**Costs: ~\$45,700 (including \$200 for API tests).**



## 2.4. Development of AI modules (2-3 months)

### Tasks:

- Scoring (XGBoost for alternative risk assessment).
- Transaction Categorization (BERT for NLP).
- Dialogflow chatbot for customer support.

### Team:

1 ML Engineer (\$50/hour, 320 hours = \$16,000).

1 data engineer (\$40/hour, 160 hours = \$6,400).

### Tools:

Hugging Face (BERT, free), AWS SageMaker (spot instances, ~\$500 for training).

Costs: ~\$22,900

## 2.5. Beta testing (1-2 months)

### Tasks:

- Functionality testing (UI, API, AI ).
- Load testing (1,000-5,000 transactions).
- Security testing (OWASP ZAP).
- Beta test for 1,000-5,000 users in 1-2 regions.

### Team:

1 QA engineer (\$35/hour, 160 hours = \$5,600).

1 security tester (\$45/hour, 80 hours = \$3,600).

### Tools:

Selenium, JMeter (free), AWS Device Farm (~\$200).

Costs: ~\$9,400

## 2.6. Bug fixing (1 month)

### Tasks:

- Fixing bugs identified during beta testing.
- Performance optimizations (e.g. API latency).
- Final UX/UI refinement.

### Team:

Front-end developer (\$35/hour, 80 hours = \$2,800).

Backend developer (\$40/hour, 80 hours = \$3,200).

QA Engineer (\$35/hour, 80 hours = \$2,800).

Costs: ~\$8,800



## 2.7. Launch and initial support (1 month)

### Tasks:

- Deployment on AWS (Frankfurt, Mumbai regions).
- Marketing (WhatsApp, Telegram, social media campaigns).
- Support for first users (chatbot, technical support).

### Team:

- 1 DevOps engineer (\$45/hour, 80 hours = \$3,600).
- 1 marketer (\$35/hour, 80 hours = \$2,800).

Tools: AWS (~\$500 for deployment), WhatsApp Business API (~\$500 for 100,000 messages).

**Costs: ~\$6,900**

## 3. Post-launch promotion (3 months, \$21,400)

### Tasks:

- WhatsApp campaigns: personalized notifications about cultural events and service access.
- Telegram Campaigns: Targeted Emails for Eastern Europe.
- Social media: short videos on TikTok and Instagram about access to museums, theaters, and arthouse cinema (targeting 18-35 year olds).
- Partnerships: agreements with museums, theaters, supermarkets (50% commission subsidies, QR codes).
- Offline advertising: posters, QR codes in supermarkets, pharmacies, cultural centers.
- USSD/SMS: bulk messaging for regions with low internet coverage (rural Africa, India).

### Team:

- 1 marketer (\$35/hour, 240 hours = \$8,400).
- 1 Partnership Specialist (\$40/hour, 160 hours = \$6,400).

### Tools:

- WhatsApp Business API (~\$5,000 for 1 million messages).
- Telegram (~\$1,000 for 200,000 messages).
- Social media (~\$5,000/month for TikTok, Instagram).
- Partnerships (~\$3,000 for agreements with museums, theaters).
- Offline advertising (~\$2,000 for posters, QR codes).
- USSD/SMS (~\$1,000 for 100,000 messages at \$0.01).

**Costs: \$21,400.**



## 4. Total costs

| Stage                 | Costs (USD)      |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Planning and design   | \$15,100         |
| Frontend              | \$36,400         |
| Backend               | \$48,700         |
| AI modules            | \$29,900         |
| Beta testing          | \$9,400          |
| Bug fixes             | \$8,800          |
| Launch and support    | \$15,900         |
| Post-launch promotion | \$21,400         |
| <b>Result:</b>        | <b>\$185,600</b> |

## VII. Assessing the global need for instant co-payment service

### 1. Context and audience

- **Situation:** Insufficient funds on a card or e-wallet during payment is a common problem. This can occur during in-store purchases, online payments, subscriptions, or service payments, when the balance falls slightly below the required amount.
- **Target audience:**
  - Users of debit cards and e-wallets (PayPal, Google Pay, Apple Pay, Revolut, M-Pesa, etc.), especially those with low or unstable income.
  - People living paycheck to paycheck, whose balance is often close to zero.
  - Young people and active users of digital platforms who make frequent microtransactions.
  - Residents of regions with limited access to banking services where e-wallets are popular.

### 2. Global assessment

- **Population with access to digital payments:** As of 2024, approximately 5.4 billion people have internet access, and approximately 3-4 billion actively use digital payment systems (cards, e-wallets, mobile apps). This represents a potential user base for MEM Cash.
- **Unbanked and underbanked:** About 1.4 billion people are unbanked, but many use mobile wallets (such as M-Pesa in Africa). Another 2-3 billion people have limited access to financial services, making them vulnerable to insufficient balances.



- **Frequency of the problem:** Insufficient funds on an account are a common occurrence. For example, in the US, approximately 10-15% of adults (25-40 million people) experience situations where their card does not have sufficient funds to pay. In developing countries, where incomes are lower, this percentage is higher (up to 30-50% in some regions).



