

 Early Warning System

DFC-2022-NORRSKEN22FUND

Norrsken22 Fund



Quick Facts

Countries	Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Norrskan22 Africa Fund
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 15.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 15.00 million



Project Description

The Fund will make investments in entrepreneurial, technology-related companies demonstrating the potential for significant growth, with particular focus on innovative edtech, health-tech, fin-tech and market enablement companies across Africa. According to the DFC, the Fund is expected to have a highly developmental impact focusing on building successful, sustainable, tech-enabled businesses across sub-Saharan Africa. By focusing on the sectors of fin-tech, market enablement, ed-tech, and med-tech, the target businesses will be at the core of solving many of the societal problems of access to and affordability of critical goods and services in Africa.



Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

The DFC states that the target of the Norrsken22 Africa Fund is US\$ 200 million, to which the DFC will contribute with an equity investment of "up to US\$ 15 million".

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.

- [N22 Africa Management AB](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

According to Bloomberg, the Norrsken Foundation operates as a venture capital firm. The Firm invests in early-stage social technology companies. The Norrsken Foundation serves investors worldwide.

The Norrsken Foundation is one of the founding investors of the Norrsken22 Africa Fund. The latter is a women-led fund investing in high-impact technology companies across Africa.

The investment manager for the DFC project will be N22 Africa Fund (D) AB, a company created in 2021 and registered in Stockholm.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Norrskan Foundation	Parent Company	Finance



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Bank Documents

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