

Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Countries	Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-11-21
Borrower	GroFin SGB Fund Business Support Facility Trust
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Ring Fence	Reduce Inequalities
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 0.09 million

Project Description

Accoding to the FMO, the project objective is to support GroFin’s SGB Fund to grow its WSME portfolio and to better serve this segment by offering financial and non-financial services.

Investment Description

- Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)

Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- GROFIN MANAGERS (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** GroFin (Parent Company)

Private Actor Relationship

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There is often limited information publicly available about what development banks are funding through financial intermediaries. In 2021, the Early Warning System partnered with Oxfam International to incorporate information on high-risk projects being funded by financial intermediaries receiving funding from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Dutch Development Bank (FMO).

The information listed below describes the relationship between the different private actors linked to high-risk sectors and subprojects of IFC and FMO's financial intermediary investments and/or the financial intermediary's parent companies made from 2017 through 2020, including any associated ring fences.

The database, however, does not explicitly or implicitly imply that IFC or FMO have material exposure to or are contractually or legally accountable to the sub-projects financed by their financial intermediaries or the financial intermediary's parent companies. It only shows a seemingly financial relationship among the different private actors, the financial intermediaries, and IFC or FMO.

Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's website, the GroFin Small and Growing Businesses (SGB) Fund was set up in 2014 to serve as a commercially orientated vehicle to provide development assistance, as well as start-up and early stage growth-capital needed to develop sustainable small and growing businesses.

The Fund exclusively invests in Africa, in some of the most challenging business environments globally. The businesses it funds generally operate in areas with a high rate of poverty, and often employ people living in poverty or provide vital products and services to them.

Contact Information

No contact information provided at the time of disclosure.

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF FMO

Communities who believe they will be negatively affected by a project funded by the Dutch Development Bank (FMO) may be able to file a complaint with the Independent Complaints Mechanism, which is the joint independent accountability mechanism of the Dutch Development Bank (FMO) and the German Investment Corporation (KfW) . A complaint can be filed in writing, by email, post, or online. The complaint can be filed in English or any other language of the complainant. The Independent Complaints Mechanism is comprised of a three-member Independent Expert Panel and it can provide either problem-solving, compliance review or both, in either order. Additional information about this accountability mechanism, including a guide and template for filing a complaint, can be found at: https://www.fmo.nl/independent-complaints-mechanism

Bank Documents

- Project Information