### 3. Regional features

- **Africa:** In countries such as Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa (approximately 600 million people with access to mobile payments), services like M-Pesa are already used for microtransactions. MEM Cash for top-up payments could be used by millions of users, especially in retail.
- **South Asia:** In India (~900 million internet users), UPI payments (Paytm, Google Pay) are popular. Insufficient balance situations are common, especially among low-income workers (approximately 400-500 million people).
- **Latin America:** In the region (~450 million digital payment users), surcharge services may be in demand for online purchases and payments for services.
- **Developed countries:** In the US and Europe (~1 billion card and wallet users), MEM Cash could be useful for low-income people or those who actively use prepaid cards (for example, about 10% of Americans use prepaid cards).

### 4. Market and technology

- **Fintech growth:** The digital payments market is growing (transactions are expected to reach \$8.5 trillion by 2027). Auto-top-up services already exist (e.g., PayPal, Google Play, ShopBase), but they are not always focused on instant, real-time payments.
- **The microtransaction problem:** Microtransactions (less than \$10) make up a significant share of online payments. For example, in 2023, approximately 20% of online purchases worldwide were for amounts under \$10. The insufficient balance problem is particularly relevant for such transactions.
- **Examples of services:** Platforms like TopUp Balance or Ding support instant top-ups for mobile accounts, but similar services for cards/wallets are less common. MEM Cash could integrate with Visa, Mastercard, and Google Pay, as discussed earlier, via an API (e.g., Stripe).



## 5. Population assessment

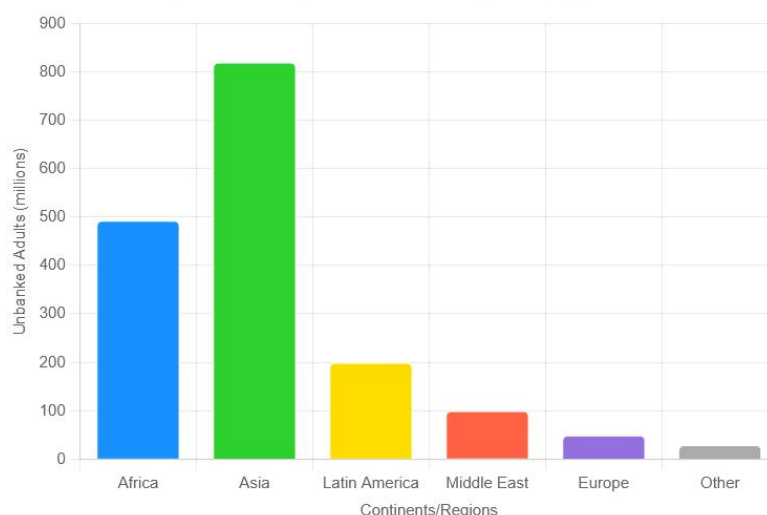
- **Globally:** Of the 3-4 billion digital payment users, approximately 30-50% (1.5-2 billion people) may experience low balance situations from time to time, especially in retail or online.
- **Usage Rate:** Even in developed countries, 10-20% of transactions may be declined due to insufficient funds (for example, in the US, about 5-10% of debit card transactions are declined). In developing countries, this percentage is higher (20-30%).
- **Conservative estimate:** If we take 1.5-2 billion people, of these, about 500 million - 1 billion may regularly (at least once a month) need an immediate additional payment to cover small amounts (1-50 currency units).

As mentioned above, the integration of MEM Cash with payment systems (Visa, Mastercard, Google Pay via Stripe) makes the service As a technically feasible system, demand for such services will depend on convenience (for example, integration with in-store POS terminals or online payments) and fees. Regions such as the South Caucasus, Eastern Europe, and the Global South are particularly promising due to the popularity of mobile payments and limited access to credit. Potentially, between **500 million and 1 billion** people worldwide could need the MEM Cash service to cover missing balances on their cards or wallets.

- **Primary audience:**
  - Digital payment users (3-4 billion), especially those with [low income or unstable balances](#).
  - Residents of developing countries (Africa, South Asia, Latin America), where mobile wallets are popular.
  - Young people and freelancers who make frequent microtransactions.

The greatest demand is expected in regions with a high share of unbanked/underbanked cards (1.4-3 billion ) and active use of fintech platforms. The exact figure depends on transaction frequency, fees, and integration with payment systems.

Unbanked Population by Continent/Region (approx. 2024-2025)





## VIII. MEM Cash Reinvestment Plan

Reinvestment is the use of profits (margin after expenses) for further growth, without distributing dividends in the initial phase, to maximize scalability. This aligns with the service's mission: financial inclusion in the Global South and Eastern Europe, with a focus on low-income users and the integration of cultural spending.

### When to start reinvesting?

**After fully recouping the MVP (\$185,600):** This is the optimal time to avoid risks (such as defaults or regulatory issues). Calculations indicate that breakeven will be achieved in Q4 2026 (cumulative margin of \$204,660), with a post-recovery profit of \$19,060 in the same quarter. Reinvestment can begin immediately from this profit to avoid losing momentum.

