### WINNER

# Impact funder Phatisa fund manager



#### ESTABLISHED: January 2023 FACILITY SIZE: \$1m

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TIME PERIOD: Jan 2023 to Dec 2025 PROJECTS APPROVED 4

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FUNDS DISBURSED: \$479,450

**COMMITTED:** \$366,312

MANAGEMENT & ADMIN FEE: 10%

**REGIONAL FOCUS** 

Africa-wide

#### **TARGET COUNTRIES**

South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, Malawi, Zambia & Tanzania





### **CORE OFFERING**

TAF2 is a facility that provides grant funding for catalytic impact projects that support inclusive business growth and are beyond the risk threshold or cash flow of the portfolio company.

#### GOALS

Phatisa's strategic impact focus is food security (SDG 2) through sustainable food systems in Africa, which is achieved by mobilising capital for agri- and food-related investments and some allocation to affordable housing.

**IMPACT INVESTING INSTRUMENT** Grant funding and technical assistance Phatisa's objective is to raise and invest funds to feed people in sub-Saharan Africa, addressing the needs outlined in SDG 2: ZeroHunger. It takes to heart its role as a steward of capital and endeavours to maximise impact by mobilising capital flows into African markets to unlock business growth in agri- and food-related investments, with some allocation to affordable middle income housing.

The majority of Phatisa's capital allocation (through its food funds), is deployed with the primary intention of contributing positively to building sustainable food systems in Africa.

Generally, Phatisa seeks to build inclusive businesses which provide broad benefits to society, including supporting quality jobs.

TAF2 focuses specifically on ensuring financial success and building profitable businesses and linking base-of-the-pyramid beneficiaries to business value chains.





# The problem

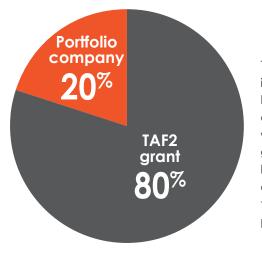
TAF2 was raised off the success of Phatisa's first technical assistance facility, TAF. This facility is an extension of Phatisa's private equity investment fund and only portfolio companies that are investees of TAF are eligible for TAF2 funding for specific projects. The facility supports high impact, inclusive businesses that would not be able to attract traditional finance without assistance. The projects supported each aim to address specific challenges to sustainable food systems, including livestock health, climate change and biodiversity loss.





# AFRICA 2063

# Use of impact investment capital



TAF 2 provides grant-funding for catalytic impact projects which support inclusive business growth. Companies are required to contribute a minimum of a 20% cost share, with TAF2 providing the remaining 80% as grant funding. TAF2 is dedicated to enabling high-impact companies to unlock private capital, by derisking investments, often through support of project pilots for the purposes of delivering proof of concept.

# Scalability

TAF2 provides support to businesses which is designed to enable these businesses to attract private capital, which can be leveraged to scale and replicate projects over time.

Phatisa is a true impact investor, intentionally targeting both financial return and impact

# Addressing challenges

To address the most significant challenges that it faces, Phatisa leverages its partnerships with academic institutions, the private sector and other technical assistance facilities.

In addition, Phatisa's strategy for managing risk includes embedding key risks into a robust impact monitoring and management framework.

Further, Phatisa engages actively with Impact Frontier's Impact Frontier's five dimensions of impact, presenting an example of how investors can utilise readily available standards, tools, principles, frameworks or guidelines to underpin their intentional and proactive approach to pursuing impact alongside financial returns.



# What makes Phatisa unique?

TAF2 provides support to portfolio companies aimed at empowering these businesses to attract private capital. TAF2's innovative approach of combining both private equity and grants enables Phatisa to leverage entrepreneurial drive, support innovation and generate lasting, sustainable investment.

TAF2 will also be used to fund ecosystem development through research projects which will provide insights into lessons learned for maximising efficiency and effectiveness of approaches, enabling replication at scale.

Further, Phatisa supports collaboration, hosting workshops for key stakeholders including other private equity fund managers looking to implement a scaffolding finance approach.







## Impact

Impact is at the core of Phatisa's investment approach and is anchored in a robust impact measurement and management system. This system informs the development of a comprehensive impact monitoring and evaluation framework for TAF2, including a theory of change, key assumptions and impact indicators. The framework includes short-term outputs, medium-term outcomes and long-term impact goals.

Having detailed and carefully considered theories of change with good, internationally accepted indicators enables Phatisa to make a solid and defendable impact case. While the frequency of data collection varies by indicator, Phatisa works closely with portfolio companies to get an update on progress against indicators at least quarterly.

Best in class impact is achieved by setting fund-level additionality targets, with progress tracked over time. Once all funding has been disbursed, Phatisa plans to develop a publicly available report on lessons learned in the deployment of a technical assistance facility in Africa.

## Fund level additionality targets



Increased food production for portfolio companies

- Increased yields
- New routes to markets for unserved or underserved beneficiaries
- Number of base of pyramid beneficiaries (and what percentage of these are women or women-led entities)
- Number of net zero by 2050 business plans developed

To date, through projects Root, Iceberg and Toonjie, TAF2 has supported the training of hundreds of farmers, the distribution of vaccines to multiple African markets and the conducting of initial emissions baseline assessments and baseline botanical surveys. These initial findings set the stage for significant impact over time.



### Project Root

**Aims** to bring poultry and ruminant vaccines to smallholder farmers in eight African countries to support route to market.

#### Impact metrics

- Number of small-scale farmers trained
- Communication channels established

In Africa, there are an estimated 33-million smallholder farms which are responsible for generation of up to 70% of the food supply.

For these farmers, access to vaccinations that need to be administered by vets is limited, which increases the risk of livestock deaths from preventable diseases.

Through TAF 2, Phatisa is supporting increasing vaccination penetration in underserved markets in Africa, and educating smallholder farmers on the importance of vaccinations and nutrition, thereby mitigating the risk of livestock loss. This includes introducing vaccines into these markets that can be administered via eyedrop and do not need a stable cold chain, meaning that the farmers themselves can administer these vaccines.



### Project Iceberg

**Aims** to promote development of net zero strategies.

#### Impact metrics

- Number of GHG baselines documented
- Number of alternative energy assessments
  Number of emission reductions and
- energy efficiency projects identified and approved
- Number of companies linked to financial sources for emission reductions projects

African countries are particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, with food systems across the continent at significant risk of destabilisation. At the same time, food systems contribute roughly one third of global GHG emissions.

Phatisa works with portfolio companies on strategies for both mitigation (emissions reduction) and adaptation to climate change to ensure sustainability and resilience in the face of a rapidly changing environment.



### Project Toonjie

**Aims** to restore biodiversity to help save water and rebuild soil health.

#### Impact metrics

- Number of alien species identified
- Detailed removal plan developed
- Waterways mapped
- Number of soil tests conducted, and
- outputs from these soil tests

Biodiversity is under threat globally. This project focuses on restoring biodiversity, mapping clear waterways and improving soil health, which will all contribute to improved agricultural yields.

