# **African Rivers Fund III**





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ARF II is a 10 year closed-end investment fund focussing on providing loans to small and medium size enterprises across the DRC, Uganda and Angola. The Fund specialises in mezzanine finance, a flexible debt instrument that allows lending to businesses that would otherwise struggle for credit lines in their respective country. ARF III will makes loans up to USD 5m to companies. Some equity investments are also made as part of select investment structures.

#### Sector

Retail, healthcare, agriculture, service and manufacturing sectors

### **Total Investment**

USD 10 million/ Approx. EUR 9 million (based on current exchange rate). With this investment DGGF is contributing to a total expected fund size of approximately USD 75m at first close.

### **Fundmanager**

XSML Capital III Ltd.

#### **Impact**

ARF III will provide finance to an estimated number of 40 businesses over the full 10 year term, which will be used for working capital and growth initiatives by the entrepreneurs. Conditions for bank finance in DRC, Uganda and Angola are very strict, allowing ARF III to reach business significantly underserved by local credit markets.

DGGF is one of the first investors committing to the Fund's First Close, effectively playing a strong cornerstone role and catalysing more investors to help the Fund reach its target size. Furthermore, the fund's demonstration effect is strong as the spread into Angola provides a chance to demonstrate the viability of investing in a country with significant regulatory hurdles.

# **Dutch Good Growth Fund**