BUILDING SUCCESSFUL AFRICAN AGribusinesses and helping Deliver the SDGs

AGDEVCO INVESTS THROUGHOUT AFRICA’S AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAINS IN BUSINESSES THAT DELIVER INNOVATIVE COMMERCIAL SOLUTIONS TO ACHIEVING THE SDGs

GOAL 1: NO POVERTY
Investing in businesses which increase the incomes of small-scale farmers
AgDevCo makes much needed debt and equity finance available for agri-businesses in some of the world’s poorest economies. These businesses can make major positive social impacts in their communities. By 2017, AgDevCo increased the incomes of all the small-scale farmers our investees work with by a total of $25 million. AgDevCo investees have created opportunities for 87,500 men and 64,400 women farmers1.

GOAL 2: ZERO HUNGER
Sustainably supporting value chains which produce quality food products and increase farmers’ productivity
AgDevCo aims to combat the chronic undercapitalisation in Africa’s food value chains, with a strong focus on production. We direct capital into investments that support training and access to improved seed, inputs and integrated pest management techniques for small-scale farmers. We are also supporting food safety and biosecurity in many businesses, bringing in expert guidance to help businesses become more resilient and produce safer food. These actions improve productivity, income and food security and safety.

GOAL 5: GENDER EQUALITY
Prioritising investment opportunities which benefit both women and men
AgDevCo directs capital into businesses which recognise the role of women in value chains and promote their empowerment. Our investees are expected to adhere to our Code of Conduct and zero-tolerance policy for any forms of sexual, physical or psychological harassment. We are committed to gender equality, and 42% of the small-scale farmers AgDevCo investees work with are women.

GOAL 8: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
Making investments which create decent employment
AgDevCo’s Responsible Business Principles prohibit harmful, child or forced labour in any business we invest in. We promote labour rights, safe and decent working environments for investments through programmes designed to enable businesses to move toward alignment with good international practice on labour issues. Our investments help businesses become more resilient and grow, this leads to the potential for more work under better and more secure conditions. To date, AgDevCo has created and sustained 5,385 formal jobs for men and 1,928 for women2.

GOAL 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
Provide expertise on sustainable agriculture practices
AgDevCo invests in creating sustainable and resilient production systems whilst promoting conservation agriculture, integrated pest management and efficient use of resources. Where we have direct influence on the businesses we invest in, AgDevCo strictly controls use of hazardous materials and agrochemicals through our crop protection policy and the support provided by our agricultural and ESG advisory teams.