

Sinapi Aba

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Project overview

Sinapi Aba Savings & Loans Ltd (SASL) is a rural microfinance institution active for more than 20 years. SASL provides loans and savings products to individuals and MSMEs with a strong focus on financial inclusion in rural areas and women empowerment: 70%+ of its clients residing in rural areas and ~80% are women. The company is serving more than 150,000 borrowers through a network of 44 branches. It has a significant agriculture portfolio, serving around 19,000 farmers.

Funding objective

Funding objective EDFI AgriFI intervenes with a triple objective: Incentivise the company to grow its agricultural portfolio including the Northern regions; reinforce its capitalisation with a long-term subordinated debt; and unlock additional long-term debt from international investors. SASL aims to impact the livelihood of 25,000 farmers by 2025.

Investment rationale

EDFI AgriFI financing will contribute to: - contribute to women empowerment as it is mostly active in rural areas with 80% of clients as women. - catalyse private investment given that the recapitalization will attract additional lenders - align with the Ghana Country Window mandate aiming to significantly impact Northern regions.

AT A GLANCE

- **Investment/Project:** Sinapi Aba Savings & Loans
- **Total AgriFI financing:** equivalent in GHS EUR 2.5m
- **Financial instrument:** subordinated debt
- **Status:** approved investment
- **Region:** Africa
- **Country:** Ghana
- **Sector:** microfinance institution
- **Allocation:** AgriFI Ghana Country Window

ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL ASSESSMENT

The E&S risk category is C. The transaction has been categorised as C in accordance with EDFI MC E&S Policy. The investment is expected to have very limited, site-specific E&S impacts which are easy to mitigate. A restricted list of recommendations will be provided in terms of agri input training and responsible lending practices.

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