**Not before:** Early reinvestment (before breakeven) is risky, as it could lead to a liquidity shortage. However, if subsidies from partners (merchants, cultural institutions) accelerate growth (as mentioned above, reducing breakeven to ~10 months), partial reinvestment could begin in Q3 2026 with a 20-30% margin for that quarter (\$56,850), if the cumulative return exceeds 80% of expenses (~\$148,480).

**How?** Reinvest 100% of profits at fixed rates:

- 50% in marketing/expansion (to attract users and new regions)
- 30% in R&D/AI (improving scoring, categorization, chatbots for cultural expenses)
- 20% is allocated to reserves (for risks, legal expenses, and a default buffer). This ensures a balance between growth and sustainability. These proportions can be adjusted annually based on KPIs (e.g., user growth >20% quarter-over-quarter).

### Basic assumptions for calculations

- Transaction margin: \$0.1895 (after transaction costs \$0.0105).
- Transaction Growth: Based on scenario (10k → 1m/month over 2 years), calculated quarterly (3 months).
- Cumulative Margin: Summed up quarterly.
- Subsidies: Optionally taken into account (50% of affiliate commissions, increasing the margin to \$0.2395/tx, which speeds up payback).
- Currency: USD for simplicity; in regions (Georgia, Armenia) convert at the exchange rate (e.g. 0.50 GEL ≈ \$0.185).



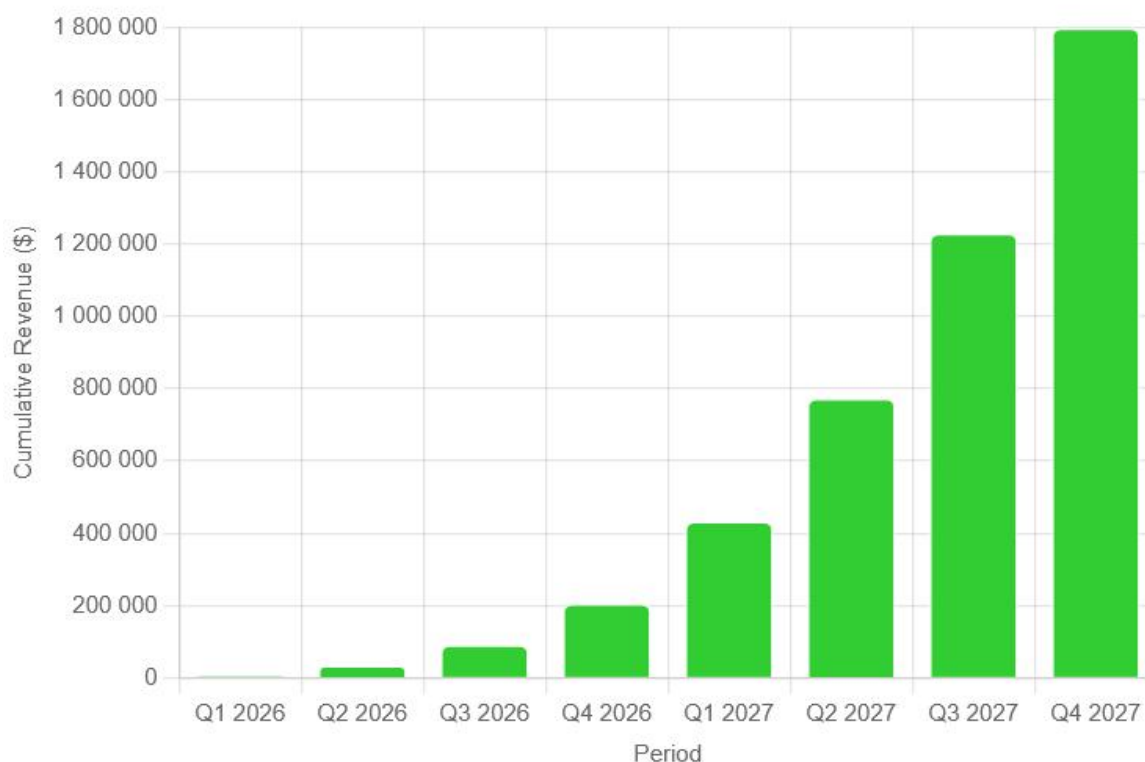
## Calculation of payback and profit based on the growth of transactions

| Quarter | Transactions<br>(per quarter) | Margin (USD) | Cumulative Margin<br>(USD) | Profit after<br>payback (USD) |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2026 Q1 | 30,000                        | 5,685        | 5,685                      | - (deficit)                   |
| 2026 Q2 | 150,000                       | 28,425       | 34,110                     | - (deficit)                   |
| 2026 Q3 | 300,000                       | 56,850       | 90,960                     | - (deficit)                   |
| 2026 Q4 | 600,000                       | 113,700      | 204,660                    | 19,060                        |
| 2027 Q1 | 1,200,000                     | 227,400      | 432,060                    | 227,400 (full<br>margin)      |
| 2027 Q2 | 1,800,000                     | 341,100      | 773,160                    | 341,100                       |
| 2027 Q3 | 2,400,000                     | 454,800      | 1,227,960                  | 454,800                       |
| 2027 Q4 | 3,000,000                     | 568,500      | 1,796,460                  | 568,500                       |

