

 Early Warning System

FMO-45792
Pharmoscar Ltd



Quick Facts

Countries	Madagascar
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2016-04-13
Borrower	Opham
Sectors	Education and Health



Project Description

WHO IS OUR CLIENT

Opham is a leading pharmaceutical distributor based in Antananarivo, Madagascar, distributing over 4,500 medicines from 75 international drug manufacturers. As the number one pharmaceutical distributor in Madagascar, Opham plays a key role in improving access to affordable, high-quality pharmaceutical products, thereby enhancing the standards and availability of healthcare across the country.

FUNDING OBJECTIVE

FMO was invited to co-invest in Opham by Adenia Partners, a well-trusted partner. The investment consortium (including FMO and Adenia) will support Opham by replacing the company's retiring top management and by enabling a smooth transition with the newly-hired management. FMO and Adenia will partner with the entering management team to boost Opham's growth and geographical exposure, including in most remote areas of Madagascar. By enhancing Opham's governance, financial structure, reporting, and environmental and social management system, the consortium also intends to elevate the company's processes and operations to best international practices, thereby promoting higher standards in the Malagasy pharmaceutical industry.

WHY WE FUND THIS PROJECT

FMO considers the opportunity to invest in Opham attractive both from a financial and a developmental perspective. From financial standpoint, Opham is the clear market leader in a growing market. The company has consistently grown faster than the market with a solid profit margin and a healthy balance sheet. From a development standpoint, the investment creates significant impact by addressing the large gap in healthcare provision in Madagascar. With 92 percent of the Malagasy population living on less than US\$1.25 per day, Opham's client base qualifies as bottom of the pyramid (defined as people living on less than US\$8 per day). Opham intends to fight the black market (well-established in Madagascar) by targeting the mass market with generic drugs to be sold in higher volumes. This strategy should lead to increasing the affordability and accessibility of high-quality generics in Madagascar, particularly for the bottom of the pyramid.



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