

 Early Warning System

FMO-62798
TIDE Africa II LP



Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2024-04-19
Borrower	TLcom Capital
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the investment strategy of TIDE Africa Fund II focuses on Seed and Series A investments in tech (-enabled) and digital companies. The Fund targets around 25 investments and will lead (or co-lead) transactions with initial tickets between USD 2 and 5 million.

The intended investment in TIDE II is a strong fit with FMO's objectives to empower entrepreneurs and their local communities, to support innovation, and sustainable economic development in emerging markets and to reduce inequalities. Technology can have a huge transformative impact in Africa, which has a vast untapped source of entrepreneurial energy, but lacks the necessary funding. TIDE II will make an important contribution to closing this funding gap and driving entrepreneurship and growth in Africa.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The Environmental and Social risk category of TIDE Africa Fund II is considered B. The fund will invest in early-stage tech and tech-enabled companies which are associated with low E&S risks because of the limited number of employees and limited environmental impacts. Moreover, TIDE Africa Fund II is excluded from investing in high-risk activities. The specific E&S challenges that TIDE Africa Fund II will encounter through its investments are related to data privacy and security and general labor conditions, which are properly being addressed by the fund's ESMS (Environmental and Social Management System).



Investment Description

- Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)

Funding: Ventures Program Africa EurNb

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.

- [TLCOM CAPITAL LLP](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

TLcom Capital is a Venture Capital fund manager with experience in Africa, Europe, Israel and the USA. Their current investment strategy is focused on early-stage tech(-enabled) and digital companies in the Seed and Series A stage in Africa and operates out of their local offices in Lagos and Nairobi.

TLcom launched its Africa-focused strategy in 2017 and has launched the second generation of its Africa strategy with TIDE Africa Fund II (TAF II or TIDE II), following a similar strategy as the original TIDE I Fund.



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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

As part of FMO's ex-ante disclosure (disclosure of transactions before contracting), you can send requests or questions for additional information to: disclosure@fmo.nl

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>