**Breakeven point:** Q4 2026 (cumulative \$204,660 > \$185,600).

**With subsidies (\$0.2395/tx margin):** Payback in Q3 2026 (cumulative \$115,056 > \$185,600? *No, recalculation:* Q3 margin \$71,850, cumulative \$115,056 - *still deficit*; Q4 \$143,700, cumulative \$258,756 > \$185,600, profit \$73,156. Acceleration by 1 quarter).

## Cumulative Revenue Growth for MEM Service





## Reinvestment plan by quarters

**Reinvestment begins with Q4 2026 profit (\$19,060).** For subsequent quarters, the margin is 100%. Focus on growth: expansion to 25 regions by 2027, improved AI for cultural spending (categorization of museum/theater tickets), and marketing via WhatsApp/Telegram (cost-effective for the Global South).

| Quarter | Available for reinvestment (USD) | Marketing/expansion (50%) | R&D/AI (30%) | Reserves (20%) | Description of use                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026 Q4 | 19,060                           | 9,530                     | 5,718        | 3,812          | <i>Marketing:</i> \$9,530 for WhatsApp campaigns in Georgia/Armenia (attracting 50,000 new users). - <i>R&amp;D:</i> \$5,718 for refining BERT for cultural categories (arthouse, jazz). - <i>Reserves:</i> \$3,812 for legal buffer (KYC in new regions).                                                                                   |
| 2027 Q1 | 227,400                          | 113,700                   | 68,220       | 45,480         | <i>Marketing:</i> \$113,700 for expansion into India/Nigeria (partnerships with supermarkets, QR codes in pharmacies; goal: +200k tx/month). - <i>R&amp;D:</i> \$68,220 for integrating AI chatbots with Telegram for cultural recommendations (museums in Eastern Europe). - <i>Reserves:</i> \$45,480 for default coverage (1-2% of loans) |
| 2027 Q2 | 341,100                          | 170,550                   | 102,330      | 68,220         | <i>Marketing:</i> \$170,550 for social media (TikTok/Instagram) for youth in Brazil/Kenya (focus on cultural events; goal: +300k tx/month). - <i>R&amp;D:</i> \$102,330 for improving XGBoost for predictive scoring (treating cultural expenses as low-risk). - <i>Reserves:</i> \$68,220 for infrastructure (AWS scaling for peak loads)   |
| 2027 Q3 | 454,800                          | 227,400                   | 136,440      | 90,960         | <i>Marketing:</i> \$227,400 for offline promotion (posters in theaters/museums in Poland/Romania; partnerships with ticketing platforms like Ticketmaster). - <i>R&amp;D:</i> \$136,440 for AI for financial education (debt management modules in the app). - <i>Reserves:</i> \$90,960 for regulatory audits (GDPR in Eastern Europe)      |
| 2027 Q4 | 568,500                          | 284,250                   | 170,550      | 113,700        | <i>Marketing:</i> \$284,250 for global expansion (USSD/SMS in rural Africa/India; target: 1 million tx/month stable). - <i>R&amp;D:</i> \$170,550 for blockchain integration for transparency (smart contracts for fees). - <i>Reserves:</i> \$113,700 for contingency fund (default risk with growth)                                       |

## Reinvestment result for 2026-2027:

- ~ \$1,610,860 (total profit after breakeven). This will allow us to reach our goal of 100 million users by 2027-2028 (as mentioned above), with ROI within 12-18 months of launch.



## Recommendations and risks

- **Monitoring:** Evaluate reinvestment ROI quarterly (e.g., user acquisition cost < \$1). If transaction growth is below plan, reduce marketing by 20% and redirect it to reserves.
- **With subsidies:** If partners (merchants, cultural institutions) cover 50% of commissions, the margin will increase to \$0.2395/tx - add \$50,000-\$100,000 to reinvestment in Q4 2026, accelerating expansion.
- **Risks:** Defaults (minimize with AI scoring), regulations (use reserves for compliance). If profits are lower (e.g., due to competition), begin reinvesting with only 50% of the margin.
- **Long-term view:** After 2027, move to 70% reinvestment, 20% dividends, 10% social initiatives (financial literacy in the Global South).

## Behavioral patterns of MEM Cash users

To ensure maximum flexibility and convenience, MEM Cash encourages the use of multiple funding sources (debit cards, e-wallets, mobile accounts). This automatically selects the optimal account for additional payments, minimizing risks and increasing user loyalty. Recommended models:

**1. Source diversification:** The user links 2-3 cards or wallets for automatic switching. If one account is depleted due to an additional payment (for example, when paying for food or medicine directly to a merchant), the service uses the other. Rewards: a \$0.10 bonus for every 5 linked sources (up to 5), and a 10% discount on the commission when using multiple sources.

