

 Early Warning System

FMO-31640

SCHULZE GLOBAL ETHIOPIA GROWTH AND



Quick Facts

Countries	Ethiopia
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2017-01-02
Borrower	Schulze Global Ethiopia Growth and Transformation Fund I
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Construction, Education and Health, Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 3.44 million



Project Description

According to the FMO, there will be an excellent impact on the Ethiopian private equity fund market, in which the fund is a first mover, since risk capital is still scarce in the SME segment. In addition to providing capital, the fund will actively support the growth strategy of the SMEs in which it invests (for example, by playing a role in the companies' boards of directors and supporting management).

This fund is a solid opportunity to create impact in a low-income country. We will work confidently with a strong team of investment professionals based in Addis Ababa with local networks, deal experience and deep knowledge of the business and political environment in Ethiopia, backed by a sponsor with a track record in emerging markets private equity bringing the requisite operational support.



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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.

- [Schulze Global Investments](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the FMO, Schulze Global Ethiopia Growth and Transformation Fund I is the first private equity fund established to focus on investments in Ethiopia. The fund's preferred sectors will include agriculture and agro-processing, manufacturing, real estate, healthcare, education and eco-tourism.

As stated by Addis Standard, Schulze Global is an American private investment firm focused on the world's most dynamic frontier markets. Schulze Global manages several hundred million dollars of investments across various markets in Asia, Latin America, and Africa and works in partnership with some of the world's most prestigious institutional investors. Schulze Global is the pioneer of private equity investing in Ethiopia having raised the first country-focused private equity fund in 2013 and has had a local team operating since 2008. The firm has made growth equity investments in Ethiopia across a variety of industries including food-processing, construction, pharmaceuticals, coffee, education, and dairy.



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Bank Documents

- [Project Information](#)

Media

- [Schulze Global Investments acquires a 45% stake in Family Milk](#)