

Balim Investments

Investing in African SMEs for thriving rural communities.



The missing middle challenge in Africa



SMES account for **95%** of registered businesses and **50%** of GDP in Africa



USD 421 billion estimated financing gap in Africa for SMEs



>700 million Africans depend on agriculture for their livelihoods



600 million people lacking access to reliable electricity

Balim Investments

- ✓ Strategy **launched in 2021**
- ✓ Founded by **HEKS/EPER, Somaha** and **iGravity**
- ✓ Registered as a company in Zürich in June 2024

Balim partners with portfolio companies through



Debt
financing



Tailored
technical
assistance



Impact
measurement

Sector Focus



Agriculture

Majority of the portfolio focuses on **agriculture processors in locally consumed foods**, with some exposure to international commodities.



Water

Focus on **solar powered water pumps for smallholder farmers for irrigation** and villages for drinking water.



Renewable Energy

Current focus is on **rooftop solar and mini-grids in rural areas**.