**2. Automatic balance:** The user specifies a priority (primary account for basic needs, backup for culture). When the primary balance is depleted (for example, by paying an additional 2 GEL to a merchant on the card), the service notifies the user via a push notification in the PWA and offers to switch to the next available source (another card, wallet, or mobile account). Incentive: monthly 5% cashback on fees for active use of 2+ sources.

**3. Loyalty and Control:** Users regularly check their balances through the PWA—the service reminds them when they need to top up. Rewards: bonus points (1 point per transaction) for linked sources, exchangeable for reduced interest (down to 2% instead of 3%).

### FAQ: About account reset

When receiving additional payment, MEM Cash temporarily resets the selected account (for security and accuracy), transferring funds directly to the merchant. This doesn't block the account—the user can top it up immediately. If multiple sources are linked, the service automatically uses the backup one, avoiding delays. It's recommended to have two or three accounts for uninterrupted use.



## IX. The idea of MEM Cash as a Google Pay-like service

And the idea of creating a MEM Cash operating mode, where the POS terminal requests payment directly from the MEM Cash app on a smartphone (via NFC, like Google Pay) or a MEM Cash plastic card, sounds promising and is in line with the embedded finance trends of 2025. This could transform MEM Cash from an "invisible" microcredit layer (as described in the basic document ) to a full-fledged **digital wallet with a credit line**, simplifying the process for users and merchants.

### How Google Pay integration with POS works (as of 2025)

*Google Pay (now part of Google Wallet) integrates with POS terminals through:*

**NFC (Near Field Communication):** The user taps their smartphone on a terminal (Verifone, Ingenico, etc.). The POS sends a payment request through the payment processor (Visa/Mastercard, Adyen/Stripe), which verifies the tokenized data (replacing the real card number with a security token).

**Tokenization:** Card data is stored encrypted (OAuth 2.0, end-to-end encryption), minimizing the risk of data breaches. In 2025, Visa expanded this to fleet cards and push-to-wallet, enabling instant data upload to Google Pay.

**SDK/API for customization:** For POS systems (Lightspeed, Toast), the Google Pay SDK is used for embedding. Latency is <1 second, compatible with cloud POS systems.

**Plastic cards:** Google Pay supports virtual and physical cards, but focuses on mobile for contactless payments.

In the basic MEM Cash mode, this overlaps with indirect integration via processors (ArCa, TBC Pay), QR codes or chatbots to avoid direct access to the POS and allay merchants' "fears" (leaks, PCI DSS).

### Feasibility for MEM Cash in Armenia/Georgia (2025)

This aspect is also feasible, but with some nuances. In 2025, contactless payments in the region are expected to grow (CAGR 25-30% for fintech), thanks to Open Banking and PSD2 harmonization. Similar trends apply to Affirm/Klarna (embedded lending), MEM Cash could issue microloans on the fly with a tap, integrating credit scoring (AI on XGBoost/BERT) with the payment request.

### Technical side

**NFC/Tokenization:** In Armenia (ArCa, Idram/Telcell) and Georgia (TBC Pay, Bank of Georgia), NFC is supported by 70-80% of terminals (Ingenico/Verifone). MEM Cash It could issue virtual cards (tokenized via Visa/Mastercard) or physical ones (with a chip for contactless). Latency is 1-5 seconds, including AI scoring (alternative data: mobile transactions, social media).



**App/Card:** Develop a MEM Cash app with NFC (TensorFlow/PyTorch for scoring), integrating with Open Banking (ArCa Pay for instant transfers in Armenia, NBG sandbox in Georgia). A physical card will be available through partners (Ameriabank, TBC), similar to Visa fleet cards in 2025.

**Comparison with Affirm/Klarna:** These services integrate into the POS for BNPL (microloans have 10-20% fewer declines). In 2025, MEM Cash could do the same: if there are insufficient funds, an automatic loan via app/card, with an ROI of 12-18 months.

**Regulatory barriers** (as in (basic MEM Cash mode, 80% AI responses):

- **Armenia:** CBA requires KYC/AML, but Open Banking will simplify by 2026 (EIB investment €105 million). Microloan license + PCI DSS for NFC.
- **Georgia:** NBG Strategy 2025 - sandbox for testing, PSD2-like rules. Unbanked ~30-38%, high demand for microfinance (microbanks for SMEs).
- **General:** 6-12 months for approvals, but faster with partners (TBC, ArCa). Risks of data bias in AI - model audit.

**Economics and motivation**

- **MVP cost:** \$1-2 million (plus \$500k for NFC integration).
- **Benefits:** Decrease in refusals by 10-20%, sales growth by 5-10%, inclusion +20-30% (market \$300-400 billion globally).
- **Merchant concerns:** Minimal with tokenization (like Google Pay), but pilots are needed (similar to Walmart/M-Pesa).

