# Early Warning System

FMO-48658 INVEST IN AFRICA



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### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Ghana				
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)				
Status	Approved				
Bank Risk Rating	U				
Voting Date	2016-05-25				
Borrower	Invest in Africa (IIA)				
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade				
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 0.20 million				

#### **Project Description**

#### WHO IS OUR CLIENT

Invest in Africa (IIA) was launched as a not-for-profit company to unite businesses across sectors to help them deliver more sustainable investment into Africa and local SMEs. IIA creates innovative programs to support trade and investment into local economies and partnerships with local SMEs giving them greater access to skills, markets and finance. The beneficiaries of this project in this instance are Ghanaian SMEs, many of which are clients of  $FMOae^{TM}$ s clients in the country, including Fidelity Bank and Ecobank.

#### **FUNDING OBJECTIVE**

To introduce a Business Skills Excellence Program (BSEP) in Ghana. To achieve this IIA will link SMEs on the programme with global consultants to embed the right strategies to make them locally, regionally and internationally competitive. To do so, IIA is has partnered with EY to provide expert consultants with SME advisory experience to develop bespoke systems and structures to support SME management teams as they grow their business.

#### WHY WE FUND THIS PROJECT

This project is aligned with FMOa $\in$ <sup>™</sup>s aim to stimulate economic development by ensuring the SMEs have the capital and opportunity needed to grow. It is complementary in so far is it enables the SMEs to develop their ability to ensure growth.

## **Investment Description**

• Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)



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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Invest in Africa (IIA)	Buyer	-

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#### **ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF FMO**

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### **Bank Documents**

• Project Information