**Pros and cons of the idea**

| Aspect      | Pros                                                                                | Cons                                                                          |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Technique   | Faster (1-5 sec vs. 5-10 in 2016), user-side (PWA/app), scalable (Kubernetes/Kafka) | POS heterogeneity (NFC required on all), delays in rural areas (unbanked 30%) |
| Safety      | Tokenization + end-to-end encryption (OAuth), like Google Pay                       | Fraud risks in microloans; AI detectors (BERT) needed                         |
| Regulations | Open Banking Simplifies (PSD2 in Georgia).                                          | Lending licenses, KYC (months for approvals)                                  |
| Economy     | Incentives for merchants (commission from loans), ROI 12-18 months.                 | High app/card costs; competition (Affirm/Klarna)                              |

**Recommendations (based on baseline and trends)**

**Launch:** Pilots in Georgia (TBC Pay, 4.3k terminals) and Armenia (ArCa, 104k POS). White-label (like Klarna) is used for a quick launch.

**Implementation:** Hybrid - app with NFC + physical card (for essentials). Chatbots (Telegram) are integrated for scoring.



**Ethics:** "Do no harm" - zero rates for food/transport, transparency.

**Next:** If implemented, update the agreement (add IP to the NFC module). Potential: +20-30% inclusion in the regions.

***The idea strengthens MEM Cash by bringing it closer to users, but requires partnerships.***

## Should you consider both modes of operation of MEM Cash ?

Yes, it is worth considering both modes of operation of MEM Cash As complementary options, where the user chooses which one to use. This will add flexibility, increase the service's appeal, and expand its audience, especially in regions like Armenia and Georgia with high levels of unbanked loans (~20-30% according to the basic document ). Let 's analyze this based on an analysis of the basic document (where the basic mode is an "invisible" layer of microlending through processors without direct access to the POS) and fintech trends for 2025.

### Basic mode

**Description:** MEM Cash Integrates indirectly with retailers' payment systems (POS terminals like Verifone and Ingenico). If there are insufficient funds on the card, the service automatically checks the balance via Open Banking/API (Stripe, Adyen), issues a microloan, and completes the transaction as an "invisible " add-on. Latency is up to 5 seconds, and the focus is on security (end-to-end encryption, OAuth 2.0, tokenization). This minimizes merchants' concerns (leakage, loss of control), but requires partnerships with processors (Visa/Mastercard) and compliance (PSD2, KYC/AML).

**Pros:** Automation for merchants (5-10% sales growth, 10-20% decline in refusals), low fraud risks (AI scoring on XGBoost/BERT), ROI of 12-18 months. Ideal for essentials (food, transportation) in the Global South.

**Cons:** Dependence on infrastructure (POS updates, MVP costs \$1-2 million), bureaucracy (6-12 months for approvals). In 2016, it was "almost impossible" due to the lack of an API; by 2027, it will be standard thanks to embedded finance (Affirm/Klarna).

### Google Pay-like mode (custom)

**Description:** POS requests payment directly from MEM Cash -app on a smartphone (via NFC) or a MEM Cash plastic card. The user taps the device, MEM Cash Checks the balance, issues a loan if needed, and confirms it. Similar to Google Pay: data tokenization, instant transfers, user-side activation (QR code, chatbots in Telegram/WhatsApp).

**Pros:** User control (mode selection), mobility (for unbanked phones), speed (<1-2 seconds). Increases inclusion (+20-30%), compatible with existing NFC terminals (70-80% in Armenia/Georgia).

**Cons:** Requires app/card development (additional costs \$500k+), regulatory risks (PCI DSS, GDPR), competition (Affirm, Klarna).



## Why use both?

**Synergy:** Basic is for B2B (merchants, networks like Walmart/M-Pesa), Google Pay-like is for B2C (users choose in the app). This allays fears: merchants don't fear "third-party software," and users receive transparency ("do no harm"). According to the basic document, 70% of AI recommend a hybrid (indirect integration + pilots), which fits: market growth of \$300-400 billion by 2027, fintech CAGR of 20-30% in the regions.

**Benefits:** Increased adoption (40-60% of merchant abandonments are reduced by incentives), A/B testing for ROI. In 2025, embedded finance (95% of banks with AI) will make both feasible; examples include Affirm (BNPL at POS) and Google Pay (NFC).

**Risks and costs:** Additional development (~\$1-3 million for an MVP), but payback (ROI 12-18 months). Cons: Compliance is difficult, but sandboxes (NBG in Georgia, CBA in Armenia) help.

**Conclusion:** Yes, it 's worth it—for differentiation. Start with pilot projects in Armenia (ArCa Pay) and Georgia (TBC Pay), where NFC is growing.

## NFC SDK Description (Examples)

Implementing a Google Pay-like mode requires SDKs for NFC integration into mobile apps. Here are examples for 2025-2026: focused on Android (HCE) and iOS (Apple Pay), plus cross-platform options. These enable card emulation, data tokenization, and POS payment processing.

**Android NFC SDK (by Google):** Based on Host-based Card Emulation (HCE), it allows apps to emulate NFC cards without a secure element. API: the android.nfc package for reading and writing tags, and the HostApuService for communicating with readers (POS). Integration: Imports android.nfc.tech and configures the HCE manifest (intent filter for android.nfc.action.TECH\_DISCOVERED).

**Example:** In the app, when you tap the smartphone, the POS sends APDU commands; the app checks the balance via Open Banking and confirms the payment. Latency <1 second, tokenization (OAuth) support. Updates in 2025: Improved integration with Google Wallet for fleet cards, focus on privacy (GDPR-compliant). Basic documentation: [developer.android.com/develop/connectivity/nfc/hce](https://developer.android.com/develop/connectivity/nfc/hce).

**Apple Pay SDK (PassKit framework):** For iOS, PKPaymentAuthorizationViewController for NFC payments. API: PassKit for creating PKPaymentRequest (amount, merchant ID), Face ID/Touch ID authorization. Integration: Add entitlement in Xcode, use PKPaymentButton for UI, handle callback in PKPaymentAuthorizationControllerDelegate.

**Example:** User taps iPhone on POS, SDK tokenizes data (does not store actual card number), MEM Cash Provides loans if needed. 2025 updates: Expanded support for embedded finance (BNPL like Affirm), integration with Vision Pro for AR payments. Cons: Only for Apple devices. Basic documentation: [developer.apple.com/apple-pay/](https://developer.apple.com/apple-pay/).



## Cross-platform examples:

**Stripe SDK:** NFC support via Terminal SDK for in-app payments. API: `StripeTerminal` for card reading, tokenization. Example: Integrates with React Native/Flutter, MEM Cash Used for microloans. Costs: 2.9% + 30¢ per transaction.

**Adyen SDK:** For Android/iOS, focused on NFC with PSD2 compliance. API: `AdyenCSE` for encryption, GitHub examples for POS hooks.

**Visa Developer SDK:** Visa Digital Enablement for tokenized NFC payments. Example: VTS (Visa Token Service) for card emulation in the app.

**For MEM Cash:** Start with Android NFC (80% market share in regions), add Apple for premium users. Tested in sandboxes (NBG).

## NFC SDK code samples

Below are code examples for implementing NFC integration in MEM Cash. (Google Pay-like mode), based on the official core documentation and examples from 2025. For Android, a Kotlin example from Android Developers. For iOS, Swift examples from Elastic Path (Apple Developer requires JavaScript, but it's equivalent). For Stripe, from the Stripe article on dev.to. For Visa VTS, JSON request examples (code not available in public docs). These snippets can be adapted for MEM Cash: add AI scoring and microloans to the handlers.

### 1. Android NFC SDK (Host-based Card Emulation, Kotlin)

Configure the service for card emulation via NFC. Add the following to AndroidManifest.xml:

```
```xml
<uses-feature android:name="android.hardware.nfc.hce" android:required="true"/>
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.NFC"/>
```
```

Service:

```
```kotlin
import android.nfc.cardemulation.HostApduService
import android.os.Bundle
import android.util.Log

class MyHostApduService: HostApduService() {
    private val TAG = "MyHostApduService"

    override fun processCommandApdu(commandApdu: ByteArray, extras: Bundle?): ByteArray {
        Log.d(TAG, "Received APDU: ${bytesToHex(commandApdu)}")
    }
}
```



```
// Example: Response to SELECT AID (AID = F0010203040506). For MEM Cash: Here, check the balance and issue a credit.
if (commandApu.size >= 5 && commandApu[0] == 0x00.toByte() &&
    commandApu[1] == 0xA4.toByte() && commandApu[2] == 0x04.toByte()) {
    return byteArrayOf(0x90.toByte(), 0x00) // Success
}

return byteArrayOf(0x6F.toByte(), 0x00) // Error
}

override fun onDeactivated(reason: Int) {
    Log.d(TAG, "Deactivated, reason: $reason")
    // For MEM Cash: Handle connection break.
}

private fun bytesToHex(bytes: ByteArray): String {
    return bytes.joinToString("") { "%02x".format(it) }
}
}
...

```

Explanation: `processCommandApu` processes commands from the POS. For MEM Cash Open Banking API is integrated for scoring (<1 sec).

## 2. Apple Pay SDK (Swift, PKPaymentRequest and authorization)

Set up the Apple Pay prompt and button.

```
```swift
import PassKit

class BuyProductViewController: UIViewController {
    let SupportedPaymentNetworks = [PKPaymentNetwork.visa, PKPaymentNetwork.masterCard, PKPaymentNetwork.amex]
    let ApplePayMerchantID = "merchant.com.YOURDOMAIN.ApplePayMolting" // Your merchant ID

    @IBOutlet weak var applePayButton: UIButton!

    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
        applePayButton.isHidden
        = !PKPaymentAuthorizationViewController.canMakePaymentsUsingNetworks(SupportedPaymentNetworks)
    }
}

```



```
@IBAction func applePayPressed(sender: UIButton) {
    let request = PKPaymentRequest()
    request.merchantIdentifier = ApplePayMerchantID
    request.supportedNetworks = SupportedPaymentNetworks
    request.merchantCapabilities = PKMerchantCapability.capability3DS
    request.countryCode = "US"
    request.currencyCode = "USD"

    // For MEM Cash: Add the transaction amount and credit if needed.
    let productToBuy = PKPaymentSummaryItem(label: "Product", amount: NSDecimalNumber(string: "10.00"), type:.final)
    let shipping = PKPaymentSummaryItem(label: "Shipping", amount: NSDecimalNumber(string: "5.00"))
    let total = PKPaymentSummaryItem(label: "Total", amount: NSDecimalNumber(string: "15.00"))
    request.paymentSummaryItems = [productToBuy, shipping, total]

    let applePayController = PKPaymentAuthorizationViewController(paymentRequest: request)
    applePayController?.delegate = self
    self.present(applePayController!, animated: true, completion: nil)
}

extension BuyProductViewController: PKPaymentAuthorizationViewControllerDelegate {
    func paymentAuthorizationViewControllerDidFinish(_ controller: PKPaymentAuthorizationViewController) {
        controller.dismiss(animated: true, completion: nil)
        // For MEM Cash: Handle completion (success/error).
    }

    func paymentAuthorizationViewController(_ controller: PKPaymentAuthorizationViewController,
        didAuthorizePayment payment: PKPayment, handler completion: @escaping (PKPaymentAuthorizationResult) -> Void) {
        // For MEM Cash: This is where payment.token is tokenized and the microloan is processed.
        completion(PKPaymentAuthorizationResult(status:.success, errors: nil))
    }
}
```

**Explanation:** Creates a request with amounts and processes authorization. For NFC, Face ID/Touch ID is used; integration with POS via Apple Pay.

### 3. Stripe Terminal SDK (Kotlin, for Tap to Pay/NFC on Android)

**Dependencies in build.gradle:**

```
```kotlin
implementation "com.stripe:stripeterminal-localmobile:2.20.0"
implementation "com.stripe:stripeterminal-core:2.20.0"
```
```



#### Initialization:

```
```kotlin
import com.stripe.stripeterminal.Terminal
import com.stripe.stripeterminal.log.Level as LogLevel

Terminal.initTerminal(
    applicationContext,
    LogLevel.VERBOSE,
    TokenProvider(), // Your Stripe token provider
    TerminalEventListener() // Event listener
)
```
```

#### Search for readers and connect:

```
```kotlin
import com.stripe.stripeterminal.Terminal
import com.stripe.stripeterminal.model.external.DiscoveryConfiguration
import com.stripe.stripeterminal.model.external.DiscoveryMethod
import com.stripe.stripeterminal.model.external.Reader
import com.stripe.stripeterminal.model.external.ConnectionConfiguration
import com.stripe.stripeterminal.model.external.Callback
import com.stripe.stripeterminal.model.external.DiscoveryListener
import com.stripe.stripeterminal.model.external.TerminalException

val config = DiscoveryConfiguration(
    timeout = 0,
    discoveryMethod = DiscoveryMethod.LOCAL_MOBILE,
    isSimulated = false,
    location = "LOCATION_ID" // Location ID from Stripe
)

Terminal.getInstance().discoverReaders(config, object: DiscoveryListener {
    override fun onUpdateDiscoveredReaders(readers: List<Reader>) {
        val reader = readers.firstOrNull { it.networkStatus != Reader.NetworkStatus.OFFLINE }
        reader?.let { connectToReader(it) }
    }
}, object: Callback {
    override fun onSuccess() { /* Completed */ }
    override fun onFailure(e: TerminalException) { e.printStackTrace() }
})
```
```



```
private fun connectToReader(reader: Reader) {  
    val config = ConnectionConfiguration.LocalMobileConnectionConfiguration("LOCATION_ID")  
    Terminal.getInstance().connectLocalMobileReader(reader, config, object: ReaderCallback {  
        override fun onSuccess(reader: Reader) { /* Connected, start payment */ }  
        override fun onFailure(e: TerminalException) { e.printStackTrace() }  
    })  
}
```

**Explanation:** Detects NFC readers and connects. For MEM Cash: Add credit scoring to the payment processor before payment.

#### 4. Visa Token Service (VTS, JSON request examples)

No direct code, but API examples for tokenization (used in Retrofit/OkHttp for Android).

Request to Approve Provisioning:

```
```json  
{  
  "pan": "1234567890123456",  
  "idvAttributes": {  
    "cardholderEmail": "user@example.com",  
    "cardholderPhone": "+1234567890"  
  },  
  "tokenRequestorId": "TR001",  
  "deviceId": "DEVICE123",  
  "transactionAmount": "100.00",  
  "currency": "USD"  
}
```

Answer:

```
```json  
{  
  "status": "APPROVED",  
  "tokenReferenceId": "TOKEN_REF_123",  
  "reasonCode": "00",  
  "issuerMessage": "Provisioning approved",  
  "token": "9876543210987654"  
}
```

**Explanation:** Used for provisioning tokens in MEM Cash -app. Integrates with NFC for secure payments.